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## “PITCHFORKING.”

IT is only a few weeks back we referred to the differences which were supposed formerly to exist between English Freemasonry and its counterpart north of the Tweed. Perhaps a goodly number of the peculiarities of the northern system only existed in the imagination of those who sought to compare it unfavourably with the English Order; but, on the other hand, there were some points of difference which were indisputable, and which were regretted by those whose chief aim was to raise the Scottish Craft to a better position than it then occupied. One of these points was in regard to the lax manner in which the three degrees were conferred, the whole being rushed through at one meeting, without any regard to decency or proper appreciation of the beauties of the different ceremonies, as we are accustomed to regard them. We believe this undue haste has been less practised of late than was the case a few years back, and we had almost hoped a new and better state of affairs was recognised among our Scottish brethren, but the proceedings at one of their Lodges, which we reported last week, would seem to point to a contrary direction, and would lead us to suppose it is just as easy to “manufacture” Freemasons in Scotland as ever it was, the whole of the three degrees being obtainable within an hour or so by any one who can “pay the piper.” This is not as it should be, and we think those who have the best interests of Scottish Freemasonry at heart would do well to take steps to prevent the recurrence of what is at best a most objectionable practice, and one which is certainly open to the severest condemnation, for it is not only impossible to appreciate the beautiful lessons of the Masonic system, if so much haste is used in conferring the degrees, but it also lowers the whole basis of the Craft, when such irregularities are permitted and practised, without any sufficient cause or excuse.

In the case we refer to the three degrees were conferred on four professional gentlemen who happened to be in Glasgow on business; and although it is not so stated, it is more than probable their names were submitted to the test of the ballot at a few minutes' notice, and the only excuse to be offered for this “rushing through” was that their engagements at Glasgow would end in a few days, and they would be travelling about. This is no sufficient reason, and although we believe the gentlemen thus “pitchforked” are valuable acquisitions to the Craft, they are not properly made Masons from an Englishman's point of view, and it seems unfortunate we should be obliged to receive them in our Lodges just as though they had been admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry in accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the Craft in England. The question may not be a matter for the breaking off of friendly relations between the two Constitutions, but a “question” might certainly be asked by our Ambassador at the

Grand Lodge of Scotland, as to whether such practices are recognised as being in accord with the spirit of Freemasonry, and it might even be urged that the English Craft would view with pleasure the promulgation of an edict prohibiting such un-Masonic Masonry in the future. We do not believe it would be necessary to do more than mention the matter in Scotland to ensure a very strong expression of disapproval from the Scottish Craft, and we hope our remarks on this subject may be the means of calling attention to it, and that they will lead to an early reform of the evil which now exists, and which to our way of thinking is diametrically opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry.

## PROVINCIAL CHARITY FUNDS.

HARDLY a month passes but some special effort is made by Provincial brethren with a view of extending the system of organised local Masonic benevolence, and if matters progress for the next year or two as they have done in the past it is not too much to expect that ere long there will not be a corner of the country unrepresented in the great work of practically proving that the boast of the Masonic Brotherhood, that their principal care is to help those in distress, is justifiable, and fully acted up to.

The Province of West Lancashire has long been regarded as among the foremost supporters of Masonic benevolence, and its members have probably done more than any other district of England in the matter of establishing and maintaining local Charity Funds. Indeed they may be said to have set the example in this respect, an example which has been followed to such an extent that ere long, as we say above, it is probable every district will have its own local organisation, and true Masonic relief will be available for the distressed Craftsman no matter in what district he may be stranded.

The forty-second annual Festival and Ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was recently held in the Town Hall, Liverpool, and proved to be a great success. This annual meeting is regarded as one of the events of the year among the Masons of the district, and when we say there was an active body of over two hundred Stewards it will be understood how wide and general is the sympathy on its behalf. The president of the Institution, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Master, was unable to be present at the meeting, but there was a very large number of the principal supporters of the Fund in attendance, and evidence was not wanting that the future of the Charity is as secure as at any period of its existence, while it is not too much to say that should occasion arise for its extension the necessary funds would soon be forthcoming, even if the reserves were not sufficient to meet the claims.

We cannot do better than quote the following details in regard to the Institution from the *Liverpool Daily Courier*:—

Like all other Masonic Charities the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution is conducted on the most thorough principles. Children of distressed and deceased brethren when received there are not only educated, clothed, and maintained, but when their school days are completed everything possible is done for their advancement

in life. This admirable Institution, which has been the means of so much good being done, was established in 1850, and each year since a ball in aid of its funds has been promoted by the Liverpool brethren, who in common with all Lancashire Freemasons are noted for their liberality in matters of real and judicious charity. The accounts for 1890 of the Institution to be benefited by last night's ball are not yet to hand, but from the account of the previous year it appears that a sum of £240 accrued from the fortieth annual ball, and a result similar to this has been attained year after year. It may be stated that the total income during 1889 was £2460 18s, being an increase of nearly £600 over the income of the preceding year. Of this amount £1500 was derived from the donations and subscriptions of brethren in the various Lodges in the Province of West Lancashire, £725 accruing as interest on invested capital. During the year the benefits of the Institution were extended to 213 children. Of these 192 were on the educational fund, 17 were on the combined fund, which not only educates but also clothes and maintains the children, while in the case of five participants of the Charity money was expended in further advancing their prospects in life. One great feature in this Charity is the extreme economy with which the funds are administered. Although over 200 children were recipients of its benefits no less a sum than £1171 was carried forward as a balance. The honorary secretaries, Bros. G. Broadbridge, J. Macnab, and T. H. W. Walker, very naturally claim on behalf of the Charity Committee an economy worthy of note by all administrators of public Charities. The arrangement for this year's ball had been most carefully made and with most successful and satisfactory results by a Committee headed by Bro. J. de Bels Adams, C.C., under the banner of whose Lodge (Sefton, No. 680) this year's ball is held, with Brother Dr. Thomas Clarke P. Prov. G. Reg. as the vice-chairman. Owing to the illness of Brother A. H. Morecroft, C.C., joint Secretary, the whole of the onerous and responsible secretarial duties have devolved upon Bro. E. R. Lathom P.M., who has discharged them in the most praiseworthy and efficient manner, while Bro. G. A. Harradon, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, has acted with much acceptance in the capacity of Hon. Treasurer. There was an active body of over two hundred Stewards, each of whom was presented with a handsome badge, the gift of Bro. Arthur J. J. Bamford, who was unable to be present owing to the recent death of his father, and it was largely owing to their efforts that the proceedings passed off with so much *eclat*. The design of the badges is a square and compass, with an inscription on an encircling garter, and also bearing the Bamford crest. The Captain of Stewards was Bro. T. J. Jarman and the Sub-Captain Bro. W. B. Sweetman, while Bro. J. J. Ramsay undertook the responsible duties of Wine Steward. The guests, who numbered nearly seven hundred, were received at the head of the grand staircase by the Mayor and Miss Morgan, who were accompanied by Bros. J. de Bels Adams and Dr. J. W. Clarke. Dancing was enjoyed to the strains of Bro. George Eyton's band, the small ballroom being reserved as usual for waltzing. Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C., again made a thoroughly efficient Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Thos. Wood was entrusted with the catering arrangements, and the result justified the committee in their selection.

The facts as here set forth are so much better than any outside opinion which might be formed as to the benefits of the Institution that we think it unnecessary to make any particular comment in regard to them. We cannot close, however, without another word of congratulation to our Lancashire brethren, coupled with the sincere wish that the future of their estimable Charities may be as prosperous as has been their past, and that whatever the needs that may arise in their midst there will be sufficient sympathy shown to allow of help being given wherever it is wanted.

### MASONIC CLAIMANTS.

THE number of claimants who ask for aid on the score of relationship to deceased Masons is not only large, but furnishes a subject most fruitful, and often quite as painful. It has been my sad experience for years to have to meet and deal with this class of persons. Within a very brief period a letter came to me from the widow of one who was once an active and zealous member of the Fraternity. The writer said:—

"My husband was a member of the Lodge at ———, and died there. I desire admission into the Masonic Home as his widow."

As Chairman of the "Home Committee" it was my duty to investigate the claim of the applicant. I did this by examining the returns of the Lodge mentioned by the writer of the communication referred to. I found the name of the deceased party, beginning away back in the early history of the Lodge. He had remained a member for years. I followed up my investigations until a certain year, when the sad fact met me, "Suspended for non-payment of dues," with the day and year given. Tracing the history of the Lodge through the returns up to the date of death indicated by the widow, I found no reinstatement of the deceased. The brother had allowed himself to be suspended for non-payment of Lodge dues. Years after he was called away from his family, and died

without Masonic recognition. His widow, knowing nothing of the nature of our laws, and the disabilities under which Masons may place themselves, supposed that her husband was a Mason when he died, and that she would be entitled to aid when needed. Now, when want presses upon her, she calls upon the Fraternity and must be told, "Your husband was not a Mason in good standing when he died." She cannot understand that, and is deeply wounded, both at the fact of his loss of standing among the brethren, and her failure to gain that help she had been told would readily come when the cry of the widow was heard.

Comment upon the action of Masons who thus forfeit the protection needed for their families will do no good in such cases, because they have passed beyond censure or criticism. If the living could be reached and influenced by a rehearsal of these painful incidents, I would try to stir the hearts of delinquent Masons, and warn them of the danger growing out of their neglect of duty to those who are taught by them to expect protection when they are called away. How often have I been told by widows and orphaned ones of the language of husbands and fathers, "If ever you need help, call on the Masons." The Masonic Fraternity cannot help and relieve everybody. Hence we must have methods by which to regulate and determine applications. And when claims are tested, the failure to recognise those who are not entitled to assistance, owing to neglect on the part of husbands and fathers, will bring down on us a storm of censure and sometimes bitter denunciation.

A bereaved family stood in my presence with a complete outfit of documents, such as diplomas and dimits from Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, and exhibited all the paraphernalia worn by the loved dead in other years. They claimed recognition and help. The documents, dimits, &c., showed that the departed had been non-affiliated for more than twenty years. Of course, the applicants were told they had no claim. But they could not understand why. "He was always a good Mason and faithful member of the Order," was the plea of the family. Oh, if such as thus neglect to keep up their connection with the Fraternity could witness these scenes through which I have been called to pass, and hear the sad utterances of grief and disappointment common on these occasions, the living would repent and the dead would mourn.

Another class of persons claim recognition, and feel greatly offended at being denied any favours. A Mason's widow changes her relations to the Fraternity by marrying again, thereby being no longer the widow of a Mason. She is widowed a second time, or her husband turns out to be a nobody, and she falls back upon her first claim, and seeks relief from the Fraternity. "My husband was a Mason." Yes, but he could not extend his Masonic lease over your life, after you cut yourself off from that benefit, and married another man. Masonry is not transferable. Then you should see her get mad, and abuse the Craft.

An application was made to me a few days ago for the admission of an aged widow into the Masonic Home. The applicant had no basis for her claim except that her father was a Mason in another State. She had married a profane, and as his widow now sought admission into an institution designed for the benefit of widows and orphans of deceased Masons who were members of Missouri Lodges.

These are but a tythe of the cases falling under my notice through the years. They are mentioned, not for the pleasure there is in writing such sad things, but to serve a purpose. Let the living know and remember that if neglect takes the place of duty in Masonry, no benefit can accrue to themselves or to their families.—*John D. Vincil, in Masonic Constellation.*

### A WORD IN SEASON.

AN American Masonic contemporary says:—"A Mason who has no use for a Masonic paper or periodical has no use for Masonic intelligence. Having eyes he will not see nor learn anything Masonic." The editor who penned this cannot be wholly accused of anxiety to sell his paper. It is indisputable that Masonry like other institutions should support the organs devoted to its interest. Otherwise how can the Craft be said to be represented?

Another American contemporary, the *Keystone*, gives

the following:—"God wasted mud when he made a man so mean as to tell the Postmaster to return his paper marked 'refused' when he owed two or three years' subscription." This they quote from Burdette. "Lodges have wasted time in trying to make such men Masons. Their Masonry is not even skin deep."

Our Canadian contemporary, the *Craftsman*, says:—

Now that *The Craftsman* has entered upon another volume, we have a few words to say to a few brethren. Look at the label on the cover of your magazine. It is not there for ornament; it means business, and you know it. Look at it carefully, and find out how much you are in arrears. If you cannot figure out the amount to your satisfaction we will help you, even to the extent of sending you a multiplication table. When you have calculated the amount, go right down into the pocket where you keep your wealth, and send us what is ours by right. Be a man, Brother, and pay up. Stop your foolishness, and don't take what you object to pay for.

May we also give a reminder? But ours must be, for our own choice, in a milder form. We would draw attention to the fact that we have started a new volume. "It is in the power of our present subscribers to be energetic in the welfare of the Craft, and bring to the notice of their fellow members, wherever they go, the importance of becoming supporters, not only as subscribers, but in furnishing items of information likely to interest Masons, for "where Masons read and study, is where Freemasonry is understood and prospers."

### "FOR THE FIRST TIME."

IN the profane world it is usually a matter for congratulation when a novel and useful appliance is utilised for the first time. The first railroad, the first steam engine, the first telegraph, the first electric motor, elicited the plaudits of all intelligent men. The world will sacrifice almost anything to minister to progress. Forgetting the things which are behind, it presses forward to those which are before. It sacrificed the American Indian in order to enlarge the boundaries of civilisation, and it continues to sacrifice him to-day. The barbarous tribes of Central Africa are in like manner doomed to destruction. Civilisation is a juggernaut which crushes whatever stands in its way.

Polite society is commonly regarded as a manifestation of civilisation, and all of its usages have at one time or other been adopted "for the first time." No moral principle is thought to be involved, and so it clothes itself, and clothes itself upon, with usage after usage, until the laws of polite society form a code by themselves, which require diligent study in order to their mastery.

Freemasonry stands upon a different basis from either national or social government, or civilisation. From the beginning it has assumed at most but two forms, and perhaps these two co-existed at the origin of the Craft. Operative and speculative describe the whole of Masonry, and both operative and speculative Freemasons employed the same symbols and the same clothing.

The *Masonic Constellation* of St. Louis, in its December issue, says:—

Missouri Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M. held a called Communication on Thursday evening, 30th October, for the purpose of conferring the third degree, which was very largely attended, a number of Brethren being unable to gain admission to the Lodge room as not even standing room was available. For the first time in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction, the degree was conferred in full costume.

So "for the first time," the Master Mason's degree was conferred in full costume!"

Whenever anything is now done "for the first time" in Freemasonry, any one is justifiable in inquiring, Is it lawful? And the authoritative answer is certain to be, No.

We may not, in this nineteenth century, begin any usage in the Craft "for the first time." Hundreds and thousands of years have determined what may and what may not be done. Freemasonry is not an undiscovered country, into which a new people may enter to crowd out the old; into which a new civilisation may be introduced to replace one that is alleged to be effete; into which novel ceremonies and usages may be foisted, to replace the ancient usages, customs and Landmarks. Whatever is new in Masonry is more than questionable—it is evidently unlawful. The true Freemason does not inquire in the Craft for what is new, but for what is old—the old principles, the old

traditions, the old usages, the old Landmarks. If any usage is new, he knows it to be not permissible.

But let us quote further from the *Masonic Constellation* concerning this "full costume," which was used in Missouri Lodge, No. 1, on the 30th of October last, "for the first time."

The Worshipful Master's robe being of extra fine purple silk velvet, with elaborate trimmings of gold bullion fringe and gold braid, Crown gold plated, with interior cap of purple silk richly jewelled. Sceptre gold plate. The Senior Warden's robe is of extra fine scarlet silk velvet, richly trimmed with gold bullion fringe. Head-dress richly jewelled tiara front crown. The Junior Warden's robe is of blue silk velvet, trimmed with gilt lace and braids, with gold plated head-dress. The Senior Deacon's robe of purple velvet, trimmed with heavy satin and gilt laces, with turban of purple merino and yellow satin. The Junior Deacon's robe is the same style as that of the Senior Deacon, but of blue velvet. The robes of the Stewards are of fine quality blue merino, trimmed with silver lace. Caps of blue merino, with silver trimmings. The Craftsmen of blue sateen, with Oriental folded Turban; and the three special Craftsmen wore robes of brown sateen, with Turbans similar to the other Craftsmen.

If King Solomon could enter a Lodge where his Masonic successor and officers were clothed as described above, he would raise his hands in Masonic horror.

The idea of clothing a Master of a Lodge as a King! All meet upon a level in the Lodge. Royal and all other dignities are laid aside for the time being. Freemasonry has its own clothing. The Lambskin apron is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Star and Garter—yea, than kingly robes of royal purple, and "bullion fringe" and "gold braid" and a "gold plated crown." Alas! for the littleness of thought that would so belittle the Masonic successor and representative of King Solomon as a Master of the Craft!

The "full costume" of a Worshipful Master is his official collar, jewel and Apron, worn over a suit of black. To make a King of him is to uncrown him as a Master of Masons. It is absurd, ridiculous, puerile, un-Masonic.

It is related of our Brother Dom Pedro, late Emperor of Brazil, that on visiting a Masonic Lodge once, he sent in as a part of his name his royal title. The Worshipful Master ordered the card containing his name to be returned to him for correction. Dom Pedro sent it in a second time in the same way, and it was a second time returned. He then sent it in the third time without his royal title—plain Dom Pedro, and he was at once admitted. Upon his entry, the Worshipful Master addressing him, said, "Here, Brother Dom Pedro, royal titles are unrecognised and unknown, for we all meet upon the level in a Masonic Lodge." Dom Pedro, in reply, said: "I thank you, Worshipful Master, for the lesson you have taught me to-night—one which I shall never forget, since it corrects an error which I shall never repeat."

Just as Kings or Emperors cannot enter a Masonic Lodge in their royal capacity, so they do not, or should not, find a King enthroned there, in the person of the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master is not a King, but a Master of Masons.

We never saw the Third degree conferred "in costume" but once, when visiting in another jurisdiction, and we never desire to see it again. In all earnestness we say, banish from Freemasonry whatever tends to make it a mere show. Any Masonic work correctly, intelligently and impressively performed will command a large audience of faithful earnest Master Masons and seekers after light. It needs not a "jewelled tiara," or "gilt laces" or a "turban of purple merino," or "robes of brown sateen" to mark a Freemason. In such clothing a Freemason is disguised. It is unsuitable, unmeaning, unauthorised by any usage except the most recent, and that only in certain jurisdictions. Our mother Grand Lodge of England knows nothing about this costuming of Masonic Officers in royal robes. We received our first Lodges, and with them our Masonic principles, from her, and when we depart from her usages we depart from Freemasonry itself. The fact that "costumes" have, in the few jurisdictions which admit them, been only of late used "for the first time," condemns them beyond appeal as unlawful and un-Masonic.—*Keystone*.

The Installation Meeting of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, was held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Wednesday evening last. Bro. W. G. Wiggins was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. We hope to be able to supply a full report next week.



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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## MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation meeting took place at the Lodge room, Cowes, on the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The installation ceremony was, for the twenty-eighth time in succession, ably and impressively performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner, after which the W.M. Bro. G. A. Mursell invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wheeler I.P.M., Faulkner Treasurer, Ains Secretary, Rev. Pickering Chaplain, Taylor S.W., Day J.W., Cottell S.D., Longman J.D., Fellows I.G., Rutland Organist, Leftwich Dir. of Cers., Halliday Assist. Dir. of Cers., Osborne and Brown Stewards, Wheeler Charity Steward, Young Tyler. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Gloucester Hotel, where the installation banquet was served, the W.M. Bro. G. A. Mursell presiding, and being supported by his Officers and their guests.

## DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held, at Woodbridge, on Friday, 9th inst., when Bro. F. W. W. Gross was installed as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. W. Clarke, and the Worshipful Master invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. Booth, I.P.M., A. S. Gross S.W., W. Brooke J.W., Rev. J. Beck Chaplain, G. Booth Treasurer, G. E. Walker Secretary, J. H. Loveless Organist, A. W. Cobbold S.D., G. Booth jun. J.D., J. U. Green I.G., Benjamin Gall D.C., A. Barnes Assist. D.C., E. Smith Assist. D.C., J. Gill, Jas. Dunlop, and A. S. Betts Stewards, G. Hall Tyler. A banquet followed, at the Crown Hotel, which did Bro. Grimwood the greatest credit.

## MARQUESS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

ON the 7th inst., a meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Smith as W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Wm. Coxon, 124. After the installation the W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Rev. T. Randell I.P.M., Henry Palmer S.W., Wm. H. Patterson J.W., Rev. J. Howarth Chaplain, George Hewitt Secretary, Matt. Fowler Treasurer, W. C. Blackett P.M. D.C., W. Goodenough S.D., Harry Brown J.D., Isaac Burrell I.G., A. J. Pellong Organist, J. M. Lennard S.S., J. Walton J.S., Thomas Brooks Tyler. After Lodge closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual Masonic and other toasts were duly proposed, and a very harmonious evening spent.

## PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 135.

AT the annual gathering, on the 5th inst., Bro. Wallace Buffett the Senior Warden was installed as successor to Bro. J. M. Davis. The installation ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England, and the following Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. Burston S.W., W. T. Baker J.W., J. B. Soper P.M. Treasurer, T. L. Laxton Secretary, A. Basil Cottam S.D., A. Squibbs J.D., G. B. Laffan D.C., H. W. Pollard I.G., Rev. C. G. Anderson Chaplain, J. McGowan Tyler.

## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 131.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 13th inst., at Truro. The W.M. Elect Bro. Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizzell P.M. Prov. Grand Chaplain was installed by Bro. T. Chirgwin Prov. Grand Secretary. The Officers invested were:—Bros. W. E. Lukies I.P.M., Letcher S.W., Knight J.W., Crewes P.M. Treasurer, J. Tonkin Chaplain, Mack P.M. Sec., Gill Org., Tonkyn D.C., E. Benney S.D., Clarke J.D., Ellery I.G., and Wood Steward. Bro. John Langdon was re-elected Tyler. The banquet was held at the Public Rooms.

## LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146.

THE annual festival took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on the 14th instant. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Walter Downs, the retiring Worshipful Master. Bros. William Cooper Past Provincial G. Standard Bearer, and Henry Ainsworth Past Master installed Frank Myerscough Millner as W.M. Subsequently Brother Richard Duxbury, of Manchester, P. Prov. G.S.B. invested the Officers, as under:—Bros. W. Downs I.P.M., H. Walker S.W., J. Binns J.W., W. Cooper P. Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, R. Johnson Secretary, W. Harrison S.D., W. Long J.D., J. Morris P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works D.C., J. F. Skelton P.M. Assistant D.C., T. Hamer I.G., R. M'Coll Organist, W. L. Morgan, E. Hope, J. Hilton, R. W. Scholes, and J. Steed Stewards, and S. Rawsthorne P.G.D.C. of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, Tyler. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet.

## BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THE annual banquet was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Club, Princess Square, Plymouth. Over fifty brethren were present. The W.M. Bro. Stoner presided, supported by his Wardens and Officers. Among the members and visiting brethren present were Bros. Lethbridge, Johns, Stephens, Selmon, Price, Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Rendle, Dupré, Barter, Watson, Bray, Evens, Brickwood, Britain, Hicks, Soper, Cleverton, Cox, Davis, Webber, Moses, Nattles, Paynters, Edan, Merrifield, Buckstone, McCoombe, Cutler, and others. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to. Bro. Lethbridge P.M. proposed in eulogistic terms the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Price, which was most cordially received. He referred to the esteem entertained not only

by the brethren of the Lodge, but Masons generally, for Bro. Price, to whom great credit was due for the successful way in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. He then presented Bro. Price with an electro-plated tea and coffee service, binocular field glass in case, and an illuminated address, framed, and inscribed as follows: "Presented to W. Bro. F. C. Price I.P.M., with an electro-plated tea and coffee service, from the members of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability; also presented from certain members and brethren, a binocular field glass and case, as an expression of their good feeling and fraternal wishes on his leaving this country to take up an appointment at Barbadoes, West Indies, under the Colonial Government, praying that the Great Architect of the Universe may prosper his undertaking. (Signed) Thomas Stoner W.M. 159, 14th January 1891." The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 191.

THE annual festival took place, on the 8th inst., in the Lodge-room, at the Knowsley Hotel, Bury, when Bro. Pollitt S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Masters were Bros. Alcock, Balmer and Woodcock. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Parkinson S.W., Parcell J.W., Barrett P.M. Treasurer, Balmer P.M. P. Prov. A.D.C. Secretary, Bullivant S.D., Frost J.D., Hopkinson P.M. P.G. Supt. Wks. G.L. Dir. of Cers., Fletcher P. Prov. G.O. Organist, Hoyle I.G., Duckworth and Heaton Stewards, Brennan Chaplain, Burgess Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. Walker, Wood, Rev. W. R. Clayton, Carter, Wilfordson, Kenyon.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual banquet was held, on the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Over seventy brethren were present. The W.M. Bro. Payne presided, supported by his Officers. Among the visiting brethren were:—Major Tracy R.A., Powell, Aitken, Davies, Wallis, Lavers, Piko, Eyre, Betty, Bird, Macey, Roberts, Blight, Dawe, Sercombe, Durbin, Williams, Lisle, Rowe, Blowey, Tremear. The catering and arrangements were admirable, and fully supported the character acquired for the Club by Bro. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey. The banquet was followed by the usual round of toasts, and an excellent entertainment of vocal music and recitations by brethren.

## HARMONIC LODGE, No. 252.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., the members held their annual festival at the Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley. Bro. Thomas Chambers was installed Worshipful Master. The following were invested Officers for the year:—Bros. M. Smith I.P.M., E. J. Chambers S.W., W. Hanson J.W., Rev. W. J. Down P.G.C. Chaplain, W. E. Walker P.M. P.G.R. Treasurer, Samuel Smith P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, James Jones S.D., J. W. Down J.D., J. Siddaway I.G., R. Stevenson P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer D.C., J. E. Jones A.D.C., A. J. Baird and G. G. Brown Stewards, W. Stansfield Organist, Samuel Spittle Tyler.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 298.

ON the 7th inst. the members met at the Masonic Rooms, Drake Street, Rochdale, for the annual installation, when Bro. Tongue S.W. had the honour of Worshipful Master conferred upon him. Bro. Collingwood P.G.D.C. was the Installing Master. The Officers for the ensuing year are Bros. Sutton I.P.M., Renshaw S.W., Fielding J.W., Cross P.M. Chaplain, Matley P.M. P.P.G. Std. Br. Treasurer, Gray P.M. Secretary, Stott S.D., Whittaker J.D., Collingwood P.M. P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Spencer Assist. Dir. of Cers., Fitton Organist, Greenwood I.G., Ruddy, Brooks, Rothwell, Simpson and Nuttall Stewards, and Ashworth P.M. Tyler.

## PEACE LODGE, No. 322.

THE annual festival was held, on the 13th inst., at the Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport, when Bro. W. Hargreaves was raised to the dignity of W.M., the Installing Master being Bro. John Nicholson I.P.M., who was assisted in the investiture of Officers, &c., by Bros. G. R. Brady P.M. P.P.G.S.B. and James Worsnup. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John Nicholson I.P.M., James Hudson jun. S.W., John C. Armitage J.W., James Worsnup P.M. Treasurer, George R. Brady P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, James Vine S.D., C. M. Armitage J.D., John Gould P.M. D. of C., R. E. Goodall I.G., John Proctor and Joseph Holland Stewards, John Scott P.M. Tyler. The visiting brethren included Bros. R. Newhouse Prov. G. Secretary, J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, James Cookson Prov. G. Treasurer, and W. H. Vaughan P.P.G. Reg. East Lancashire.

## FAITH LODGE, No. 344.

AT the Bull's Head Hotel, Radcliffe, on the 8th inst., Bro. Heap S.W. had the honour of Worshipful Master conferred upon him, Bros. Lawrenson and Startup being the Installing Masters. The other appointments for the ensuing year were: Bros. Moore Pollitt I.P.M., Walkden S.W., Scholes J.W., Kershaw P.M. Treasurer, Lawrenson P.M. Charity Representative, Green P.M. Dir. of Cers., Grundy S.D., Lomas J.D., Partington Secretary, Thorpe Organist, Hart Senior Steward, Wolstenholme Junior Steward, Smith I.G., Wild Tyler. About fifty brethren were present. After the ceremony the usual banquet was held.

## BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 489.

THE annual festival was held, at Bideford, on the 15th inst. Bro. Barrow P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. was the Installing Master. Following is the list of Officers:—Bros. Brook W.M., Coles I.P.M., Wilson

S.W., Ackland J.W., Morse P.M. P. Prov. Chap. Devon P.G. Chap. England Chaplain, Ascott P.M. Treasurer, Burrow P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Secretary, Rouse S.D., Trapnell J.D., Crofts I.G. (Organist), Gooding D.C., Andrew Steward, Grant Tyler, Pollard P.M. representative on the Committee of Petitions. There was a dinner at the New Inn Hotel in the evening.

#### LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

THE great assemblage of Freemasons recently held at Reading has been followed by a numerous but less pretentious gathering at Newbury, the occasion being the installation, on Friday, the 9th inst., of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the presentation to Past Master Stephen Knight, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon and Mayor of Newbury, with a very handsome and valuable testimonial, subscribed for by the members of that Lodge, and also the brethren of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 27. The brethren met in their Lodge room, at the Temperance Hall, at three o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Joseph Newbery), and the ceremonies which took place included the raising of Bro. G. R. Bungey, and the passing of Bros. R. Beynon, and W. Jenner Clarke, after which the Worshipful Master installed, as his successor, Bro. Dr. Reginald Maples, of Kingsclere, who appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. F. J. Harrold Senior Warden, Hill Junior Warden, Rev. J. Atkins Chaplain, W. H. Belcher Treasurer, Stephen Knight Secretary, J. H. Wilson S.D., H. Kidd J.D., W. Knight Director of Ceremonies, Hubert G. Knight Organist, J. S. Little Inner Guard, J. B. Ingram and H. D. O'W. Astley Stewards, Legg Tyler. This portion of the business having concluded, the newly installed Worshipful Master, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Newbery, who, speaking with much emotion, briefly returned thanks.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 673.

THE usual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, on the 6th inst., was rendered specially interesting by the presentation to Bro. J. O. Mallabar I.P.M. of a handsome and costly timepiece and ornaments. Bro. Robert Rawlinson, in making the presentation on behalf of the members, alluded in terms of eulogy to the services rendered by Bro. Mallabar to the Lodge for the past ten years and to his well known contributions to the cause of Masonic Charity.

#### ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

ON the 8th inst., the annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. T. P. Harker, who was strongly supported. The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of Bro. Bradford as W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Harker. The W.M. appointed his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Harker I.P.M., Ledger S.W., Field J.W., Ridley Treasurer, Bennett Secretary, Booth S.D., Smith J.D., Danie P.M. D. of C., Smith I.G., Beves and Stonehouse Stewards, and Hughes Tyler. Bro. Harker was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Messrs. Booth and Sons, of East-street. The newly-elected W.M. Bro. Bradford presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the Prov. G. Secretary responding on behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past. The W.M., in proposing the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, expressed the hope that the Duke of Connaught, now that he has come to reside in the neighbourhood, would before long visit the Province, when he would receive a right royal Sussex welcome. The W.M. next gave the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past. He regretted the absence of the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge-Advocate-General (who was recruiting his health in the sunny south). He heartily wished Bro. Marriott a speedy return in robust health. He was pleased to see so many Provincial Grand Officers present, and begged to couple the names of Bros. Clowes and Botting with the toast. Bro. Clowes, in responding, said he had always been kindly received by the Sussex brethren, and thanked those present for the hearty reception they had given to the toast. Bro. Botting also acknowledged the toast. Bro. Harker said he had a toast to propose, which he was sure would receive a sincere and hearty welcome—that of the Worshipful Master. A few words would, he said, be sufficient to commend the toast. He congratulated the W.M. upon the distinguished company present, including, as it did, 21 out of the 29 Past Masters of the Lodge. To the W.M., who was J.W. last year, the brethren were grateful for accepting office, when, from various reasons, the S.W. was unable to take the post of W.M. The brethren would assuredly give Bro. Bradford their heartiest support. Bro. Bradford, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He felt deeply indebted to Bro. Harker for his kind remarks, and gratified at the warm reception given to the toast by the brethren. The Brunswickers had apparently conspired together to heap upon him all the honours and laurels they had at their disposal. Bro. Harker's admirable work during the past year had made him (Bro. Bradford) deeply attached to Freemasonry. As W.M. he would do all he could for the Brunswick Lodge. He would not promise great things, but he trusted that during the year the lustre of his office would not be dimmed. Bro. Martin proposed the W.M.'s of the Province of Sussex, to which Bros. Parsons and Buckwell responded. The toast of the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Soper (Mayor of Brighton) was acknowledged by Bros. Lee, Clark, and Willett. The Initiates, given by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Burghope. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters, acknowledged by Bros. Harker and Martin; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's Toast. During the evening a

pleasing programme of vocal selections was sustained, under the direction of Bro. Roe P.P.G.O., by Miss Bond, Miss Welling, Miss Freeman, Master Hobday, and Bros. Clements and Chapman. Bro. Nye contributed a recitation.

#### FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., the annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Fowey. Bro. Albert H. Cossentine was installed W.M. by Bro. Wm. Tonkin P.P.G.S.Wks., assisted by Bro. J. Doney P.P.G.D. 856 and a large Board of Masters. The newly-elected W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Isbell S.W., Davis J.W., Maw Treasurer, Mitchell Secretary, Gale S.D., Gamble J.D., Coombes I.G., Penter Organist, Cole Senior Steward, Scantlebury Junior Steward, Graham Tyler. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to Bro. Richards's Commercial Hotel, where a most excellent repast was provided.

#### BRIDGEWATER LODGE, No. 1213.

THE annual festival was celebrated, on the 8th inst., at the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles. Bro. Sheppard S.W. was installed W.M., and the following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. Colbert S.W., Brittain J.W., Bowden P.P.G.S.Wd.Br. Treasurer, Adams P.M. Secretary, Andrew P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Collon S.D., Hind J.D., Daniels I.G., Hassall P.M. Organist, M'Mynn and Moring Stewards.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, on the 15th inst. Bro. Mayne S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. Eyre (the retiring W.M.), Lord, Bond, and Major M. Tracey, assisted by a large board of installed Masters. The Officers appointed were Bros. Eyre I.P.M., Parkhouse S.W., Gurney J.W., Bond Chaplain, Lord Treasurer, Pearce Secretary, Tucker S.D., Maitland J.D., Simmons I.G., Cousins D.C., Bishop A.D.C., James Organist, Menhinick, Tuck, and Gee Stewards, and Phillips Tyler. Bro. Lord was re-elected representative on the Committee of Petitions, and T. R. E. Oliver Charity Steward. It was decided to hold the annual banquet of the Lodge at the Masonic Club on Wednesday, 3rd February.

#### LINDSAY LODGE, No. 1335.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Wigan, on the 7th inst. Bro. Rigby was installed Worshipful Master, the Installing Master being Bro. Betley P.M. P.P.G.A.S. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—Bros. White S.W., Knowles J.W., Riddlesworth I.P.M., Tibbs Chaplain, Murray P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Cronshaw Secretary, Browne P.M. Dir. of Cers., Potter Organist, Craston S.D., Burland J.D., Cookson I.G., Monks jun. S.S., Irving J.S., Swalwell Tyler.

#### ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE annual festival was held, on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, when Bro. William Bell W.M. Elect was duly installed Master of the Anchor Lodge. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Brother T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, and Grand Sword Bearer of England. The newly installed Master appointed his Officers, as follow: Bros. C. Waistell P.P.G.R. I.P.M., Jas. Ward S.W., C. Tweedy J.W., M. Walmsley P.M. Treasurer, G. J. Robinson P.G.D.C. Secretary, J. A. Hutchinson S.D., J. T. Naylor J.D., W. Stead P.M. D.C., W. S. Charlton I.G., S. May S.S., J. H. Robinson J.S., C. Palliser P.M. Charity Representative. After Bro. Eli Wilkinson had been re-elected Tyler, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. Several Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was pleasantly spent.

#### MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1620.

BRO. Henry Peers was, on the 7th inst., at the Derby Hall, Tusbroom, duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Goodacre, C. Bargery, Robert Foote, Thomas Vernon, C. Wadsworth, Joseph Sharples, F. Foulkes, Joseph Shield, W. Savage, James Rankin, R. W. Chatham, W. J. Parrett, and J. G. Hassell. The Worshipful Master elect was presented for the benefits of installation by Bro. Bros. T. Delamere P.M. and R. Armitage P.M., and he was duly installed by Brother Richard Stirzaker P.M. Subsequently Bro. Peers invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Thomas Airey, I.P.M., John Stubbs S.W., James Gresham J.W., Luke Bagnall Treasurer (for the seventeenth time), William Naylor Secretary, Edward T. Ingham D.C., James Tarbuck S.D., F. T. Parry J.D., James Munro I.G., Richard Parry and Joseph Griffiths Stewards, R. Neville Tyler, and W. Hudson Organist. The business of the Lodge being concluded the brethren partook of the annual installation dinner. The after proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the vocal contributions of members and visiting brethren, Bro. W. Hudson officiating as accompanist. During the evening Bro. Thomas Airey was presented with a marble timepiece and a Past Master's jewel.

#### PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

BRO. Thomson was, on the 8th inst., installed W.M. at the Conservative Hall, Heaton Moor. Bro. Hopewood was the Installing Master, and was assisted in the ceremony by the P.M.'s of the Lodge. Subsequently the Worshipful Master invested the following Officers:—Bros. Barton I.P.M., Berra S.W., Shann J.W., Henn, B.A., and Smart, B.D., Chaplains, Wells Treasurer, Broadbent P.M. Secretary, Reynolds S.D., Seager J.D., S. B. Broadbent P.M. Dir. of Cers., Mortimer Organist, Hurst I.G., Garnett, Coffey, Spilsbury and Jordan Stewards, Birchall Tyler.

## LION LODGE, No. 312.

THERE was a large attendance at the Masonic Hall, John Street, 1. Whitby, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Atkinson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Starmon P.M. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Atlay I.P.M., Oliver S.W., Smithson J.W., Lawson Treasurer, Newbold Secretary, Reason S.D., Watson J.D., Remmer I.G., Trueman O.G., Robson Organist, Bell and Harrowing Stewards. In the evening there was the annual banquet, at the Crown Hotel, the now W.M. presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

## PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE annual festival was held in the Lodge room, St. Austell, on the 13th inst., when Bro. Simon Truscott S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation service was conducted by Bros. J. W. Higman P.P.G.J.W., and W. Isaac Watts P.M., in the presence of a large board of installed Masters. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Lake I.P.M., W. Richards S.W., H. J. Hugh J.W., W. Guy P.M. Treasurer, F. B. Paul P.M. Chaplain, W. Isaac Watts P.M. Secretary, C. H. Wetter S.D., Samuel Williams J.D., P. B. Williams I.G., W. A. W. Howlett Organist, Daniel McIntyre D.C., D. Bailey and A. Reed Stewards, and W. Read Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Lukes, was partaken of. The W.M. Brother S. Truscott presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were submitted.

## HAULEY LODGE, No. 797.

THE annual meeting was held at Dartmouth, on Monday 12th inst., 1 for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect Bro. C. Elliott, and the investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Bros. Way I.P.M., Evans S.W., Oldrieve J.W., Husband Treasurer, Goodridge P.M. Secretary, Moxey S.D., Wilton J.D., Knox I.G., Sanders Senior Steward, Watts Junior Steward, Putt Tyler. Bro. M. Whittle was unanimously elected Representative on the Committee of Petitions. After the business the brethren adjourned to Bro. Whittle's Commercial Hotel, where a capital banquet was spread.

## PLUCKNETT LODGE, No. 1708.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 15th inst., 1 at the Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, Bro. J. E. Overed presiding. The minutes of the last Lodge having been duly confirmed, Bro. Gridale was passed to the second degree, and the report of the Audit Committee was received, together with the report of the Benevolent Fund Committee. The Worshipful Master Elect Bro. A. A. Yeatman was then installed in the chair of K.S. The interesting ceremony of presenting a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master was then proceeded with. The labours of the evening being over, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to an excellently served banquet. After refreshment, a list of toasts and music was gone through, the W.M. acting as first among equals in a genial manner. The following is a list of the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Overed I.P.M., Woodrow S.W., Oliphant J.W., Hamilton Treasurer, Simmonds Sec., Jones S.D., Hollands J.D., Bernhard I.G., Hamilton D.C., Howe Steward, and Blanch Tyler.

## WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

THE second meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, 20th inst., when there were nearly one hundred brethren present. Among the visitors were:—Bros. Wildish P.M. No. 1662, Gross I.P.M. 1314, Young P.M. 1745, Urban Smith P. District G. Secretary Argentine, R. Brookman P.M. 1426, W. Brookman 1471, Jacob P.M. 1766, Perkins S.W. 1278, Walter 217, Cosham 217, Gray jun. 2318, Drane 2318, Eli Wilson 1228, James Bird 2256. The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Bro. Lennox Browne P.P.G.S.W. Essex, were unanimously elected honorary members. By virtue of dispensation granted by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke, 12 gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry, they having been unanimously approved at the last meeting. Bros. Fortescue, Drysdale, Waring, Bishop and Wilson were passed to the second degree. Ten fresh propositions were received, for initiation and joining. A banquet afterwards took place, which was all that could be desired, and reflected great credit upon the hotel management. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, interspersed with some capital music, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Young, Banks, Snow, Bishop, and the Epping Forest Glee Union. The proceedings, which were of a very harmonious and enjoyable character throughout, were terminated by the Tyler's toast.

## LOYAL BLUE LODGE, No. 119 (I.C.)

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., the members of this Lodge held their annual celebration of St. John in their Lodge-room, Newry-street, Banbridge, and took the opportunity at the same time of presenting Bro. Isaac Duffin with an illuminated address, Past Master's jewel and apron, as a token of the respect and esteem by which he is held by the brethren of the Lodge. Shortly after nine o'clock the brethren, numbering close on fifty, which included members from Nos. 203 and 336, sat down to a sumptuous repast, which reflected the highest credit on the caterers, Messrs. Willis Bros. The walls of the room were neatly decorated with large mirrors, and over the guest of the evening, in stylish letters, the word "Welcome." The good things having been partaken of with a relish, Bro. William Tweedie, M.D., P.M. took the chair, Bro. William J. Baines P.M. the

vice-chair, and Bro. E. S. Mills P.M. presided at the piano. The chairman, in a short address, proposed the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was drunk with a heartiness, and followed by all joining in the rendering of "The National Anthem" and "The Queen and the Craft." The vice-chairman's name was coupled with the toast, he replying in an able and eloquent speech. The Three Grand Masters having been proposed, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was well rendered by Bro. Mills, the chorus being taken up by the assembly, and the toast duly responded to by the chairman. The toast, The Provincial Grand Master of Down (Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.) had an able respondent in Bro. W. J. Miller P.M. Sec., who pointed out some of the many good acts that his Lordship has done for the Craft and individual members of the mystic tie, and also informed the younger brethren that Lord Arthur is a member of this Lodge. Bro. Mills, after singing "Hearts of Oak," replied to the Provincial Officers of Down, Past and Present, of which he is a member (Grand Organist). The toast, the Guest of the Evening, was heartily drunk, amidst all honours, and the familiar songs, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "A Free and Accepted Masou," were rendered with a ring of joy; after which the chairman called upon Bro. Thos. Stange to read the address, which was neatly illuminated by Mr. Thomas James Hamilton, Scarva-street, and mounted in a choice frame by Bro. Thomas Proctor. The jewel, which is solid gold, speaks volumes for Bro. W. J. Miller's (Secretary) good taste, while the apron is of the finest lambskin, bound with blue, and can claim a similar encomium for Bro. Dickson. Bro. Duffin, in replying, regretted his being obliged to sever his connection; but he wished to better himself, and no matter where he would be he would always prize the gifts which were so heartily presented to him. The health of the Visiting Brethren was coupled with the names of Bros. James Craig and Robert Harvey, who replied, and the song "Worthy Freemasons All" was rendered by Bro. George Lavery. The W.M. and Officers of Lodge No. 119, Past and Present, was replied to by Bros. Samuel Dickson and John Dornau, after which "Burns' Farewell" was sung. The Town and Trade of Banbridge came in for a song by Bro. H. Gill, who was in splendid form, and speeches from Bros. Wm. Dickson, R. G. Warren, H. Gill, and Wm. Willis. The Professions brought out Bro. Baines' "Jug of Punch" in elegant fashion, and Bros. Thomas B. Wallace for law and order, and Dr. Tweedie for restoratives. The Press received justice from Bros. Larkin and Joseph Lutton. The Contributors to the Evening's Entertainment, after "Tell Me the Sign, John," was coupled with the name of Bro. Mills and members of Committee. Prosperity to L.B.L. No. 119, and song, "The Craft that Weathers the Storm," having been rendered, Bros. Baines, Miller, Mearns, and Barr replied. The Members of the Lodge 119 initiated since last Festival, brought out Bros. D. Card, T. Stange, Lowery, Lemont, Resinfield, and Curran. Previously to finally closing, it was unanimously resolved that the Committee tender the best thanks of the brethren to Mrs. Mearns, Mrs. Larkins, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Craig, and Mrs. Hill, Solitude House, for the kindness and trouble taken with the supper, and their highly appreciated contributions; also to Mr. Andrew McClelland, J.P. Belmont, for the table plants, which added much to the appearance of the dishes. "Next Merry Meeting" having been sung in ancient form, "Auld Lang Syne" terminated the happy reunion.

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## CALEDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 204.

AT a regular meeting of this Chapter, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, an interesting and pleasant incident occurred in the shape of a presentation to Comp. Andrew of a clock and ornaments. After the presentation had been made, Comp. Andrew replied as follows:—It is an old man's privilege to look back, as it is the delight of the young to look forward. I may be pardoned in speaking of self, and taking a retrospect of my connection with this Chapter. In looking over a list of members, printed in 1877, when I was first appointed Scribe E., great changes have taken place. Above eighty members have died or left the Chapter. When requested by Comp. Hooper to be Scribe E., when he was elected the First Principal in 1877, I accepted the office with no idea of any reward or testimonial. I continued as Scribe E. for the following year, when Comp. Clay was First Principal, and afterwards was asked to take the third chair, but declined, as I thought the office of Secretary was more in my line. In 1885 I was elected and served as Scribe E., when late Comp. Whittaker was First Principal. In 1886 Comp. C. J. Schofield, 1887 Comp. Byway, 1888 Comp. Paulden, 1889 Comp. Cliffe, filled the office, and I have had a worthy successor in 1890, when Comp. Swinn was appointed. Since I joined the Chapter in 1874, 25 members of my mother Lodge, Strangeways, No. 1219, have become members. I proposed 15 of them. One Companion (of Lodge No. 1219, who I proposed), Comp. Dawson, in various offices, gave eight years good service to the Chapter. He died regretted. Other members of 1219 have served the Chapter with zeal and credit. Last January, when a vote of thanks was proposed by Comp. Hooper, he hoped that some "substantial token" would be given for my long services as Scribe E. I certainly had no idea of receiving such a valuable and pleasing memento from the Companions of the Chapter—in fact, I thought the matter was ended. I must, however, say it is very pleasant to have so "substantial" a reward, and I shall prize this token of your goodwill, and every day when I see the time recorded, remember with very great pleasure the Companions of the Caledonian Chapter and the happy years spent among them. And when I have finished my life's journey, and, I hope, received the "Well done" of the Great Architect above, my family will prize this legacy. Accept my thanks for your gift, and believe me I appreciate your kindness in acknowledging the services I so willingly rendered—indeed they were a "labour of love." Again I thank you.



### CONSECRATION OF THE CLARENCE LODGE, No. 2386.

ON Monday the consecration of this Lodge, and the installation of the first Worshipful Master in connection therewith, took place at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Chester. This Lodge has been principally established for the military brethren connected with the military headquarters at Chester. Owing to the severity of the weather, the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Egerton, was unable to be present, and the duties of the consecration of the Lodge were discharged by his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Chester. The Lodge was consecrated in due form, and with all the solemnities observable on such interesting occasions. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Finchett P.M. (721) was installed first Worshipful Master with the customary ceremonial. The installing Masters were Bro. Jones P.M. and Bro. Salmon P.G.S. Warden. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Salmon P.G.S.W. I.P.M., Litherland S.W., Cooper J.W., Thomson Treasurer, M'Farlane Secretary, M'Kay S.D., Goodwin J.D., Cairns I.G., Cameron and Osborne S., Fox Org., Jones P.G.S.Wks. D.C., Smith Tyler. The following gentlemen were the founders of the Lodge:—Bros. Finchett (721), Litherland (477), Brown (1722), M'Kay (1698), Goodwin (38), Thomas (721), Thomson (333), and M'Farlane (325).

### PROPOSED CENTRAL MASONIC HALL.

AT the close of the formal business of Walker Lodge, No. 1342, on Wednesday of last week, in Grainger Street West, Newcastle, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That the members of Walker Lodge rejoice to hear that a movement has been initiated towards the establishment of a large central Masonic building where all the Craft and other Lodges can meet, and hereby pledge themselves to use every endeavour to aid its promotion. They further promise, in the event of a company being formed to carry out the scheme, as far as possible to become shareholders, and to invest in it the available funds of the Lodge. Also, that if along with the said venture a much-needed Masonic Club be formed, with suitable accommodation, in the same building, they hereby promise it their sympathy and support."

It is estimated that the cost of the projected new building will be between £15,000 and £16,000. The intention of the promoters is to have a Masonic Hall which will be large enough for two Lodge meetings to be held at one time, and the annual meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, &c.; to have it centrally and conveniently situated, and also contain club-rooms for ordinary club purposes. Steps will be taken to lay the project before the whole of the Lodges as soon as possible, and doubtless the sum required will soon be raised, and a hall built suitable for all requirements.

The meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, 21st January, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Robert Grey P.G.D. President presiding; the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett P.G.P. and Charles A. Cottebrune P.G.P., occupied their respective chairs. Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. Among others present were:—Bros. Brown, Dairy, Mercer, Chapman, Garrod, Vallentine, Woodward, Bunker, Cutler, Goldschmidt, Langley, Whitmarsh, Shedd, Simpson, Tidmarsh, Moore, Littlewood, Stretch, Plews, Anderson, Lucas, Massey, Lloyd, McIntyre North, Stiles, Nixon, Penrose, Livesey, Stewart, Williams, Dehane, Whitaker, Davis, White, Warner, Jones, Perkins, Dove, Gaywood, Sadler Grand Tyler. The brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master to the amount of £100. There were 24 cases on the new list. One petition was withdrawn and one dismissed. Three petitions were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £392. This sum was made up of two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 and four of £30 each. There were seven grants of £20, one of £15, three of £10, one of £5, and one of £2.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Brother Joseph Savory), on Monday last, had the honour of being installed as Worshipful Master of the Emulation Lodge of Freemasons, No. 21, a meeting of which was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. H. C. Brunning, the Master, presided, and performed the ceremony of installing the Lord Mayor in the chair. Among the brethren present were:—Sheriff Augustus Harris, Sir P. de Keyser, Messrs. C. A. Murton, C. F. Matier, T. Beard, Dr. G. J. Eady, T. F. Peacock, and Singer. The new Worshipful Master appointed as his Officers:—Bros. W. Grellier Senior Warden, C. Swinfen Eady, LL.D., Junior Warden, Robert Berridge P.M. Treasurer, Samuel

Hill P.M. Secretary, Robert Hovenden Senior Deacon, Captain W. C. Woollett Junior Deacon, George Singer P.M. Director of Ceremonies, H. Lindley Truman Organist, C. Beckford Inner Guard, R. C. Grant P.M. and C. W. Sawbridge Stewards, and Charles Patrick Tyler. A banquet followed the working of the Lodge, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured.

The Depute and Substitute Masters seem to be in strong favour in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East. At the harmony meeting of that body, on Saturday last, the presiding Officer proposed "The Daughter Lodges of the Province" and called upon the Masters, and in their absence their Depute or Substitute, to reply. According to Grand Lodge Law (Rule 133), the membership of a Provincial Grand Lodge is composed of its Office Bearers, Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens of the various Lodges in the Province. The Masters and Wardens are the accredited representatives of their Lodges in the Provincial Grand Lodge, while a Depute or Substitute Master has no position as such. At least one Senior Warden was put to the blush on Saturday through the error, who, when he rose to reply for his Lodge, had perforce to resume his seat and give way to the Substitute Master of his Lodge.

In Renfrewshire East, it seems, Past Substitute Provincial Grand Masters take precedence of Provincial Grand Wardens. I am aware that this is correct in processional ceremonies, where all Past Provincial Grand Officers take rank following their successors, but the Grand Lodge Constitution provides otherwise for the conduct of Provincial Grand Lodge business, and in Rule 151 it is stated that in the absence of the P.G.M. the chair shall be taken in the following order:—Depute, Substitute, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, the Master of the Senior Lodge present. If this rule is not followed it would be interesting to know how it is got over.

In the list of office-bearers Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., is nominated Grand Master. This he is, of course, and we are all proud to own it, but in a list of the Provincial Grand Officers of Renfrewshire East his title is Provincial Grand Master.

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**A** QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 30th day of January 1891, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By V. Wor. Bro. Richard Eve, Patron (P.G. Treasurer):

1. "That the word March be substituted for April in second line of revised Law No. 50."
2. "That the pension granted to Miss Hall be reduced to £50 per annum."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee:—

"That Twenty-eight Boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 10th April 1891, from an approved List of 45 Candidates."

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order, J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

London, W.C., 17th January 1891.

N.B.—Under the Revised Laws, the next General Committee or Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, 7th February, at 2 p.m., instead of four o'clock, as heretofore.

\*. The Ninety-third Anniversary Festival will be held at the end of June 1891, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

ELECTION, APRIL 1891.

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**A** QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 31st January 1891, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion as under, viz:—

By Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Yorks (W.D.), Treasurer and Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee—

"That the equivalent of £21, viz., 2 Votes, be given to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, in consideration of the Harmonium offered by them to the Institution."

By Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C. P.G. Std. Bearer, Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee—

"That in consideration of the good service rendered to the Institution by W. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., and Patron, in conducting to so successful an issue the negotiations with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, whereby amongst other advantages the funds of the Institution have been benefited to the substantial extent of £5000, and as a slight acknowledgment, the Committee recommend to the General Court that the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron be conferred on Bro. Richardson."

By Bro. W. H. SPALL, J.P., P. Assist. G.D. Cors. P. Prov. G.W. and Prov. G. cc. Shropshire, Vice Pres:—

"That 'Thursday before the second Friday' be substituted for 'Saturday following the last Friday,' in line 3 of Law 29."

"That 'Thursday immediately before' be substituted for 'Saturday immediately following' in the 4th line of same law."

"That the word 'next' in 5th line of same law be omitted, and the word 'week' be added after Saturday in same line."

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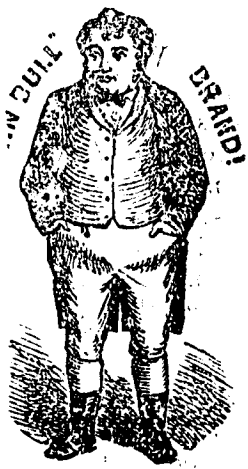
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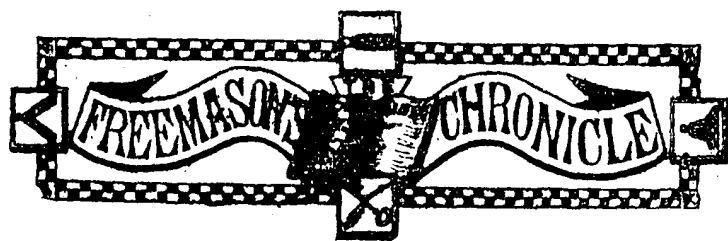
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SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY 1891.

**PRESENTATION TO LORD SALTOUN.**

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Exchange Street, Aberdeen, Lord Saltoun was presented with a finely polished granite flower vase by the various Lodges in the Province. There was a large and representative attendance of Masons. Bro. P. Crombie, who made the presentation, said they were all aware for what purpose they had met. It must be very pleasing to find that their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had taken such an interest in all that concerned Masonry in the Province. Since his appointment he had made himself so friendly, and every one felt so much at home with him that he was sure they felt not only that he was coming to them as their Provincial Grand Master, but as their particular friend. In the movement they started to have a bazaar in Aberdeen, instead of going up to Edinburgh to join the bazaar there, they knew what Lord Saltoun did for them—that he threw himself with his wonted energy into it to carry out their wishes, and that he exerted himself in every way for the advancement of that object. He was sure no one had any cause to complain of the success of that movement. He was quite sure it afforded every one of them much pleasure to find that their labours had been so amply rewarded. They were working for a good cause, and those among their own number who were indigent now, and those who might come after, had a right to profit from their exertions. They had to thank their Grand Master for assisting them on that occasion. At the end of the bazaar it was thought it would be a very good thing on the part of the Lodges that they should recognise the exertions of the Provincial Grand Master, and that they should show in some tangible form their appreciation of his services. They had asked him to present their

Master with some small token of remembrance of the bazaar, and he begged him not to look upon it so far as its intrinsic value was concerned, but as a token of their goodwill towards him. Bro. Crombie then referred to the state of Lady Saltoun's health, and the fact that they were going abroad, and that Lord Saltoun would be absent from the Province for some time, and expressed the hope that her ladyship's health by her foreign residence would be fully restored. Lord Saltoun, in reply, said that was a most unexpected and undreamt of ceremony by him—that any little labour he had undertaken should have been recognised in such a generous and handsome manner. He felt most deeply the kindness which inspired the thought in recognising what he did towards the benefit and advantage of the Provincial Lodges in Aberdeen. He should take their gift home and set it up in front of the old house at Philorth, to which some of them did him the honour to pay a short visit, and it would remain there for ever—a token of the kind feeling they had exhibited towards himself and his house; and it would also remain as a token of the regard and esteem in which he held every Masonic citizen in Aberdeen. If in any way he could devote his time to the prosperity of their Lodges, he would consider it a pleasure and a duty to him to do so. The bazaar, which was inaugurated as an auxiliary bazaar, was thoroughly well carried out. Many of them kept secret what they were doing for it; and in his eagerness to find out what they were doing, he may have been rather strict, but if anything he had done had caused any pain, he expressed regret for it. He thought most of the Frasers had quick tempers, and he was no exception to the rule. He took that opportunity of most heartily acknowledging the work that had been done by every Lodge in the Province, and which, he thought, reflected the very highest credit on the Masters, Officers, and brethren. Those who were not present in Edinburgh when their very handsome cheque was presented to the Grand Master could hardly have realised how fully their labours had been appreciated. He hoped none of them would ever need to apply for assistance to the fund, but if such a sad case did occur every Lodge in the Province must know that it had a very good claim to the Benevolent Fund in the future. He pointed that out to Sir Archibald Campbell, and he admitted it, so that, with the Grand Master at their back, any necessitous case that might arise was most likely to share in the fund which their Lodges had been so instrumental in raising. He must again thank them for the kind thought that had prompted them to offer him such a handsome gift, which he would prize most highly, not only for its beauty, but as a mark of their kind esteem. When he came among them, a Provincial Grand Master, he found that the Province was not a thoroughly united one, but the Lodges had joined together now in making it as good a Province as there was in the whole of Scotland. The vase rests on a round base of all plain, chamfered, fine axed granite. The second base is of fine moulded, polished granite. Then follows the pedestal, on which rests the vase, which is of Finzean granite, the whole being a height of about five feet, and well proportioned. It bears the following inscription:—

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A Grand auxiliary Masonic Bazaar was recently held in the Trade's Hall, Glasgow, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Provincial Grand Lodges of Glasgow, Ayrshire, Stirling, Dumbarton, Haddington, &c. It was opened by Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland (accompanied by the Hon. Lady Campbell, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Mrs. and Miss Muir, and a distinguished party). Sir Archibald and also Bro. Graham of Broadstone, Provincial Grand Master, made excellent addresses, stating the object of the bazaar, which is to raise the necessary money to form a benevolent fund for the widows and orphans of Freemasons all over Scotland, similar to the one for England; and also that the present bazaar is in connection with the grand one recently held in Edinburgh, to dispose of several van loads of unopened goods, which, from want of space, were turned away from the Waverley Market Hall. These goods were sent from all parts of the British possessions, by Freemasons and their friends, and included curios, foreign pottery, china, stuffs, beautiful specimens of embroidery from India, Africa, Ceylon, &c., for table slips, cushions, coverlids, and cloths; carved, silver, and painted goods, quaint baskets, chairs, boxes, &c. A great many stall-holders wore the picturesque dress they wore at the Edinburgh bazaar, with the distinctive colours of their counties. There were concerts at intervals, also short dramatic performances, waxworks, palmistry, and variety entertainments, in adjoining rooms. A gipsy king of mysterious surroundings proved attractive.—*The Queen.*

The *First Surrey Rifles Gazette* for the present month contains a list of long service members of the Volunteer Corps, with which the publication is more immediately connected, and in which the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, was formed in 1868. We are pleased to notice that the name of our worthy Bro. James Stevens P.M., who was the originator of the Macdonald Lodge, stands at the head of that list as an efficient private, with continuous service for 31 years up to the 1st November last. He is now the senior member of the First Surrey Rifles, a distinguished London Corps, nearly the first on the roll of those formed under the Royal Warrant of May 1859, and his comrades claim for him the position of senior effective private in the Volunteer Force then constituted. It would be interesting to Freemasons and Volunteers alike to learn if such claim could be successfully contested.

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Z. Why, old fellow, what's amiss? You look down upon your luck!

A. Oh! do I? Well, no wonder! You remember I told you I was working the testimonial racket?

Z. Yes; I remember well enough. Did'nt it gee? Didn't you get it up?

A. Of course I got it up; made a grand success of it, too. But I wish I had never touched the darned thing. (With great heat) I do hate ingratitude!

Z. (Soothingly) Naturally. Well, old fellow, tell us all about it.

A. (Confidentially) So I will; but (dubiously) we were all cautioned by the Right Wonderful Chief Jack Plane not to hold any communication with you fellows; not to nod to you in the street; and to return unopened any letters you might address to us, unless you could assure us that there was nothing in them about Free Carpentry or Free Joinery.

Z. Eh? Stop! How on earth could we assure you about that if you never opened our letters?

A. (Impatiently) Oh, I don't know; but those were the orders. We were also told that it was the proper thing to seize all your tool baskets and tool chests, and convert them to our own use.

Z. That's rather shady morality, isn't it? But tell us your grievance.

A. Well, you remember that picnic your folks had, when a lot of you pitched into two of our noble cousins—the Rather Wonderful Pen and Pencil Bearers?

Z. Remember? I should think I do remember! But mind you this, your precious Rather Wonderful Pen and Pencil Bearers were not "pitched into" (as you call it) half enough. Didn't they put forth a set of plans and specifications that were so utterly wrong as to be no better than a swindle? And didn't one of these Rather Wonderful Pen and Pencil Bearers do all he knew to start our Independent Order of Free Joiners, and declare that he wanted to do away with the antiquated Free Carpenters; and then, when he had committed his cousins all round him to the new departure, didn't he in a most cowardly way back out, and return to the old set? "Pitched into" indeed! I can tell you they were *let off!* But I am interrupting your tale. Go on!

A. Well, soon after your picnic, the Somewhat Wonderful Chief Chisel came to me, and asked me if I would go round to all the Most Wonderful, the Rather Wonderful, and the Somewhat Wonderful Cousins, and get them to sign a testimonial of respect to the two Pen and Pencil Bearers that you folks had so terribly maligned. I replied that it wasn't good enough, for these two cousins had done the very things they were charged with. Said he, "Pooh! that was only done 'officially.' You go round with the testimonial, and work it up well, as you know how, and it will be a good thing for you; for you will get so much for every name appended." "Ah!" said I, "that's a very different thing. Put it upon a business basis, and I'm your man." So round I went, and got a lot of names. Some put their names down at once without reading; others took a good deal of persuading. To some of these I would say, "You know it doesn't commit you to anything, and it will put money into my pocket." That fetched them. Then I would say airily to another, "We are getting up a little testimonial of respect to Rather Wonderful Cousins So-and-so (keeping out all debatable matter, you twig?) I suppose I may put your name down?" "Oh! I suppose so," he would reply; and so down went his name. I can tell you that there is a good deal of smartness wanted in the testimonial business.

Z. (Drily) Evidently!

A. Well, would you believe it? When the whole thing was over, and the testimonial had been presented, and settling-up time came, the Somewhat Wonderful Chief Chisel knocked twenty-five per cent. discount off my bill! Twenty-five per cent.! Giving as excuses that the affair had cost a lot of money, and that one of the Rather Wonderful Cousins had had to go round himself to cadge for signatures. I can tell you I have had enough of such a mean crowd. Tell you what: I'll come over to your folks, bless if I don't.

Z. Hm! I scarcely think that there would be any room amongst us for the exercise of your peculiar talents. Bye-bye!—*New Zealand Craftsman.*

**PERSONAL STATISTICS.**—The oldest Cabinet Minister is Viscount Cranbrook, G.C.S.I., Lord President of the Council, aged 76; the youngest is the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, aged 42. The oldest Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council is the Right Hon. Sir James Bacon, Knt., aged 92; the youngest, the Duke of Portland, aged 33. The oldest Duke is the Duke of Cleveland, K.G., aged 87; the youngest H.R.H. the Duke of Albany (a minor), aged 6. The oldest Marquis is the Marquis of Northampton K.G., aged 72; the youngest, the Marquis Camden (a minor), aged 18. The oldest Earl is the Earl of Albemarle (who is the oldest Peer of the realm), aged 91; the youngest is the Earl of Dalhousie (a minor), aged 12. The oldest Viscount is Lord Arbutnot, aged 84; the youngest Viscount Torrington (a minor), aged 4. The oldest Baron is Baron Ebury, aged 89; the youngest, Lord O'Hagan (a minor), aged 12. The oldest Member of the House of Commons is the Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, M.P. for the Southern Division of the Borough of Wolverhampton, aged 89; the youngest, Lord Walter Charles Gordon-Lennox, M.P. for the Chichester Division of the county of Sussex, aged 25. The oldest Judge in England is the Right Hon. Lord Esber, Master of the Rolls,

aged 75; the youngest, the Hon. Sir Arthur Charles, D.C.L., of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court, aged 52. The oldest Judge in Ireland is the Hon. John FitzHenry Townsend, LL.D., of the Court of Admiralty, aged 80; the youngest, the Rt. Hon. John Geo. Gibson, of the Queen's Bench Division, aged 45. The oldest of the Scotch Lords of Session is the Right Hon. John Inglis (Lord Glen-corse), Lord Justice General, aged 80; the youngest, the Hon. Moir Tod Stormonth Darling (Lord Stormonth Darling), aged 46. The oldest Prelate of the Church of England is the Right Rev. Richard Durnford, D.D., Lord Bishop of Chichester, aged 88; the youngest, the Right Rev. Alfred George Edwards, D.D., Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, aged 41. The oldest prelate of the Church of Ireland is the Most Rev. Robt. Bent Knox, DD., Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, aged 83; the youngest, the Right Rev. Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D., Bishop of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, aged 56. The oldest Prelate of the Scotch Episcopal Church is the Right Rev. Charles Wordsworth, D.D., Bishop of St. Andrews, aged 84; the youngest, the Right Rev. James Robert A. Chinnery-Haldane, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, aged 49. The oldest Baronet is the Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, of Newlands, Arborfield, Berks, aged 91; the youngest, Sir Stewkley F. Draycott Shuckburgh (a minor), of Shuckburgh, Warwickshire, aged 10. The oldest Knight is Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, G.C.B., the senior Admiral of the Fleet, of Funtington House, near Chichester, aged 99; the youngest, Sir Henry Beyer Robertson, of Palé, Merionethshire, aged 28.—*Who's Who in 1891.*

**THE COMING RACE.**—The arrangements for the Society Fete bearing this title in joint aid of the West End Hospital and of the School of Massage, which is to be held in the Royal Albert Hall are approaching completion. It has been decided to hold a Festival Dinner, to which ladies will be admitted. The Fete will be opened on 4th March, for four days. The "Hall of Glands," otherwise the Café Chantant, will be undertaken by the Marchioness of Waterford. The Countess of Warwick and Lady Brassey have consented to assist at the Fete, also Lady Macdonald, Lady Isabella Keane, Lady Filmer, and numerous others already announced. The importance of the above charity may be estimated by the fact that the attendances of patients last year exceeded by 2,600 that of any other Hospital for paralysis in Great Britain.

**GENERAL INFORMATION.**—At a recent examination of schoolboys for scholarships amounting to £200, one of the papers was framed for the purpose of ascertaining the general knowledge of candidates, and the reading of some of the answers to the questions which had been set by the inspector caused much amusement. "Liberal" was described as a great many people trying to have Home Rule for Ireland. Another wrote: Liberal and Conservative means that English people elect their members by colours—blue and red. Blue means Liberal, red Conservative." Miss Florence Nightingale was described as "a lovely singer"; another said she was "one of the most beautiful singers in the world, and was called the Swedish Nightingale; she died not long ago." The School Board was described as "a union of schools, and people have to pay so much in the pound to keep it up." Strikes were explained as "Men trying to rule their masters." The Prime Minister of to-day was written as "Gladstone," and the Leader of the Opposition as "Mr. Parnell." Of Lord Wolseley one wrote: "He was a Cardinal. He is now dead"; and another said: "He fought in the battle of Trafalgar." It seems, therefore, that there is a real need for general information amongst the coming race who will rule the destinies of this country; and perhaps the want is not confined to that section alone of Her Majesty's subjects. The new work which will make its appearance at the end of this month, under the title of "Cassell's Storehouse of General Information," seems, therefore, opportune. It aims at being a thoroughly reliable work on every branch of "General Information," written by men who are practically acquainted with the subjects of which they treat, fully illustrated with wood engravings, and furnished with maps and coloured plates. With Part I. (ready 26th January) will be given a series of Four large Coloured Plates, illustrating Botany, Geology, Physiology, and Architecture.

"Devonians in London" are now becoming such a potent reality that they are seeking new worlds to conquer. One of the announcements made at the extremely successful smoking concert held the other night, and one that evoked unbounded enthusiasm, was that in which the chairman unfolded the plans of the future, embracing as they do the formation of a Devonian Club, and also a project for a Masonic Lodge. The club project has long been under consideration, but the Masonic Lodge is a new idea, and one, moreover, which there will be but little difficulty in carrying out. The men of Devon, when at home, are strong Freemasons, and they ought to be able to form a very compact and useful Lodge in London. The policy of the Grand Lodge has been for some years to encourage the formation of class, and what I may call community, Lodges—a policy, by the way, somewhat the reverse of that which was at one time pursued. If imitation be, as we are told, the sincerest form of flattery, Devonians in London may consider themselves very much flattered, for not only has Cornwall followed in their wake, but the men of other counties are now talking of a similar organisation.—*Bristol Times.*

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, qui sey, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

## THE THEATRES, &amp;c.

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**Princess's.**—Few of Shakespeare's plays lend themselves more readily for theatrical display than "Antony and Cleopatra," and Mrs. Langtry has spared no expense in trying to rival, if not surpass, the gorgeous mounting with which Charles Kean invested the tragedy of Sardanapalus on the boards of the old Princess's theatre, now many years ago. The scene painters, costume makers and ballet masters are no longer allowed to follow their own sweet wills and imaginations; archaeologists, artists, and musical composers are now consulted, in order that a faithful representation of the buildings, garments, manners and customs of the ancients may be presented to a more educated and more exacting people. In the present revival the Hon. Lewis Wingfield has undertaken the task of producing the play in accordance with the history of the time, and has acquitted himself admirably. The old Egyptian court is accurately reproduced, and even real negroes are engaged for mere supernumerary parts, while Romans of all grades bring to life the ancient capital of the world. The result is a magnificent panorama, with which the student cannot fail to be pleased. In attempting the part of Cleopatra, Mrs. Langtry must be said to have ventured beyond her depth, still it is evident that she has been well instructed in the various phases of the character, though she presents the womanly rather than the queenly side of "The Serpent of Old Nile." Her scenes with Antony are well conceived from this point of view, and are full of tenderness; her interview with Cæsar is not wanting in dignity, and taken altogether she is a highly picturesque figure in the midst of splendid surroundings. Mr. Coghlan represents Antony according to the old theatrical traditions, and gives a commendable performance. Mr. F. Kemble Cooper might impart greater force to his impersonation of Octavius Cæsar, but he speaks his lines well. The old training of Mr. Arthur Stirling as Enobarbus, and Mr. Henry Loraine as Proculeius stands them in good stead, and causes their small parts to become prominent. Of the numerous other characters it will suffice to mention the Octavia of Miss Frances Ivor, the Charmian of Miss Amy McNeill, the Eros of Mr. Charles Burleigh, and the Lepidas of Mr. P. C. Beverley. We must also note the scholarly music specially composed by Mr. Edward Jakobowski; and the pleasing allegorical interlude representing the Conflict between Day and Night that takes place in the third Act.

The prices of admission to the several parts of the Globe Theatre, which were augmented by the late management, have been reduced by Mr. Norman Forbes to the standard which formerly obtained at this house.

The Fourteenth Annual Stanley Cycle Show, open at the Crystal Palace from the 23rd to the 31st inst., is far more attractive and interesting than any of its predecessors, several novel features being introduced. Perhaps the greatest novelty of the year is the improvements in the manufacture of tyres. Mr. E. R. Shipton, Secretary to the Cyclists' Tourist Club, will, on Monday evening next, read a paper on this important subject, sections of the various tyres being shown on the screen by means of Lantern slides. This paper will be followed on Tuesday evening by an open discussion. Another striking feature of this year's show is a practical illustration of cycle-making by means of machinery, in full work. There are over a thousand specimen machines on view, and these are supplemented by a great loan collection of ancient, curious, and modern types of cycles. Every branch of the cycle industry is well represented. Arrangements are made for Home-Trauer, Handicap and Lantern Entertainments, Smoking Concert, &c. During the Stanley Show the Grand Pantomime, "Whittington and his Cat," which has achieved an unprecedented success, will be performed every afternoon, and also on the evenings of Saturday, 24th January, 27th Tuesday, 29th Thursday, and 31st Saturday.

Bro. Richard Warner, on Monday last, had the pleasure of entertaining, at his new residence, 61 Clapham Road, on the occasion of his 35th birthday, the following gentlemen:—Bros. Fred. Binckes, Hogard, Hurvey, J. Hitchins, G. A. Farni, H. Barnato, U. Warner, Sam Adams, Chas. Brighten, Capt. W. T. Purkiss, Capt. Warren Wright, Payne, Wake, Meudelsobn, J. Somers, Romano, Imro Fox, Mason, Allen, Pettingill, &c.

At Edinburgh recently, for the benefit of the Freemasons, the daring experiment was made of trying Ibsen on a Scotch audience. According to all the critics, the experiment was a success as unqualified as it was artistic. Anyhow, it is to be repeated on the 27th in London. The Helmer is to be, as in the north, Mr. Forbes Drummond, a lineal descendant of Ben Jonson's friend William of Hawthornden. Miss Elizabeth Robins is the Mrs. Lindon, and Miss Mary Jocelyn the Ellen. The new Nora is a Scotch-looking young lady with rather tousled hair, grey eyes, strongly-marked features, an almost imperceptible Scotch accent, and any amount of enthusiasm and earnestness.

The members of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, gave a ball on the 7th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, North Walsham. The ball room was most tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, &c., by Mr. Charles Holborn, of Norwich. The floor was in excellent condition for dancing, and there was a very large attendance of the elite of the town and neighbourhood. Bro. Henry Perfect, the proprietor of the hotel, provided supper and refreshments, in his usual first class style, and made every arrangement for the comfort of the guests of the Lodge.

The annual ball for the benefit of the Masonic Charities took place in the Victoria Hall, Dewsbury Town Hall, on the 2nd inst., and despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance. Supper was served in the Exchange Hall. The caterer was Mrs. Bailey, and the wines were supplied by Messrs. Fearon and Son. The halls used were decorated with plants, &c., by Mr. Balance, florist. There was an excellent band, viz., that of Mr. P. Robinson, of Cleckheaton.

## NEW ZEALAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the first held in Auckland, took place on the 18th November, in the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Street. The event had been looked forward to with great interest, and there was a gathering of the brethren from all parts of the district to represent the individual Lodges who have given in adherence to the new Constitution. The whole of Auckland and suburbs, as well as the Thames and Waikato, were fully represented, and when the Grand Master took his seat in the East he was able to see an excellent hall, a crowded Lodge, busy workers, and earnest Masons. There were 195 brethren accounted for, but there must have been many others present, and the capacity of the hall was fully taxed.

The Officers of Grand Lodge present were Bros. Thomson Grand Master, Russell Deputy G.M., Gillon P.G.M., Niccol Grand Superintendent, Dr. Boor S.W., Franklin J.W., Mulgan Chaplain, Murray acting Treasurer, Rev. W. Ronaldson Secretary, Cooper acting Secretary, Craig S.D., Edgescombe J.D., Powley Dir. of Cera., Page Sword Bearer, Kidd Pursuivant, Tewsley, Logan, Vispe and Hewson Stewards, Tonge Tyler.

The Grand Master opened with an address, and in the course of his speech he alluded to the action of Lord Onslow in trying to heal the present breach, in terms of the highest praise and appreciation. The routine Lodge business followed. The roll of Lodges was called, and the response was almost universal. The reports from the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Treasurer's balance, &c., were read. The Board of General Purposes, in their report, referred to the opening of the Pahiataua and Danevirke Lodges, and to the consecration of a hall for the Scinde Lodge at Napier.

Letters were received from the Grand Lodges of Victoria, Tasmania, and the Grand Orient of Italy, according cordial recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and resolutions were passed according the fraternal thanks of the New Zealand Grand Lodge to these Grand Lodges. Bro. Pike P.P.G.M. was, by request of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge, appointed to represent that body at the New Zealand Grand Lodge. Bro. Robinson P.G.S. was appointed to represent the Grand Orient of Italy, and Bro. Hammerton to represent the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

A resolution of sympathy was accorded to Brother Forrest W.M. of Ponsonby Lodge, on the treatment he had received from the Scottish P.G. Lodge, and a similar vote of sympathy was tendered to the Lodge Otago for the treatment they had received from the English Constitution.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Grand Superintendents of districts for their various services and the valuable reports which they had furnished.

The Grand Lodge Communication having been closed the brethren re-assembled in the lower hall where refreshments were spread, which at that time were thoroughly appreciable.

"The Vectis Lodge of Peace and Concord, constituted 23rd May 1796, as No. 554, met at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Newport, and was erased, the warrant being returned for want of members attending, 2nd Jan. 1838. The Chapter of the same name was constituted 1811. The present Masonic Lodge at Newport, No. 151, Albany, was constituted 8th May 1801. The Albany Chapter was constituted 8th May 1822. The Lodge of Concord, Southampton, was constituted 1st July 1755, and erased 1813."—*Hampshire Independent*.

On Wednesday, 7th inst., a Masonic Temple, erected on the Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man, by Bro. G. C. Heron P. Prov. D.G.M. of the Province, was opened with full Masonic honours. A meeting of the Athole, No. 1004, the oldest Lodge in the Island, was held in the new rooms, and afterwards a grand banquet, attended by all the principal Masons of the Island, at the invitation of Bro. Heron, took place. A pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

The eminent Masonic historian and archaeologist, of whom it is safe to say that he is one of the most beloved and respected members of the Craft in the West of England, if not, indeed, throughout the English Constitution, as well as across the waters, where his works are as highly prized as they are in his native land, has so far recovered from his recent illness, that he was able to contribute some excellent articles to the Christmas number of the *Freemason*. Bro. Hughan writes an historical sketch of the Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, the original No. 3. With the sketch is given a fac-simile, which requires no translation, which is sometimes necessary, even with English MSS., of the Dunckerley letter in the possession of the Lodge of Friendship. Bro. Hughan's second contribution is shorter and of more general interest, being a biographical notice of the Right Hon. the Earl of Moira, Marquess of Hastings, one of the most popular and beloved rulers, as well as one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft, who was A.G.M. in England, 47th Grand Master of Scotland, and for a time acting Grand Master in India, where his lordship held the appointment of Governor-General. An excellent photomezzotype portrait of Earl Moira accompanies the sketch, and the plate is practically the feature of the number, which, however, contains much other matter of interest, including tales and sketches, that make it a very desirable Masonic memento.

—*Western Daily Mercury*.

On Thursday, 8th inst., a grand ball was held in the Town Hall, Buxton, in aid of the Masonic Charities. The ball, which was numerously attended, was promoted by the members of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, and the Buxton Lodge, No. 1688. The Pavilion orchestra supplied the music, and Bro. Lane, of the King's Head Hotel, the refreshments.



## 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, 24th January.

1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
143 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meetham  
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

## Monday, 26th January.

4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
28 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
902 Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
1616 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.  
42 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1745 Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1828 Shepherds Bush, Ladbrook Hall, Notting Hill  
R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.

48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead  
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge  
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury  
999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1177 Tonby, Tenby, Pembroke  
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
R.A. 310 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
R.A. 1205 Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse  
R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare  
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton  
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## Tuesday, 27th January.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
141 Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street  
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.  
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel  
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.  
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly  
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton

126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Birnley  
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon  
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford  
414 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen  
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden  
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton  
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, S. Albans  
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidhead  
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1638 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1799 Arnold, Dorling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze  
1923 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham  
R.A. 91 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover  
R.A. 418 Staffordshire Knot, F.M.H., Haney  
M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
K.T. 114 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Leeds

## Wednesday, 28th January.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.  
751 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham  
898 Temperance in the East, Newby Place, Poplar  
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.  
1769 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1418 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria  
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
2332 Boro' of Greenwich William IV., E. Greenwich  
R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury  
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe  
123 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston  
274 Tranquillity, Bour's Head Inn, Newchurch  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
363 Keysone, New Inn, Whitworth  
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley

606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
721 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton  
996 Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1083 Towndley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester  
1243 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge  
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk  
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwaite  
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1797 Southdown, Hustlerpoint, Sussex  
1933 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset  
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton

R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncombe Street, York  
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle  
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester  
M.M. 373 Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston  
K.T. Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

## Thursday, 29th January.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H., 4  
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.  
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hasingdon  
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport  
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley  
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoeburyness  
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
R.A. 116 Cann, Swan Hotel, Colne  
R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
R.A. 266 Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood  
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth  
R.A. 307 Good Intent, White Horse, Hebdon Bridge  
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

## Friday, 30th January.

Quarterly Gen. Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
K.T. 26 Faith and Fidelity, Cannon St. Hotel, E.C.  
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes  
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
R.A. 712 St. James's, Masonic Hall, Louth  
R.A. 945 Abbey, Council Chamb. Abingdon

## Saturday, 31st January.

Quarterly Gen. Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
1462 Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 24th 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  
1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

## Monday, 26th January.

32 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
514 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, Gauden 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, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30  
1517 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30  
1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1698 Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1923 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1744 Perseverance, Deacons' Tavern, Wulbrook, 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, 27th January.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.  
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
1-8 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
212 Euphrates, Mather Red Cap, Cannon Town, 8  
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8

551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maid Hill,  
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30  
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8  
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
1416 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8  
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
1638 Brownrigg, 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 Surbiton, 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, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

## Wednesday, 28th 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 Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,  
223 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
761 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30  
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,  
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8  
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30  
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8  
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30

1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
1791 Creaton, 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, Hoe Street, Walthamstow  
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
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144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8  
704 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8  
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe 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  
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30  
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30  
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8

1613 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30  
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30  
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9  
M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall  
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7:30

## Friday, 30th January.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8  
453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha, Station Rd., Loughton, 7:30  
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley Road, N.W., 8  
749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8  
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766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8  
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
1229 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8  
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7:30  
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
1612 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumanc Rd., Peckham, 8  
2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7:30  
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.  
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Post., Charlotte Street, 8  
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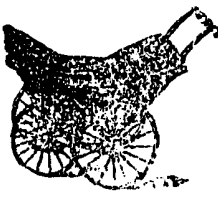
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