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DISAPPOINTED YOUNGSTERS.

IT is well known that in matters of Freemasonry, as with many outside subjects, the growing generation is fired with a desire to commence operations where their fathers or other relatives leave off. They are not content to begin, as their ancestors did, at the lowest rung of the ladder, but strive to win the highest distinctions at first. They join the Lodge of which their father or other relative is a Past Master, with the idea that he will have the power of pushing them forward for rapid promotion; that they will in fact soon rise to the dignity of Master, and be spared what they are pleased to term the drudgery of the minor offices. They have learned to regard any station in Freemasonry but that of Past Master as shewing inferiority, and their one aim seems to be to "pass the chair," and strut about as full fledged Masters in the Craft. Unfortunately for this class Freemasonry does not recognise any royal road to promotion, and the consequence is the world just now contains a fair number of these disappointed youngsters, who are not slow to criticise the actions of their elders, who have failed to recognise their superior abilities, and have even gone so far as to enforce a regular system of routine progress before allowing them to don the levels of Freemasonry.

It is particularly fortunate for the Masonic Order that this state of affairs exists, for it would be nothing short of a calamity if a general system of favouritism were to be introduced, and made to influence the annual appointment of Lodge Officers. Young men may be quite as efficient as older ones in the work of Freemasonry, but the general principles of the Craft necessitate a certain amount of knowledge for the leaders of its Lodges, and the knowledge necessary can only be acquired by experience. The regulations of the Craft fully recognise this principle, when they make it compulsory that every candidate for the Master's chair must have served the office of Warden for at least twelve months in some regular Lodge, and it is even questionable if some further enactments in this direction—affecting some of the minor offices—would not be desirable. The chief argument to be used against the need for such a limitation is, that the majority of the Craft already recognise the system of gradual development or promotion, and that there is really no necessity to make the matter penal, but it is an item which should be fully explained to young aspirants, who, for want of knowledge on the point, frequently become disappointed and bitter against the men with whom they come in contact. Besides which, it creates an undesirable opinion in the minds of strangers when they hear that so-and-so is about to join his father's Lodge, and is to be put into high office as soon as he has gone through the three degrees. Of course, sensible individuals will understand how much reliance is to be placed on such remarks, but in any case their utterance is not desirable.

A few months back a young man of our acquaintance was strong in expressions of the character we have referred to, and was boasting in our presence that he was about to join a Lodge where he would be sure of early promotion to a Warden's chair,—“at least.” We ventured to warn him not to be too sanguine, but he was ready with the answer that nearly all the present members of the Lodge were Past Masters, and did not therefore want office for themselves. His relative, who was to introduce him, would see that he was advanced at an early date, and he was talking of what he would do when he was Master of the Lodge. We still advised him to consider matters from a different point of view, and then forgot the circumstance, until a few weeks back we were told that this young man had joined the Lodge, had discovered the fallacy of his anticipations, and was accusing us of having set the members of the Lodge against him, and thereby prevented his appointment to the office he had made so certain of securing. We can only assure our young friend we are innocent of any interference; as we have said, we had forgotten the matter altogether, until reminded of it by hearing the charge made against us. We have since found out our experience is not wholly exceptional, while it seems to be generally recognised that very wild ideas exist as to what is possible in the way of rapid promotion through family influence. We can only repeat that Freemasonry recognises nothing of the sort, and that any who join its ranks with the idea of being pitchforked into office will in every probability regret the step. They must not forget, however, that they have only themselves to blame for their misfortune, or whatever else they may choose to term it.

THE NEW HALL AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

IT has been announced during the week that, in view of the many applications for admission to witness the opening of the New Hall of the Masonic Institution for Girls—which ceremony will be performed by the Prince of Wales—and the limited space available for visitors, the Committee have decided to limit the disposal of tickets to those brethren who will act as Stewards at the next Festival. This may prove a very good way of securing one or two additional names for the list of 1891, but it is a poor way of expressing gratitude for favours already received. We should have thought those who provided the funds for the enlargement should have had the first opportunity of witnessing its completion, but the Committee, in the exercise of their judgment, decree otherwise. Gratitude in this case certainly seems to take the form of an anticipation of favours to come, and perhaps, it may be more desirable to enlist the support of new Stewards in order to maintain the New Hall rather than encourage those by whose exertions its erection has been possible. Let us hope that before the time comes for the

actual ceremony sufficient accommodation will be found for all those wishing to attend from among the large number whose contributions have made the New Hall a possibility, else we anticipate a strong expression of disapproval from those especially interested. The new Stewards will have ample opportunity of viewing the extensions at the time of their annual visit, on the occasion of the distribution of prizes, and this should certainly have been taken into consideration by those who control the management of affairs. In this case the arrangements have certainly been based on a very unsatisfactory conception.

The Lord Mayor, with the Sheriffs, and several Grand Officers of English Freemasons of the year, have accepted an invitation from the Worshipful Master of the Alliance Lodge to visit the brethren on the 11th prox. A guard of honour will be furnished for the occasion by a detachment of the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment, which is expected to turn out particularly smart and wearing their new helmets. Colonel T. Davies Sewell has given instructions that the men detailed for the duty are to be specially selected. The Guards, with the band and drums of the regiment will, by special permission, assemble in the Guildhall.

The first ladies' night in connection with the Gallery Lodge of Freemasons was held on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. W. T. Perkins the Worshipful Master presiding. Bro. Edward Torry Past Grand Treasurer was among the visitors who sat down to dinner with ladies and the members of the Lodge, and the well-known comedian took part in the musical entertainment which followed. Valuable aid was also volunteered by Madame Clark, Miss Henderson, Miss Devina Henderson, Miss Woodward, Mr. Merton Clark, and Mr. James Walker. A Cinderella dance brought a very successful evening to a close.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 5th inst. There was a large attendance, about 400 Masons being present. In the absence of the Grand Master Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythwood, Bart., M.P., the chair was occupied by the Grand Master Depute the Earl of Haddington. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Colonel Campbell, Perth, as Grand Junior Warden. Amongst the others present were:—Bros. James Berry Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, George Christie Grand Director of Ceremonies, Stirling; Rev. W. E. Hall Acting Grand Chaplain, Colonel Stirling of Kippendavie, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of the Bahamas, David Hume Past Grand Bible Bearer, Kirkcaldy. A statement was submitted of the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 27th November last, with the Auditor's report thereon. From the former it appeared that after giving effect to the sum of £3,000 written off as depreciation on the value of buildings, as authorised by Grand Committee, the funds and estate of Grand Lodge amounted to £29,931. The income for the year had been £4,913 and the expenditure £2,268, showing an excess of income to the extent of £2,645. The income included £1,582 of fees for 5,557 entrants and affiliations, and £1,423 for 5,692 diplomas, and other sums making up £3,698 of Masonic fees and £1,089 of rents. The income for the two months of this year had been £1,260 and the expenditure £347, showing an excess of £913, compared with £782 for the same period last year. An abstract of accounts of the Annuity Fund for the year showed that the capital amounted to £3,985, that the income (including £697 from Grand Lodge), had been £1,129 and the expenditure £622. The excess of income was £500, making the capital account £4,492; and to this will be added £1,322 as the half of the free income of Grand Lodge for last year. The accounts of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed an income of £758, and expenditure of £701, including £640 specially voted to distressed Masons, or the widows of Masons, so that the funds and estate have been increased from £6,784 to £6,881. A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Forfarshire, Bro. Provost Anderson, reporting that during the past year twenty-three of the Lodges in the Province had been visited by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. James Berry, and two by his Substitute Bro. A. D. Lowson, and were all found in a very healthy and satisfactory condition, and working in strict conformity to the Constitution and laws of Grand Lodge. Grand Secretary reported that His Grace the Duke of Fife had resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Banffshire, and that he had requested the Lodges in the Province to recommend a competent brother for appointment to the office. On the recommendation of Grand Committee, a charter was granted to Lodge Strathendrick, Killearn, Stirlingshire. Thereafter Bro. James Muir, Uddingston, moved a resolution of which he had given notice, but modified, to the effect that the powers presently vested in Provincial Grand Masters to choose and appoint by commission the Wardens of

Provincial Grand Lodges be repealed, and that it be enacted that such office-bearers shall be elected annually by Provincial Grand Lodges. After discussion, this was carried by 221. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of members of Grand Committee. There were eighteen candidates for twelve vacancies, and the new members were Bros. G. Christie, Stirling, Hugh R. Wallace of Cloncaird Castle, Maybole, J. M. Campbell, Glasgow, J. Muir, Uddingston, and C. M. Pelham Barn, Edinburgh, in place of Bros. Abbott and Falconer, Edinburgh, R. Davison, Glasgow, W. Black, Falkirk, and C. Harding, Paisley.

A NEW HALL FOR WADEBRIDGE.

THE brethren of Wadebridge and district held a festival on the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall in connection with Lodge Molesworth, No. 1954 Wadebridge. It was only in 1882 that Bro. R. Jones and half-a-dozen more energetic Masons decided on getting a Masonic Lodge founded at Wadebridge, and their labours were rewarded in February of the following year by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe the P.G.M. consecrating Lodge Molesworth, in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren. From the first the Lodge has been most successful, seeming, if possible, to become more prosperous under each successive Master. It can now boast of a muster-roll of sixty—a very creditable thing. The meetings have been held, from the formation of the Lodge, in a room attached to Bro. Bonney's Commercial Hotel; and, although most convenient so far as it went, the brethren have for some time felt that it was their duty to have a temple or Lodge-room of their own. Accordingly a few of the enterprising brethren decided on taking the initiative, and Bro. W. Lucy was elected Chairman and Treasurer of a strong committee to carry out this object, and they soon found that they had the support of the brethren generally. A site was purchased in Mr. Cleeve's field on the south side of the railway station, which is being laid out for building purposes, and Mr. W. T. Martyn Mear, of Wadebridge, F.S.A., son of an old Freemason of No. 39, Exeter, was asked to draw up the necessary plans and specifications. This was accordingly done by Mr. Mear, whose hands were somewhat tied by the fact that he had to design a building the total cost of which, with the land, was not to exceed £300. The plans were accepted, and Mr. John Paul and Bro. John Goodfellow, the outgoing W.M. of the Lodge, entrusted with the work. The building will be erected of local stone, with brick dressings, and is expected to be completed early in September.

THE "BON REPOS" SOIREE AND DANCE.

WE, in company with a large circle of Masonic friends and acquaintances of Bro. Hooper and his wife, attended at the Mowarch Hotel, Hornsey Road, on Wednesday last, to celebrate the birthday of their daughter. The company, which numbered something between 60 and 70, were received by their host and hostess in good old fashioned style. The first part of the evening's entertainment took a musical turn, and amongst the ladies and gentlemen who assisted were Miss Alice Parker, Miss Kellaway, Mrs. Wootton, Mrs. Hooper, and Miss Hooper, Master F. Hooper, Messrs. Carnook, Bird, J. Freeman, Makings, W. Moore, S. Fuller, W. W. Morgan, W. Brittan, J. Brittan, &c. These ladies and gentlemen all exerted themselves most energetically, and it is out of no disrespect to them that we do not individualize their efforts. We will content ourselves with naming Miss Hooper and Miss Kellaway, as especially deserving of praise. Both these ladies are young, and we prognosticate that both will in time make a mark in the musical world. After the concert a *récherché* supper was supplied, and justice was done to the tasty viands provided. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, as host and hostess, well sustained their roles as My Lord and Lady Bountiful, while Mr. W. W. Morgan made an efficient chairman. The toast of the evening was the health of the little lady whose Birthday the guests had met to celebrate, and she was made the recipient of many elegant presents. When the cloth was cleared, dancing was commenced, and this was kept up in spirited fashion until the short hours were past, and the long ones well in sight. Before leaving, Bro. Hooper and his wife were both toasted, and the guests one and all expressed their approval of the way in which the entertainment had been conceived and carried out. In addition to those already mentioned, the following ladies and gentlemen were present:—Mr. and Miss Kellaway, Mr. W. W. Davis and Miss Thorn, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Davis jun., Mr. and Miss Fiander, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, the Misses Sachs, Dr. Hindbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Lampson, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Hillingsworth, Mr. G. Reynolds, Miss Morgan, &c., &c.

"THE COMING RACE."—Owing to Her Majesty's Drawing Room which has been fixed for 4th March, the committee of "The Coming Race" have decided to defer the opening of the fête till the following day, 5th March; in order to enable their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg to perform the opening ceremony.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particularly in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with base matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We have been requested to insert the following letter:—

To the Editor of the Freemason.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the early part of the year 1890 you were good enough to publish two letters of mine, on the subject of the Grand Lodge movement in New Zealand, in which I commented on the illegal measures resorted to, and the usurpation of power by Bro. T. S. Graham, the District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, &c., to crush the movement. The earlier of my two letters was, however, rendered practically pointless by your non-publication of the correspondence accompanying it. I regret that you have not since referred to the matter, either in approval or disapproval of the District Grand Master's action, as it is one of the most striking incidents in the movement. I wrote again at a later date, commenting on a speech made by the District Grand Master in defence of his action, but as my letter has neither been published nor acknowledged in your columns, I fear it must have been mislaid by you. I am moved again to write to you because I see, from articles in your numbers of 9th and 16th August, you have reopened the question. I shall not now attempt in any way to argue in justification of the establishment of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but will merely attempt to show that, if practical unanimity has not been attained, and if Masonic schism exists, some part of the responsibility for this unhappy state of affairs lies with the District Grand Masters (especially with Bro. T. S. Graham), with the Grand Secretary of England, and indirectly with the Grand Lodge of England. It is universally admitted that in a country such as one of our self-governing colonies the Craft, by act of the Lodges, has the right of establishing a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England has affirmed that right in the cases of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, by cordially granting its recognition to the Grand Lodges so formed therein. One of the conditions to be observed in the establishment of a Grand Lodge before it obtains recognition, has over and over again been emphatically stated by the Grand Lodge of England to be that the Lodges must have given their consent to its creation. It therefore follows that the Grand Lodge of England recognises the right of Lodges to discuss a resolution on the subject, as it is only by the passing of resolutions in open Lodge that Lodges can give their consent, and therefore the New Zealand Lodges were not transgressing the law when they considered such resolutions. It further follows that any Officer, either Grand Master or District Grand Master who, without being so empowered by the English Constitution, issues a mandate forbidding the discussion of the question by Lodges, usurps powers not belonging to him, and infringes the privileges of the Lodges. Now, Bro. T. S. Graham did issue mandates against the Lodges of his District discussing the question of the establishment of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and fortified his position by the statement in District Grand Lodge (held 18th November 1889) that the Grand Secretary of England had written to him, stating that discussion in open Lodges on the subject was not to be allowed. Thus, although the Grand Lodge of England has, as I have pointed out above, affirmed the right of the Lodges to discuss a certain question, the District Grand Master of Otago, and the Grand Secretary of England declare that it is illegal to do so. Who can explain away the inconsistency? The Grand Lodge of England has assumed the responsibility by its silence, and we are therefore supposed to accept the two conflicting doctrines that Lodges must approve of the establishment of a new Grand Lodge to render it a legal body, and that Lodges must be prevented from using the only means which they possess of expressing approval. Absurdity cannot further go, and if the consequences had not been a terrible rendering of Masonic good feeling, and a schism in the Craft, the illogical position of the Grand Lodge of England would be laughable. The Grand Lodge of England has much to answer for in the present unhappy state of Masonry in New Zealand. The position it has always taken up in respect to movements on the part of its own Lodges for independence is a most unsatisfactory one. If conservatism, or a policy of do-nothing, had not been too strong in it, it would long ago have adopted the American rule that Lodges in a Colony or Province must obtain the consent of their parents before attempting to erect a Grand Lodge, and that, thereafter, if a Grand Lodge is successfully established all the Lodges must fall into line. England, however, refuses to advise in the first instance, then allows her officials to usurp powers detrimental to Masonic feeling without reprimand, and then finally refuses to recognise the new Grand Lodge because a minority of Lodges have not disobeyed the mandates of those officials. The American rule works admirably, that of England has invariably resulted in anarchy, schism, or disunion. I have a strong affection for the Grand Lodge of England, of which I was myself for years a member, and would not willingly malign it, but it is only too evident that it is completely out of touch with its colonial Lodges, and appears unable to draw a lesson from past Masonic disasters in the Colonies. Years ago, in Victoria and New South Wales, when the movement for the establishment of Grand Lodges sprang up, District Grand Masters, by forbidding the right of free discussion in their Lodges, acted contrary to the rulings of the Grand Lodge of England, and plunged the Craft of these Colonies into schism. Those Officers were not, however, ever called on for an explanation. The Pro Grand Master of England visited the Colonies, and recommended the Lodges to do exactly what their District Grand Masters said was illegal, pledging them that the Grand Lodge of England would approve. The Lodges did as they were recommended, and the Grand Lodge of England approved with acclamation. Yet, when a similar movement is afoot in New Zealand, the Grand Lodge of England, without a word of censure or remonstrance, allows a District Grand Master and the Grand Secretary (if Bro. Graham's statement is correct) to throw the precedent set by itself and its Pro Grand Master to the winds, and

thereby destroy, perhaps for many years, the bonds of Masonic Brotherhood. I trust that you will excuse the length of this letter, taking into consideration in my favour that much has been said in your valuable paper on one side of the question, and that it is only fair that the Craft in England should have an opportunity of hearing the other side, in order that it may form a conclusion as on whom rests the chief blame for the creation of a Masonic schism. I do not refer to Bro. J. J. Williams' letter, as the tone of it appears to me to be injudicious. As Masons we may sometimes have to impute blame, but we should not lampoon those who differ from us. Others will doubtless deal with Bro. Williams' assertions and figures.

Yours fraternally,

COLONIAL.

18th September 1890.

KNARESBRO' A MASONIC CENTRE.

To the Editor of the Harrogate Advertiser.

DEAR SIR,—It may interest some of the older residents in Knaresbro' to learn that great interest at present attaches to ancient Masonic seals, curios, data of dormant warrants, charters, and parchment certificates of Freemasonry.

In the last century there was located at this ancient market town a Lodge of Freemasons, meeting at the "Crown" hostelry, under warrant dated 30th October 1769, and denominated "The Crown Lodge," which having become extinct (why or when it is uncertain). In the year 1787 a new Lodge was formed, No. 499, named "The Newtonian" (probably in compliment to its principal founder), which assembled at "The Elephant and Castle Inn," High Street, upon the 4th Mondays monthly. This Lodge became exceedingly popular, and by successive re-numberings 490, 408, and 323, it ultimately became extinct on 3rd December 1851, by erasure from the rolls. There was formerly attached hereunto by charter, dated 15th August 1788, a Royal Arch Chapter, named "The Holy Cross," No. 62, which history informs us "also became extinct in the year 1823." Great difficulty has existed for many years past (by the Fraternity) to discover beyond the merest trace of the above, and other Lodges, existing at that period at Harewood Bridge, Otley, Wetherby, Ripon, and at Pateley Bridge, yet members of the Craft in these neighbourhoods will, I am sure, be delighted to learn that at last some more tangible proof of these old associations have come to light. Through the courtesy of Bro. W. P. Bell, Old Bank, Knaresbro' (who has been favoured by the owner with temporary possession of the same), I am now enabled to copy, *verbatim et liberatim*, the two parchment certificates, and describe the apron, &c. "To all to whom these presents shall come greeting—We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the Newtonian Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 408, late 499, held at Knaresbrough, in the county of York, do hereby certify that Bro. Richard Smithson, was regularly raised to the degree of a Master Mason in our said Lodge, on 27th Nov. 1809, aged 22 years. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of our Lodge, this 15th day of May 1810. Peter Lomas W.M., Tho. Ouram S.W., Tho. Foxton J.W., Benson Lund Secretary." The seal, which is about the size of a florin, is (upon a black watered ribbon, interlaced through the margin of the parchment) from a well cut die, a square and compasses, with G in centre, No. 499 Newtonian Lodge, Knaresbro' the impression is now incomplete (portions being broken off), yet doubtless ere long the die itself will be unearthed.

Accompanying the above is an apron of white lambskin, beautifully illustrated (evidently from a copper-plate), with Masonic emblems and allegorical designs, representing "Faith, Hope, and Charity," under the flap of the apron is written as follows:—"The gift of Bro. Joseph Smithson, of Leeds, to his Bro. Richard Smithson, of Knaresbrough.—Leeds, 11th Sep. 1821."

The other is a certificate of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England. His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fourth patron. His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex Grand Master. "To all whom it may concern: These are to certify that our Brother Richard Smithson, who hath signed his name in the margin hereof, was regularly received into Freemasonry on the 25th day of September, A.L. 5809, and was admitted to the third degree on the 27th day of November 5809, in the Newtonian Lodge, No. 490, Knaresbro', and that he is duly registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, accordingly. In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names, and affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge at London, the 15th day of January A.L. 5822, A.D. 1822. This certificate shall not entitle a brother to admission into any Lodge without due examination. William H. White, Edward Harper, G. Secs, Richard Smithson, Ne Varietur." The seal is exactly the same as that in use by Grand Lodge at the present time, as also the form of embellishment in allegory and Latin transcription, which was adopted at the Union, 27th December 1813 (St. John's Day). Quoting from Dr. Granville's "Spas of the North of England 1841," we learn that "The new Spa and Baths at Starbeck, near Knaresbrough, were opened in 1822, when the Freemasons walked in procession (and regalia) with the promoters." With these facts, names, and data before him, the local antiquary now has a new field of Masonic research opened out, and, by the kindness of local families, may discover further traces, in the shape of documents, furniture, or paraphernalia, formerly in use by members of the Masonic Craft in this neighbourhood, and more especially of manuscript scrolls of parchment, usually about 6 or 7 inches in width, rolled up to several feet in length. Some of these documents have a purchase value at the present time, whilst even a sight of them would at all times be esteemed a favour by,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN RICHARDSON.

"The Exchange," Harrogate,
25th January 1891.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE members gave a ladies' banquet on Thursday, 5th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. The proceedings opened with a reception, when the company were heartily welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. H. Wallman. Then followed a banquet, and subsequently a concert and dance. The toast list was commendably brief, the idea of the members being to afford as much enjoyment to the ladies as possible. At the conclusion of the banquet, the Worshipful Master first submitted the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." This toast, he said, was the one always given first at Masonic meetings. The members of the Craft honoured the Queen, as the mother of some excellent Masons—of the Prince of Wales Grand Master of the Order, of the Duke of Connaught the Chief of Sussex, of the late Duke of Albany Master of Oxfordshire, while she had in her grandson the present Chief of the Province of Berkshire. Freemasonry was founded, said the Master, to support those in distress, to hold out the hand of sympathy to those in need of it, and to shed light where it was required. Freemasons were at all times loyal to their Queen, and could not display their loyalty better than by coupling the name of Her Majesty with that of the Masonic Craft. The toast was honoured, and the National Anthem sung. The Immediate Past Master, Brother A. T. Webster, proposed the toast of the Master—the "Esteemed Ruler of the Egyptian Lodge." In submitting it, Bro. Webster expressed the pleasure he felt on that occasion, which was really the first in the history of the Egyptian Lodge at which a Master's health had been proposed to a company of Ladies and Brethren. As Freemasons they had been twitted with being selfish, but after that night the members of the Egyptian Lodge could not be so accused with any justice. The Committee, with the full support of the Lodge, had striven to secure the success of the evening's entertainment, and the general desire was that the present might prove but the forerunner of many similar gatherings. The Master of the Lodge, as representative of all that was good in Freemasonry, deserved their cordial support, and this he hoped the company would express by heartily drinking to his very good health. He (Bro. Webster) had hoped to preside at such a meeting as the present during his term of office, but it was not to be, and he could now only congratulate his successor on the success of the meeting. In acknowledging the toast, the Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding that evening. The Master of a Lodge was generally supposed to be at his proudest on the occasion of his installation, and he did not deny that he felt very proud the evening he was installed as Master of the Egyptian Lodge, but he felt even more delighted on the present occasion, when, for the first time in the history of the Lodge, he had the pleasure of presiding at a ladies' meeting. He was very pleased to think that when once he had suggested the holding of a ladies' banquet the whole of the members had given it their support. The Lodge was one of the oldest in the Craft, having been established in 1755, and he could not help the thought that it was strange in all the years that had since elapsed, the members had never thought of entertaining their ladies. They could only hope, now that an innovation had occurred, that the ladies' night would become a feature in connection with the Lodge. He should certainly do his best to secure its regular repetition. Bro. J. H. Coulson P.M. submitted the toast of the Ladies. He felt, he must confess, that he had done nothing towards securing the success of that evening, and on that account could hardly understand why the honour of proposing this toast had been conferred on him. It was a very great pleasure to be entrusted with the work of formally welcoming the ladies among them at the Egyptian Lodge, and he could but reiterate the remarks of the previous speakers, and express a hope that the ladies' night would become an institution among them. He felt the fact that the members of the Lodge could bring so much beauty and grace together was evidence that in their case at least the home of the Freemason was not spoilt by the association of one of its members with the Masonic Order. Bro. Macfarlane replied to the toast, thanking the members for the pleasurable evening spent, and expressing a hope, on behalf of the ladies, that the experiment of having them present at an occasional meeting of the Lodge would be repeated from time to time. An excellent programme of music was provided for the occasion, under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge (Bro. H. J. Macfarlane). The artistes included Miss Ada Collier, Mrs. Webster, Bros. Malcolm Macfarlane, Alfred Atkins, and John Probert, the latter of whom received a hearty encore for his rendering of "My Queen." The later part of the evening was spent in dancing, and the meeting altogether proved a great success.

—City Press.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41.

THE installation for the ensuing year took at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Else, was present, and there was a large gathering of influential Masons from various parts of England. Bro. Robinson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Wilton, the out-going Master. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow: Bros. Horton S.W., Baldwin J.W., Ashley Treasurer, Radway Secretary, Wilkinson D.C., Gardiner S.D., Praag J.D., Curd I.G., Gover and Norman Stewards, Bigwood Tyler. The duties at the Lodge having been completed, the brethren, to the number of seventy, adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel, where the usual banquet was held.

ST. PAULS LODG'E, No. 43.

AT a meeting, held on the 26th ult., Bro. Samuel Gordon S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. George Nathan the retiring W.M. The

following co-religionists were included among the Officers invested:—Bros. Geo. Nathan I.P.M., Albert Bremer Treasurer, D. Davis Dir. of Cers., B. H. Joseph Charity Steward, J. Freedman S.D., S. M. Levi J.D., and S. J. Davis I.G.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 105.

THE annual banquet was held at Bro. Rontly's, Farley Hotel, Union-street, Plymouth, on the 1st inst. Bro. Sweet W.M. presided, and there was a very large attendance. After the toasts of the Queen and Craft had been honoured, Bro. Jew P.P.G.T. proposed the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and Grand Officers Present and Past. They were, he said, all proud to have the future King of England at their head, and to know that the principles of Freemasonry found advocacy in the highest places in the land. The toast was drunk amidst much enthusiasm. The W.M. in proposing the Prov. G.M. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past, spoke highly of the admirable manner in which the Prov. G. Master discharged the duties of his high office, and of the sound discretion he exercised in the appointment of his Officers. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Kitt P.G.J.D., who reminded the W.M. that he (Bro. Kitt) initiated him into the Order when he filled the office which Bro. Sweet now occupied; he wished him every success during his year of office, and congratulated him on being the W.M. of one of the best Lodges in the Province. Bro. Cooper P.P.G.J.D. proposed the Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall Present and Past. He warmly eulogised the services which the Earl of Mount Edgumbe rendered to Freemasonry, as well as in every other station in life, and also referred to the excellent feeling that existed between the two Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. Bro. Dyke P.P.G.O. of Cornwall acknowledged the toast. The toast of the W.M. 105, was proposed by Bro. McBryde S.W., and Bro. Sweet briefly replied. The W.M. in proposing the I.P.M. and Past Masters of 105, said the brethren would doubtless remember that twelve years ago he ventured to predict that they would have in Bro. Edgumbe one of the best Worshipful Masters that had ever presided over the Lodge of Fortitude. He now confidently appealed to them to say whether his prediction had not been fully realised and justified. He could only say of the Past Masters generally that they took a warm interest in the Lodge, and it was largely due to their assistance and influence that the Lodge occupied the position it did in the Province. Bro. Edgumbe I.P.M., in responding, said he accepted the office of W.M. with a full sense of the responsibility attaching to the position, and his aim had been to give dignity to the Lodge proceedings and solemnity to its ceremonies. If he had succeeded in this he was more than rewarded in having won the commendation of the brethren. Bro. Jew proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bros. Spinney and Cooper P.P.G.J.D. replied. Bro. Emdon P.P.G.J.D., gave the toast of the Senior and Junior Wardens, and Bros. McBryde S.W., and Soper responded. The toast of the Assistant Officers was submitted by Bro. Edgumbe, and acknowledged by Bros. Luke S.D., Gibbens J.D., Rodd I.G., Taylor Dir. of Cers., Maitland Assist. Dir. of Cers., Symons Assistant Organist, Mabin Assistant Steward, and Phillips Tyler. The next toast, that of Our Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, was proposed by Bro. Spinney, and responded to by Bros. Powell P.G.T., Evans W.M. 70, and Titherley W.M. 1550. The other toasts were Masons' Wives and Sweethearts, proposed by Bro. Kitt P.G.P., and acknowledged by Bros. Matthews and Lethbridge P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and Our poor and distressed Brethren. The rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs and recitations being given by Bros. Dyke, Mutton, Fannel, Rawling, and other brethren.

ROYAL BERKELEY LODGE, No. 270.

THE installation festival was held at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, on the 26th ult. The D.P.G.M. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith attended, and installed Bro. J. V. Thomas W.M., who invested the following Officers:—Bros. Petifer Treasurer, Cox S.W., Price J.W., Griffiths S.D., Harding J.D., Warren Smith Secretary, Owner I.G., Gregory Steward, Dr. Dutton Dir. of Cers., and Merrett Tyler. There were members and visiting brethren present from Bristol, Gloucester and the Forest of Dean.

KING'S FRIENDS LODGE, No. 293.

THE annual festival was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Lamb Hotel, Nantwich, when Bro. Barnett was duly installed W.M. for the coming year. The Installing Masters were Bros. Lisle and Jackson. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Cope I.P.M., Gilbert S.W., Fordick J.W., Cope S.D., Mather J.D., Bradbury I.G., Snowball Tyler, Wright and Hodgson Stewards, Lisle Secretary, and Jackson Treasurer. There were also present Past Masters Newman and Vaughan. Bros. Hicknell, Head, Carrington, Vaughan, Matthews, and visiting brethren Welsh, Nott, and others. After the transaction of business the Lodge sat down to a splendid banquet, served up in Bro. Oate's well known style.

AFFABILITY LODGE, No. 317.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 5th inst. Present:—Bros. Valtchhoff W.M., Staton S.W., Read J.W., Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas., Garside Sec., Spencer S.D., Jackson J.D., Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D.C., Bushell P.M. I.G., Whitehead Org.; Past Masters Dawson, Walmsley, Lisenden, Garside, Chesworth; Bros. Brownhill, Marsh, Roscoe, Ashe, Paterson, Allen, and Brocklehurst. Visitors:—Bros. Pemberton P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Hardcastle P.M. 1793 P.P.G.D.C., Bowers W.M. 1730, Binns 815, Killick 992, Mosley J.D. 1773, Grimshaw 1055, and Millward 992. The brethren met at six o'clock, when the Lodge was formally opened

and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which they adjourned to tea, and on re-assembling in the Lodge-room Mr. John Thomas Ward, who had been duly elected at the last meeting, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. In the second degree Bro. Ashe, who was desirous of being raised, answered the necessary questions leading from the second to the third, and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9-20.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 2nd ult. The W.M. Bro. R. D. Renwick presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren. Ceremonies, including two raisings and one passing, were well worked by Bros. E. Rickards and J. Grant, after which the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Thomas Beckett S.W. was installed by Bro. J. Grant P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Renwick I.P.M., Searly S.W., John Taylor J.W., Allams Chaplain, Salter Treasurer, W. Taylor Secretary, Grant Dir. of Cers. Brooks Organist, Beer S.D., Blackler J.D., Gorwyn I.G., Clarke and Wesley Stewards, Couch Assistant Organist, and Burt Tyler. Bro. Goss was invested with the collar of the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, amidst much applause. Bro. Rickards delivered the installation charge with much acceptance, and Bro. Allams, in presenting Bro. Renwick, the retiring Master, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, alluded to the able way in which he had discharged the duties of his year of office. Bro. Grant was elected Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and a vote of thanks was accorded Bro. W. Taylor on his retiring from that post, for his many years services. The installation banquet afterwards took place at Bro. Griffin's, Royal Hotel.

CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 346.

THE third annual ball was held at the Gwyn-hall, Neath, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The assembly was a very brilliant one, and all the carefully-devised arrangements were carried through without a hitch of any kind. Mr. F. C. Eddershaw, of Swansea, who bore the responsibility of carrying out the decorations, achieved a most complete success. We may add that the Masonic symbols, and a design most exquisitely executed by Mr. Fred Palmer were appropriately prominent amongst the embellishments of the hall. Supper was laid in the large council chamber for 150 persons.

SOCRATES LODGE, No. 373.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Huntingdon, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Pascoe, Conney P.G. Standard Bearer, Margetts, Fielden, Ingram, Rev. T. Hodgson, Thackray P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Allen P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Ingram P.M. P.G.D.C., John Smith P.M. P.P.G.R., Green P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Hawley P.M. P.P.G.R., Walker, Scate, Margetts, Alexander, Priestley, Ashton, Goodliff, Odams, Manle, Brackenbury, Moulton, Taylor, Purves, Davison, Jas. Smith, White, Ayres, Brown. Visitors—Bros. Hardy P.M. 1386, Winch W.M. 607, Doughty 1386, Beasley 1006, Gardner 2000, Bower 2283, Jordan 2283, Webb 1580, Keeling 2283, Holman 2283. After the minutes of last Lodge had been confirmed and the accounts for the year passed, Bro. Conney was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Allen. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pascoe I.P.M., Margetts S.W., Fielden J.W., Thackray Treas., Allen Secretary, Rev. T. Hodgson Chaplain, Green Organist, J. W. Ingram D.C., G. W. Ingram S.D., Purves J.D., Davison I.G., Jas. Smith Supt. of Works, Ayres and Brown Tylers. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a banquet, presided over by Bro. Conney, and excellently served by Bro. Goodliff. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony.

LOYAL WELSH LODGE, No. 378.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock, for the installation of Bro. Howard Ernest John Smith S.W. There was a large attendance. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. P. Davies I.P.M., assisted by Bro. T. Scott Phillips P.M. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bush Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Bro. S. Jenkins.

SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 426.

THE festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Spilsby, on Friday, 30th ult., when Bro. J. Jarvis Rainey was installed in the chair, Bro. Henry George P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.D. of Notts being the Installing Master. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Rimington I.P.M., Leggatt S.W., Eve J.W., Rev. C. R. Patey Chaplain, Dodds Secretary, Thimbleby Treasurer, Gay Dir. of Cers., Walker S.D., Rainey J.D., Ironmonger Organist, Booth Walker I.G., Holland Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by the Lodge, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Several visiting brethren were present. It is noteworthy that this is the fourth member of a family who has been installed as Master of the Shakespeare Lodge since its formation in 1835—the late Mr. Titus Rainey being one of the Founders of the Lodge. Bro. W. Welsh, who was to have been invested as Steward, was unable to be present in consequence of the illness of his brother.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 461.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Commercial Hotel, Newton, Hyde, on Wednesday, 28th ult. There was a good attendance. Brother Perria was installed W.M. by

Bros. Broadsmith, Bailey, Wibley, and Barker. The Officers invested were Brothers Warrington I.P.M., Oldham S.W., Bowker J.W., Brooke Treasurer, Tinker J.W., Hudson Tyler.

STABILITY LODGE, No. 564.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Talbot Hotel, Stonbridge, on Tuesday, 27th ult. Bro. T. Clalee was installed W.M. by Bro. Wood P.M., and afterwards invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. B. Robinson I.P.M., J. Robinson S.W., Deeley J.W., Waldron S.D., Attwood J.D., Bates I.G., Broomhall Secretary, Stringer Treasurer, Rhodes Dir. of Cers., and Wilcox and Kirkham Stewards.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 775.

ON Wednesday, 28th ult., the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John, at the Commercial Hotel, Church. Bro. John Whittaker was installed W.M. by Bro. J. Wardloy Past Master of the Darwen Lodge. The following Officers were invested by Bro. Knowles P.M.:—Bros. Grimshaw S.W., Wildman J.W., Witlock Treasurer, Grime Secretary, Walmsley S.D., Pilkington Chaplain, Stevenson O.G. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner.

CRAVEN LODGE, No. 810.

ON the 30th ult., the members celebrated the Festival of St. John at their Lodge-room at the Victoria Buildings, Skipton. Bro. J. H. Howarth was installed W.M., the ceremony being conducted by Bro. John Throup P.G.Std.Br. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John Throup I.P.M., Varley Sellars S.W., J. H. Hartley J.W., J. W. Broughton S.D., M. Ackernley Secretary, J. T. Palmer I.G., W. Walton O.G., Lient.-Col. Robinson Treasurer. Bro. John Throup was elected to serve on the Charity Committee. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the members of the Lodge, along with a number of visiting brethren, celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Devonshire Assembly-rooms.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., the installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Regent Street, when Bro. Isidore Grunbaum (son of Bro. J. Grunbaum, a Past Master of the Lodge), was installed with the usual ceremony by Bro. Vandyk, the retiring Master, to whom a P.M.'s jewel was presented. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Rosedale S.W., Hardinge J.W., Abrahams (founder of the Lodge) Treasurer, Levy Secretary, Solomon S.D., Marians J.D., Rothschild I.G., Pollitzer D.C., Lichtenfeld Steward, Abraham Assist. Steward. During the evening the Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, eloquently referred to the moral influence exercised by Freemasonry in breaking down the barriers between men occasioned by differences of creed, and assisting in lessening the aggregate of human misery, as well as removing oppression. He especially complimented Bro. Vandyk, who, although not a native born Englishman, had conducted the ceremony of installation so very creditably. After the banquet, a well-selected programme of music was given, under the direction of Bro. D. M. Davis.

HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 1085.

THE 25th anniversary was observed at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 4th inst., by a large attendance of the members of the Lodge and brethren from most of the sister Lodges in the Province of Derbyshire. The retiring W.M. (Bro. Pike) duly installed his successor, Bro. Arthur Nicholson, who appointed and invested his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Pike I.P.M., Luther Russell S.W., Sanders J.W., the Rev. Williams Chaplain, Butterfield P.M. Treasurer, Worsnop Secretary, Hart S.D., Berridge J.D., Manton P.M. Dir. of Cers., Cox Organist, Cooper I.G., Heny and Fisher Stewards, W. Stone Tyler. Subsequent to the business of the Lodge, dinner was partaken of, and the customary complimentary toast list was gone through.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1125.

THE deferred installation of Bro. C. R. K. Webb was held on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tiverton, the attendance of members being very large. The Installing Board of Past Masters comprised Bros. G. Hall I.P.M., T. Parkhouse Secretary, J. B. Crabb, J. F. Ellerton, and R. F. Loosemoore. The P.G.S. had intimated that the W.M. for the past year, Bro. E. M. Moyle, must retain the office for another year; but an appeal to the Grand Secretary resulted in the ceremony being performed a month late. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Moyle I.P.M., Rev. W. French Chaplain, Munday S.W., Grater J.W., Pyle S.D., Wheeler J.D., Pless I.G., Hall Dir. of Cers., Masland Org., Grater and Veale Stewards, Viney and Gibbs Tylers. The elected Officers are Bros. Crabb P.M. Representative P.G. Committee of Petitions, and Haydon Treasurer. Afterwards the brethren supped together in the hall. The W.M. presiding.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1166.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, 29th ult., at the Wellington Hotel, Hyde. Bro. Stephenson was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dutton P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by other Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Newhouse Prov. Grand Secretary of Cheshire was present officially, and the visitors included Brothers Thompson W.M. 2185, and a considerable number of the brethren of 2185 and of other Lodges in Cheshire and East Lancashire. The following were invested as

Officers:—Bros. Cairns I.P.M., M'Whirter S.W., Mills J.W., Cotsworth S.D., Kitson J.D., Tinker Secretary, Hepworth Treasurer, Rushton I.G., De Cantillon Tyler. After the Lodge there was a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were interspersed with glees, songs, &c., by Bros. Rudman, Booth P.P.G.D.C., Dunville P.P.G.S. East Lancashire, Hoyle P.M., Stafford and Hinchcliffe.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual banquet was held on the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall Club, Plymouth. Seventy-four brethren were present, and the catering of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey gave every satisfaction. The Officers present were:—Bros. Mayne W.M., Eyre I.P.M., Lord Treas., Pearce Sec., Parkhouse S.W., Gurney J.W., Tucker S.D., Maitland J.D., James Organist, Menhinnick, Tack, and Gee Stewards, Phillips Tyler. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily received and responded to, and among the brethren who, by song and recitation, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Dr. Doudney, Lieutenant Reynolds, Rev. Dr. Lemon, Bros. Gover, Barter, Menhinnick, Gurney, Payne, Mitchell, Harvey, Gee, Eyre, Gidley, and Gibbons.

HEREWARD LODGE, No. 1232.

THE installation of Bro. Dr. Watson-Burdwood as Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Room, Bourn, on Friday, the 30th ult. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. F. J. Shilcock P.M. The newly installed W.M. invested the following brethren with the insignia of office:—Bros. Shilcock I.P.M., Rev. H. Bott Chaplain, A. Bott Dir. of Cers., Gibson S.W., Davies J.W., Adam Bott J.D., Smith S.D., Yates I.G., Wherry Treasurer, Green Secretary, Clark Organist, Hanger Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a supper, provided in excellent style by Mrs. Bott, of the Angel Hotel.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

ON the 5th inst., the brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in their Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley. Amongst the guests present was Bro. G. E. Green P.G.S. Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire. The installation of the W.M. took place, Bro. W. R. Massie P.M. P.G.O. being the Installing Master. Bro. A. W. Gratian was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers as under:—Bros. C. W. Fincken I.P.M., J. S. Ingall S.W., C. Lingard J.W., T. W. Embleton P.M. P.Prov.G.S.W. Treasurer, H. Fountaine Secretary, J. H. Smith S.D., F. C. Browne J.D., W. Senior Dir. of Cers., T. Braithwaite Organist, W. W. Hutchinson I.G., S. Squire, J. Wood, R. Jackson and J. Harrison Stewards, J. E. Massie P.M. Almoner. A banquet in honour of the festival was held in the Masonic Hall, when about seventy brethren dined together.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1573.

ON Monday, 2nd February, we had the pleasure, for the first time of visiting the above Lodge. Having been announced as P.M. of 464, we were admitted and accorded a seat of honour. Bro. Taylor, the retiring W.M., passed two candidates. We were much pleased with his explanation, in extenso, of the working tools. The Officers fulfilled their duties in an admirable manner, and we were especially pleased with the Deacon's work, the proper execution of which tends so much to make the ceremonies impressive and complete. This being the night of election of W.M., the S.W. was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year. We hope to have the pleasure of attending the installation, on the 1st Monday in March. Amongst the visitors were the W.M. of Indefatigable, also W.M. and brethren of Avon Lodge. After Lodge was closed, we spent a pleasant half hour with the brethren in the smoking room.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 2042.

AT the Masonic temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 4th inst. Bro. T. Lowton was installed as Worshipful Master. There was an unusual large attendance, the visitors including Bros. Goodacre P.G.S.B. of England P.G. Secretary, J. Tunstall P.P.G.P., T. Clarke P.P.G.R., G. Morgan P.P.G.D., J. Bell P.P.G.D., G. Harradon P.G. Treasurer, T. H. W. Walker P.P.G.T., J. R. Bottomley P.P.G.D.C., and R. Martin P.P.G.T. The Worshipful Master elect was presented for installation by Bros. Joseph Queen and Nicholls, and the retiring W.M. efficiently performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. T. Lowson W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Lewis I.P.M., Fargher S.W., Ewart J.W., Round Dir. of Cers., Rev. R. G. Green Chaplain, Nicholls Treasurer, Burrows Secretary, Lane Assist. Secretary, Williams S.D., Griffiths J.D., Thom I.G., Pugh Organist, Rogerson, Mason, and Howe Stewards, and Williamson Tyler. The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet, admirably served by Bro. Jame Casey, the House Steward.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2116.

ST. John's Festival was celebrated at the Bull's Head Hotel, Swinton, on Wednesday, 28th ult. The installation ceremony was effectively gone through by Bro. Wardle I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Chadderton P.M. P.A.G.S. and T. Fletcher P.M. Bro. Wood P.M. 350 was the new Master. The following were chosen and invested as Officers:—Bros. Bennett S.W., Jex J.W., Bowley S.D., Worthington J.D., Swindley I.G., Chadderton Treasurer, Fletcher Secretary, Wardle I.P.M. Dir. of Cers., Jones Organist, Hewitt, O'Grady and Doyle Stewards, Hampson Tyler.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this "compact" little Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, when the retiring W.M. Bro. Harry Nash completed the work of his year by installing his successor, Bro. Philip J. King, the Senior Warden of the past year. On the opening of the Lodge the W.M. was supported by Past Masters Alfred Green (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), F. J. Hentsch, H. Lindfield, Usher Back, W. W. Morgan, Alexander Dickson; Bros. C. Skipp, J. Parsons, W. Kirkland, Orilton Cooper, George Cockrell, W. G. Dyer, G. J. Copley, G. E. Absell, A. B. Spawforth, F. C. Hale, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. B. C. Cartis S.D. 1472, A. W. French 1987, H. J. Kimbell 2348, C. B. Weeden 1567, F. W. Frigout W.M. 171, J. A. Collings Organist 1693, B. Stone P.M. 65, J. B. Stevens P.M. 1627, B. P. Ellis 1919, J. Medawar 1017, J. B. Foote 216, W. Oliphant 1949, Arthur Weston 1929, W. T. Hemsley 1609, W. G. Jennings 1580, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. King was presented and duly obligated. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. King was regularly placed in the chair, Bro. Nash giving an eloquent rendering of the ceremony. The following brethren were invested with the collars of office:—Orilton Cooper S.W., Kirkland J.W., Green P.M. Treasurer, Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Dyer S.D., Skipp J.D., Cockrell Inner Guard, Hentsch P.M. Dir. of Cers., Banks Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, were admirably delivered by Bro. Nash, and then routine work was considered. The Auditors' report showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position. Bro. Dyer's services to act as Steward for the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next Festival were accepted, and £10 10s voted to his list. As a result of effluxion of time, and change of residence, two resignations were tendered, and accepted with regret, and then Lodge was closed. The banquet was served by the new manager of the Albion, Bro. W. G. London, who well sustained the reputation the house has secured for attention to its supporters. The W.M. presided, and briefly introduced the customary toasts. The I.P.M. in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master referred to the constant and steady way in which Bro. King had filled the various offices he had passed through, and prognosticated a successful year would be the result of his ruling. All the members wished him health and happiness during his year of Mastership. Bro. King gracefully but modestly acknowledged the compliment, and assured the members he would do his best to sustain the prestige of old St. Michael's. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and presented Bro. Nash with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, unanimously voted at the last meeting. Bro. Nash had zealously and happily worked for the Lodge, and the members all wished he might long be associated with them. For the Visitors, who were next complimented, Bro. Stone was the first to reply. He and his fellow Visitors were intensely gratified with the cordial greeting they had received. All who were in the Lodge appreciated the admirable way in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out; better working was seldom to be met with. Bro. Foote (Liverpool) and several others acknowledged the toast. To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Green and Radcliffe replied, while the other Officers recognised the appreciation of their efforts shown by the W.M. and the Lodge generally. In due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Bro. Collings provided a very satisfactory musical entertainment; he was supported by Bros. Arthur Weston, W. T. Hemsley, and A. W. French. During the evening, Bro. Spawforth gave a very clever display of legardemain feats, that agreeably mystified the company.

WEST HAM ABBEY LODGE, No. 2291.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is now regarded as the crack Lodge of the East End of London, was held at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The Council Chamber has seldom been seen to greater advantage than that which it presented when filled with the brethren of the Lodge, and their numerous visitors, numbering altogether some eighty. After the ordinary business had been concluded, Bro. Govier installed Bro. Norman in the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Norman appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Triggs S.W., Reed J.W., Hay Treasurer, F. C. D. Fenn Secretary, Kidd S.D., Fielder J.D., Gwinn I.G., Pavitt Dir. of Cers., Young and Jones Stewards. A Past Master's jewel and collar were presented to Bro. Govier I.P.M., as an acknowledgment from the brethren of their appreciation of his services during his year of office. After the business of the evening was concluded, a banquet was held in the Council Chamber, a very excellent musical programme being provided, under the direction of Mrs. Norman Jones, assisted by Mrs. Owen Ellis, Mrs. Clare Gaze, Miss Grace Carter, and Bros. Curtis, Jones and Riche.

EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.—The annual general meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held, on the 29th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master, President of the Institution, occupied the chair. Bro. John Heelis, Hon. Secretary, submitted the report of the General Committee, and this and the report of the Almoners' Committee were received and adopted. The Treasurer's account and balance sheet were brought forward by Bro. N. A. Earle, and were adopted, subject to a resolution that the Committee should consider and decide upon the desirableness of continuing to publish in the annual report the names of the recipients of educational and other relief apart from those relieved by the Almoners. The election of fifteen subscribers upon the Committee resulted in the substitution of the name of Bro. Kershaw for that of Bro. Jefferies, who ceased to act. Bro. W. Jaffery was elected Treasurer, and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks.

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LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

IN the presence of a large gathering of Mark Masons, at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, Bro. Coleman, Swansea, was last week ably installed into the chair of Worshipful Master by the retiring W.M. Brother Sheridan. Among those present were Bros. Colman S.W., Frazer jun. J.W., Taylor M.O., Bounsall Registrar, Hurley, Ingram, Fabian, Thomas P.P.G.J.W., Marks Secretary and Treasurer, Williams S.D., Green J.D., Munday P.G.S.W., Gerhold P.G. Organist, Williams I.G., Jenkins Tyler, Hussey, Kermon, Knabe, Homfray P.G.M. Mon., Goldman, Perkins, Price, Bounsall P.G.R., Turvey, Owen, Rees, Price, Simpson P.G.S. Visitors—Perkins D.P.G.M. Mon., Allen W.M. 109, Jones P.M. 109, Watts 160, Hazel W.M. 109, Rees 109, and Shute 109. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Colman W.M., Sheridan I.P.M., Frazer jun. S.W., Taylor J.W., Gerhold M.O., James S.O., Williams J.O., Bounsall Registrar, Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Munday Dir. of Cers., Green S.D., Williams J.D., Turvey Organist, Perkins I.G., Jenkins sen. Steward and Fraser jun. Steward. After the installation ceremony, Bro. Sheridan was presented with the jewel of Past Master of the Lodge. The emblem bore the inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Sheridan W.M., by the Officers and Brethren of the Langley Lodge, No. 28, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge." In the evening a banquet was held at the Park Hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Mr. Hunt. The usual Masonic toast list was gone through ere the proceedings terminated.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 350.

ONE of the most successful meetings of Mark Masons, especially at the East end of London, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Poplar, on Wednesday, 11th inst. In order to render due honour to the Deputy P.G.M. and his Provincial Officers, who had appointed this day for their official visit, the brethren of the Lodge mustered in full force at the early hour of four o'clock. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M. Bro. Lawrence Steele and the following Officers and brethren:—H. Rogers S.W., J. Hall Brown J.W., W. G. Bridges M.O., A. R. Trew S.O., W. Atkins J.O., G. Graveley P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Duck Reg., C. Wyatt Smith P.M. Secretary, W. Boaz S.D., W. Begg J.D.; also Bros. J. Armstrong, F. G. Webster, J. Moore Smith, and others. It will be seen that all the Officers were present. Bro. John Byford P.M. was also present. Visitors—Bros. Charles Hammerton D.P.G.M., W. G. Brighten P.G. Sec., Capt. C. J. Knightley W.M. 284 P.G. Overseer, J. T. N. Callaway P.G. Inspector of Works, Coubro W.M. Clapton Lodge P.G. Steward, Tucker P.M. Temple Lodge, J. Holland Old Kent T.I., and Murray Haynes P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). After the minutes of the last Lodge had been confirmed, the D.P.G.M. and his P.G. Officers entered the Lodge and were saluted in ancient form. Bro. John Byford, one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge and P.G.A.D.C. in office, escorted the visitors to their seats and performed his duties as D.C. in a thorough manner. The W.M. elect (Bro. H. J. Rogers) was then presented for installation before a Board of 8 Installed Masters. The ceremony was rendered in a very impressive manner by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Lawrence Steele, who gave the whole of the ritual, and delivered the addresses without a halt from beginning to end. After the brethren had been readmitted, the new W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. L. Steele I.P.M., J. Hall Brown S.W., W. G. Bridges J.W., Arch. Trew M.O., W. Watkins S.O., A. J. Duck J.O., G. Graveley P.M. Treasurer, C. Wyatt Smith P.M. Secretary, W. Boaz Registrar, W. Biggs S.D., C. F. Webster J.D., J. C. Armstrong I.G. The I.P.M. referred, in appropriate terms, to the distinguished visitors present, and expressed the pleasure of all the brethren on receiving the D.P.G.M. and his Officers at their Lodge meeting, and offered them a hearty welcome. The Lodge then, to mark its appreciation of the visit, elected the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Secretary Bro. W. G. Brighten honorary members of the Lodge. The D.P.G.M. returned thanks, and expressed his gratification at being so kindly received. He passed a special compliment to Bro. Lawrence Steele for working the installation ceremony so perfectly, and expressed a hope that the brethren would thereby be stimulated to follow such a good example. Bro. W. G. Brighten returned thanks in a few appropriate remarks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the Lodge grow year after year. He congratulated the brethren on the excellence of their working, which certainly justified the remarks of the D.P.G.M. that the work was in the highest degree commendable. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the Installing Master Bro. Lawrence Steele, who replied that although he lived at Southampton, he was always ready and willing to come up and assist in the Lodge work. Hearty good wishes were given by several visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed. A bountiful repast followed in the banquetting chamber, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Altogether the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening, and the Mark Masons of the East end of London have reason to be satisfied with the visit of the D.P.G.M. and his Officers.

TWENTY STOREYS HIGH.—The new Masonic Temple in Chicago says *Iron*, will be 20 storeys high, the highest in the world. A skeleton building will be constructed of steel, around which the masonry will be built. The contract for the steel will be 300,000 dol., and the entire building is estimated to cost over 2,000,000 dol. The building will measure 113 feet by 170 feet in plan, and will be built on a foundation of steel rails. It will front on three sides alike, and the storeys, instead of being called floors, will go under the name of streets, of which there will be sixteen in the building. The steelwork will weigh between 3,500 and 4,000 tons, and will be made at Pittsburgh, ready to be put together without any alteration.

ROYAL ARCH.

WILLIAMSON CHAPTER, No. 949.

THERE was a large gathering of brethren on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth, on the occasion of the Mayor of Sunderland (E. Comp. R. Shadforth) being installed as First Principal of the Chapter in succession to E. Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. Grand First Principal. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by E. Comp. B. Levy P.P.G.H. After the installation ceremony supper was provided in the banquetting hall, at which the Mayor presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Durham, and other distinguished members.

DE GREY AND RIPON CHAPTER, No. 1356.

THIS Chapter held its annual convocation at Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 6th inst. There were present:—Comps. Pitaway, Hesketh, Arden, Tyson, Williams, Jarman, Rankin, Chatham, Ferguson, Phillips, Woolrich, Malcolm. Visiting there were Comps. Guile, Hounsell, Robinson, Goodacre, Foote, &c. There were three candidates admitted to the Chapter, after which the installation of Principals and appointment of Officers took place, the Installing Master being Comp. A. D. Hesketh, who performed his onerous duties to the satisfaction of all. The following are the rulers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Jarman M.E.Z., Phillips H., Hesketh J., Woolrich Treasurer, Rankin S.E., Chatham S.N., Ferguson P.S., Morris A.S., Jones 2nd A.S., Arden P.Z. D.C., Tunnicliffe, Lowthian, and Williams Stewards. Comp. Malcolm was re-elected Janitor. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, during which a handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.Z. on behalf of the Chapter, accompanied by the regalia pertaining to his office.

On the 5th inst. the 17th annual ball in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, and, as usual, the gathering proved of the most pleasant character. The arrangements were eminently satisfactory, being carried out by A. Kirkpatrick W.M., President of the Committee, Gabrielson I.P.M. Hon. Treas., A. H. Tobias Hon. Sec., S. J. Henochsberg P.M. Captain of the Stewards, J. C. Lemmens I.G. Asst. Steward, M. Arousberg P.M. D.C., and J. Vos Assistant D.C. The ball room Stewards were Messrs. H. J. Gabriel, S. Edwards, and Benson Grant. There were about 120 ladies and gentlemen present, and excellent dance music was supplied by Bro. Clayton's band. A very choice supper was admirably served during the evening, under the personal supervision of Mr. S. L. Mercanton, the new Manager of the Adelphi Hotel. The ball was held in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, which has been the means of affording substantial assistance to worthy cases, the funds now in hand being about £600.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Falcon Lodge No. 1416, took place on 6th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Thirsk and was of a very enjoyable character, the proceeds were in aid of Masonic Charities, and the attendance was quite equal to that of the previous year. Bro. Henry Smith P.M. and W. W. Hall J.W., ably discharged the secretarial duties, and to their efforts, combined with those of their colleagues on the Ball Committee, may be attributed the success of the gathering. The stewards were Brother J. H. Buchanan, M.D. (the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge), P.M.'s W. Colman, Z. Wright, H. Smith, and W. W. Hall J.W. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with animation until 5:30 the next morning.

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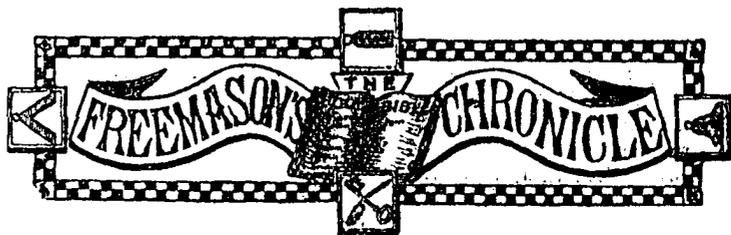
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SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 1891.

MASONRY IN THE FOREGROUND.

An Oration by Bro. James P. A. Black, Grand Orator,
before the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons in Nebraska, 20th June 1890.

MY Brethren, the vital truths of our Craft, like the
few bits of glass in the kaleidoscope, present ever
varying combinations of beauty to the discerning mind;
and, if I shall be able to arrange them in the kaleidoscope
of our Masonic lives so that in the combination you may
discover some hitherto undiscovered beauty; if I may
portray in bold relief some vital truth, as yet half hidden
from your sight; if I may unfold to you some latent
power for good, and send it forth on its world's mission,
my ambition will be more than satisfied, and you will be
amply repaid for the attention you may give my effort.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the
earth; and the earth was without form and void, and
darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of
God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said let
there be light, and there was light."

Go back with me a moment, and pause in contemplation
of that sublime event, which, ages ago, heralded the
opening of this world's history. The Great Creator has,
from time to time, in periods of longer or shorter duration,
the length of which is to us at present immaterial, but
which is in Holy Writ described as six days, completed

the creation not only of this earthly sphere, but of the millions of other worlds, which, stationed in their proper places by the All Powerful hand, comprise the boundless, undefinable, unlimited domain designated as the heavens; and, pausing in contemplation of his handiwork, taking as it were a final survey before starting in motion the stupendous machinery, which, through all time, must continue its course, He finds one thing lacking. The one essential element, which, during the cycles of years to follow, shall give life, joy, and happiness to all forms of vegetable and animal life, has not yet appeared. "Darkness was upon the face of the deep." And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God created man in His own image."

Linger with me once more, and consider the glory and sublimity of that first sunrise. "The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." You have stood upon the seashore and watched the first rays of dawn as they come stealing through the darkness, silently, almost imperceptibly, like a great spirit, vanishing the night shades with their very breath; faster and faster they come, clearly and more clearly they appear, causing the darkness to recede, whither you know not, until, almost unawares, you stand in the full gray dawn, a human being, an individual thing, distinguished from surrounding objects, discerning and discerned, you fill a defined space where, but a few moments ago, you stood unseeing and unseen, wrapped in the loneliness of the sheet of surrounding darkness. And now the sun's first ray sends forth its gleam into the dawn; another, and still another, faster and faster, brighter and brighter, and now the glorious orb of day stands full and round before you, and as he shoots his piercing rays upon the billows, each sparkling drop, with its rainbow hues dancing in the sunlight, murmurs, "God is good."

Then, turning from the boundless deep, casting your eyes upon the landscape, you see the dew upon the grass, the foliage upon the trees, the little flowers at your feet, the plants and herbs, smiling in the sunlight, send forth their fragrant odours as an offering of gratitude to the Great Giver for his continued blessings. The beasts of the field, starting from their lairs, snuff the invigorating air, and gladly turn their faces to the full glare of the morning sun; the birds, flitting from tree to tree, carol their songs of welcome to their friend and benefactor; all nature seems refreshed and rejoicing in the glory of the new born day.

Who among you can witness such scenes, although from infancy you may have experienced its almost daily repetition, without awakening within you a sense of gratitude to the Great Giver, that he has endowed you with faculties for the enjoyment of these beautiful surroundings? What, then, must have been the emotions of our first parent as he stood in the Garden of Eden, in the prime and vigour of manhood, and the full possession of all his faculties, on that first morning when God said, "Let there be light," and saw the great floods of sunlight making the earth rejoice; and as he stood, mute with awe at the splendour of the scene thus spread before him, and heard the voice of the Creator at his side, speaking to him through the very joyousness of his soul, saying: "All these things have I given thee for an inheritance," he bows his head in reverence, and exclaims:—

"Oh, Thou Eternal One! whose presence bright
All space doth occupy, all motion guide—
Thou only God—there is no God beside!
Thou art! directing, guiding all—Thou art!
Direct my understanding, then, to Thee,
Control my spirit, guide my wandering heart,
Tho' but an atom 'midst immensity,
Still I am something, fashioned by Thy hand!
Though worthless my conceptions all of Thee,
Yet shall Thy shadowed image fill my breast,
And waft its homage to Thy Deity.
And when the tongue is eloquent no more,
The soul shall speak in tears of gratitude."

It thinks no other earthly moment can ever be so replete with happiness as that creation morn. And we wonder not that the desire for light, God's first revelation to man, stands ever uppermost in our hearts, and is esteemed the one great gift most essential to earthly happiness. The first mark of intelligence of the infant in its mother's arms is the recognition of light, the dread of darkness. The greatest punishment that can be inflicted on the strong man is to deprive him of light, and the darkness of the dungeon will break the rebellious spirit callous to every other sense of degradation or pain. The aged and decrepid

waiting the summons calling them to the other shore, abiding the time

"When Nature has paid her last debt,
And earth claims her lendings again,
When soul has no more a regret,
And body no longer a pain,"

cling with childlike pertinacity to the shades of declining day, and find their greatest comfort basking in the rays of the morning sun.

The first, the constant, the last prayer of the human soul is an appeal for light. True to humanity, the first emotion in the heart of the candidate for Masonry, after kneeling at the altar and taking upon himself the vows and obligations of an Entered Apprentice, realising that from thenceforth a new life is opened before him, that whatever may have been his past history, his motives and aims for the future are to be directed in the lifting of himself and his fellow men to higher planes of social and moral rectitude, and contemplating in a moment the responsibilities of this new life, is a prayer for light.

Light, that he may discover the proper boundaries of his mission and continue with earnest endeavour to so shed the rays of his higher and broader knowledge into the pathways of his daily life, that his fellow men may be made better and wiser by his walk, precept and example; that he may be enabled to so direct his words and actions that his life may indeed

Write words of comfort and consolation, sentences of wisdom and volumes of peace, usefulness and happiness for those with whom he associates;

Indite lessons of the power and goodness of the Great Creator by the silent example which His correct moral walk and deportment continually exhibit in the avocation of his life;

Imprint, upon the hearts of the young, the fact that the road to happiness is found only in the improvement of the manifold blessings which daily strew our path;

Paint, in pictures whose import cannot be mistaken, the lesson that we are placed in this world for a purpose, that fields of usefulness are opening to us on every hand, and that he who neglects to choose one of the fields and vigorously employ his life in the ennoblement of his fellow men, is a disgrace to society at large, and unworthy the name of man:

Stamp, by the devotion of his life in the interest of justice and truth, upon the minds of those uninformed, the impression that the principles taught by our institution and inculcated by our Order, silently but unmistakably lead men to higher and nobler lives, and bind us together into a common band of brothers, seeking only the best good for ourselves and our fellowmen;

Stain no part of the symmetry of his life by an unkind word, an evil thought, or an unjust deed;

Cut from his pathway all the snares, the vices, and immoralities which clinging to his daily walk and conversation, would obstruct the unclouded view of a pure and blameless life to which he should ever point;

Carve, with the intellect with which he has been endowed, bright designs upon the trestleboard of life, leaving for those who follow in his footsteps, rich pictures of the various pathways, all leading to our common goal, and urging them ever onward to more earnest endeavours, and more zealous work for the pleasure of the Master and the profit of the Craft;

Hew to the line of rectitude and truth, swerving neither to the right nor to the left, bearing constantly in mind that he who fails to tenderly remind a brother of his faults, and direct his footsteps in the paths of uprightness, is derelict in duty, untrue to his vows, and neglectful of what is at once the highest duty and privilege of our Order;

Mark well the distinction between esteem of self and love of brother, the dividing line between duty and vanity, the difference between the thirst for glory and the laudable desire to fulfil the purpose of his life in the accomplishment of good and noble deeds;

Engrave upon the memory of those who shall remain, when the Grand Architect of the Universe shall summon him from his labours here below, to eternal refreshment in the celestial Lodge above, such lessons of the beauty and excellence of his life, that they too may be drawn into our great brotherhood, and being led in the ways of wisdom, may in their turn so portray the beauties of Masonry, that the principles of the Craft may be more firmly established and the world at large convinced of their good effect;

That the twenty-four inch gauge may be so applied in

laying off the work allotted him in his proper sphere of life, that the wisest division may be made of his time, giving not only the proper hours to his usual avocations, the proper development both in mind and body, and the service of God and a worthy distressed brother, but so apportioning those hours that the best results may be thereby attained;

That in the proper use of the common gavel, each piece of material allotted him for his social, intellectual, and spiritual building may be so fitted that nothing be lost; and that the edifice constructed therefrom may be of perfect ashlar, symmetrical in all its parts, and entitle the builder to the reward offered by the Master to those who prove faithful to their trusts;

That he may so walk, at duty's call, among the pollution and degradation of crime and misery, alleviating the sufferings of the outcast and oppressed, and elevating the unfortunate to higher planes of action, that his distinguishing badge may ever remain untarnished from sin, pure and unspotted before the world;

Light, that he may do all this sincerely and effectually, yet silently and unobtrusively, scarcely letting his left hand know what his right doeth, and without by word, thought or deed revealing any of the sacred mysteries of our Craft, which distinguishes us from the rest of the world, and from the sacred tie which for ages has kept our bands united in the common pursuit of the welfare and happiness of each other.

Having been duly initiated an Entered Apprentice, and serving a proper time as such, the candidate again finds himself at the altar of Masonry, and takes upon himself the further obligation of a Fellow Craft. Here he is reminded that, as we progress in knowledge, our duties and responsibilities correspondingly increase. And as the new fields of labour and usefulness connected with this degree are opened before him, again his prayer ascends for further light;

Light that the laws, rules and regulations, written and unwritten, binding us together in a common brotherhood, may be clearly discerned, that, peering into the darkness of the outside world, the extreme length of his cable tow may be plainly seen; and should a brother's need fall within a circle transcribed by its utmost length, his hand may be ready to supply his wants, and his heart go forth in answer to the call, lest by his shortsightedness his brother fall, and he be not held blameless;

That the slightest variation of the plumb line of his life from the line of rectitude and right may be instantly detected; that he may ever lead in the straight and narrow way, and not be a stumbling block in the path of others less informed;

That, as he journeys on the level of time to that bourne from whence no traveller returns, no irregularities or excesses may impair his faculties, or debase the dignity of his profession; but that his zealous attachment to the principles of our institution may keep the "spirit test" of that useful instrument ever in full view, and demonstrate to the world that Masonry demands the highest exercise of all our powers, physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual;

That when the square of virtue is applied to the transactions of his life, there shall be detected no divergence from the ways of uprightness and truth, that when the great Book of Life is opened at the last day, the lines of his earthly career may form a perfect square, touched on every corner by a circle transcribing his whole duty to God and man;

That the edifice of his life, erected in accordance with his God-given powers, whether it be the simple Tuscan of the common labourer, the Ionic of the mechanic, the merchant, the scholar, or the Corinthian of the statesman or the orator, whose thoughts and words control the destiny of nations, may be so symmetrical in all its parts as to form a beautiful, perfect and complete whole, and merit the approbation of the all-wise Judge to whom we shall all render an account at the last day.

Coming now to the last and highest degree of Ancient Craft Masonry, and assuming the obligations of that degree, what a multitude of thoughts crowd upon us. The obligations of this degree are numerous and extremely weighty, and were it not for firm reliance in Divine power which has been taught us in the preceding degrees, we might well shrink from assuming them. And now, as never before, the heart of the true Mason goes out in fervent prayer, for greater light. Light that he may, in justice to his country, and with due regard to the government under which he lives, properly discriminate, and dis-

close or keep for ever secret the secrets of his brother communicated to him as such. That the needs of his brother, his widow, his orphans, may be so revealed to him that, while he may go on foot and out of his way to supply their wants and render the needed assistance, he may do so in such a way and manner that they shall feel equally blessed to give and receive; and that his beneficence may lead its recipients closer to the Great Giver to whom we are all indebted for the manifold blessings which we now enjoy; that, as he kneels by the bedside of death, and "with soft touch wipes the sweat beads from the fevered brow, and whispers of Beulah land, where tear drops are not seen, and sorrow is not known, and where the happy song is always singing," the sympathetic heart, melting with the fervid heat of brotherly devotion, may take away the bitterness of the death sting, bear the sufferer peacefully through the valley of the shadow, part the sable curtain hiding from his view the great beyond, and bid the departing spirit God speed as it wings its way from the narrow confines of its earthly tabernacle to the boundless realms of bliss, where all good Masons hope to dwell in eternal happiness in the Paradise of God.

That he may so guard his thoughts, words and actions that the chastity of his brother's wife, sister, daughter, mother, may not only be held inviolate at his hands, but that he be ever ready to protect that sanctity at his life's peril, at the slightest approach of impending danger;

That his eye and ear may ever be on the alert to catch the faintest signal of distress given by a worthy brother, that his limbs may be swift to the rescue, and that he may clearly discriminate between the chances of life and death, and fail not in the rescue from lack of courage.

So regulate his life that, while he whispers good counsel into the ear of his falling brother, and tenderly reminds him of his faults, no beam may obstruct the vision of his own eye while he seeks to remove the mote from that of his brother; so subjugate the love of self to the desire for the ennoblement of his fellow men, that in his adorations to Deity the welfare of his brother may be remembered equally with his own; that with the trowel of his example he so may spread the cement of brotherly love and kindness, that the smallest crevice of strife and discord may be detected and filled, that he may be the instrument of uniting his Lodge into the common band of friends and brothers whose only emulation is who best can work or most excel; that the pot of incense sending forth its adorations to Deity may be ever burning on his family altar, and that its fumes may be so replete with the aroma of worthy deeds that it may indeed be the emblem of a pure heart and prove an acceptable sacrifice to the Deity;

That as he goes forth into the great beehive of worldly avocations, he may be so guided in the proper choice of his labour, that his life may be full of good works; that he may indeed add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding; that in the reliance of mankind one upon another for sustenance and support, he may not be a drone in the hive of society, deriving his sustenance from the labour of others and contributing nothing in return, but wisely and usefully employing his time in reciprocal acts of love and friendship, that when the great honeycomb of this world's deeds is presented to the Grand Master of the Celestial Lodge above, his particular cell may be found filled to the brim with honey extracted from the flowers scattered along the pathway of a well spent life; that standing with the Tyler's sword in hand, he may not only guard the Book of Constitutions from the invasions of the profane, but arrest the slightest deviation from the established usages of the Craft, silently and circumspectly defending the noble tenets of our profession, and preserving unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity; that as he guides his bark through the broad expanse of the ocean of life, whether in the calm and placid waters of prosperity, or through the storms and tempests of adversity, the effulgence of the rays sent forth from the lighthouse of the Holy Scriptures may ever clearly discover to him the shoals and quicksands of vice, insolence and sensuality, the rocks and breakers of unbelief and infidelity, and that he may safely land in the peaceful harbour of a well spent life; and as he drops his anchor in the quiet waters "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," may it take firm hold on the rock of ages; and as passing down the gangway he abandons the clayey vessel of mortality, steps upon the undiscovered shore, his hands may be grasped at the water's edge by Him who walked

upon the sea of Galilee, and his ear catch the welcome greeting, "Come! Blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

To so keep the innermost recesses of his heart illumined by the rays of benevolence, charity and brotherly love, that the All-Seeing Eye, peering into its remotest corners, may find therein such purity of purpose, such earnest desire for the accomplishment of good, that he may pronounce it a fit temple for His abode, and that his reward may be a "white stone with a new name written," which shall insure unspeakable happiness at His right hand.

That he may notice the golden sands of time dropping, one by one, through the hour-glass of his life, and so improve each almost imperceptibly passing opportunity that, as it glides into the irretrievable past, it may bear with it some worthy thought, some word of love, some deed of kindness, leaving an imprint of good on the great page of human life, that when the all-devouring scythe of time cuts the brittle thread, detaining his bounding soul on time's side of eternity, no part of his physical, mental or moral powers shall remain unused, but may his last heartbeat empty the vessel to its very dregs, that as he appears before the all-wise Judge to render an account of his stewardship, no talent may be returned rolled in a napkin, but may the record of his life exhibit such a judicious investment and vigorous use of his God-given powers that he may receive the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

That when the setting mall of time shall have ended his earthly career, the spade of kindly remembrance shall dig for him a grave in the hearts of those with whom he daily mingled, the coffin of charity hide from their view the frailties of his human life, and that new life, new beauty and greater love for our Order may, nurtured by the richness of his example, bloom like a sprig of acacia, designating the last resting place of one who was indeed an Ancient Free and Accepted Mason.

My brothers, if such be the motives guiding and controlling Masonic life, it is not surprising that during all the centuries marking the pathway of human progress, during all the ages when justice, benevolence and truth were battling against superstition, fanaticism, ignorance, tyranny and oppression, the Masonic Institution has marched continually onward, with ever accelerated speed and increasing glory, gathering in her train the noblest and the best of all nations and generations.

'Neath every form of government, in every age and clime,
Amid the world's convulsions and the ghastly wrecks of time,
While empires rise in splendour and are conquered and o'erthrown,
And cities crumble into dust, their very sites unknown,
Beneath the sunny smiles of peace, the threatening frowns of strife,
Freemasonry has stood unmoved, with age renewed her life.

And that to-day, when the wheel of progress is revolving with lightning speed, when, as never before, the light of science is daily unveiling the storehouses of nature's treasures, when the perfection of invention subjugating the forces of nature to the demands of a more enlightened civilisation surpasses our wildest imagination, when the overthrow of ignorance and superstition seems overwhelming in the unprecedented thirst for universal knowledge marking the waning of the nineteenth century, Masonry stands in the foreground in all her grandeur, proclaiming the doctrine of equality and universal brotherhood from her altars throughout the entire globe, rejoicing that the grand civilization which has so richly dawned upon the entire world is ever joining in closer bonds of Fraternal fellowship the scattered millions of our Order.

She claims her votaries in all climes, for none are under ban
Who place implicit trust in God, and love their fellow man.
The heart that shares another's woe, beats just as warm and true
Within the breast of Christian, Mohammedan or Jew.
She levels all distinctions, from the highest to the least.
The king must yield obedience to the peasant in the East.

And we, the Masons of Nebraska, a little band from the great household of our Universal Brotherhood, stand proudly before the world rejoicing in the fact that as we cast a retrospective glance over the history of our mystic Order, no compromising weakness, no flinching from the path of duty, dims the brightness of the record, or mars the picture of perfect manhood it enjoins upon its followers.

As some tall cliff that lifts its giant form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its base the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.

Brethren, let us solve for ourselves the question, are we living in the perfect light which points out our whole duty to our God, our country, our neighbours and ourselves? If not, we are living beneath our privileges, and coming short of our duty as Masons. If we are not, let us go at once to the Great giver for further light.

The square upon the Bible place,
To rule our actions day by day.
May we while on life's eager race,
Ne'er from the path of duty stray.
Though beauty's line may be the curve,
And angels seem, perchance, less fair,
From rectitude let no one swerve
Whoever parts upon the square.

Let us resolve anew to devote our lives to the performance of the great duties incurred by our Masonic obligations, that when the sands of life are run, when the last earthly light shall flicker in the socket of existence, and we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, into the great beyond, our eyes shall re-open upon the glorious light of the Son of Righteousness, before whose halo the brightness of the noonday sun pales as a shadow; and may Jacob's ladder, reaching to the heavens, appear in full view, and as we ascend by the various rounds of brotherly love, relief, truth, faith and hope, and standing on the topmost round of charity, wait the examination of our record as shown in the book of life, may the Grand Master of the Universe clasp our hand in His, and bid us kindly welcome to the Celestial Lodge above; and may the fruition of our hopes be the realisation of that ineffable happiness which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath the heart of man conceived.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

Saturday, 14th February.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1671 Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1890 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
1069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Monday, 16th February.

1 Grand Masters', Freemason's Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
K.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
983 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulmo
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1189 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 1061 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyl
R.C. 28 William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday, 17th February.

Board of General Purpose, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cudogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, 8a Red Lion Sq., W.C.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.

R.A. 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1348 Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.C. 46 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
334 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hantley
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union St., B.-on-Trent
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006 Tregilow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214 Yarborough, Scarborough Hall, Batley
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Boscating
1325 Stacey, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 149 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1781 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1911 St. Augustine's, Sarsbury Arms, Rugeley
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045 Wharton, Willenden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton

R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 308 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarson Hill, Basinstoke
M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 268 Inherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 389 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, 18th February.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. W.C.
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.,
1278 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
R.A. 1698 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.A. 778 Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Richmond

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, San Hotel, Chatham
86 Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancaster
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
633 Yarborough Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes
683 Ica, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
982 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cantorbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffild
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1218 Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Barmouth, Wales
R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dorchester
R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 19th February.

House Committee, Gir's School, Battersea Rise, 4
23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
49 Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
181 Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's W.C.
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1277 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1813 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 607 United Pilgrims, Horas Tav, Kennin gton
M.M. Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7 Carnarvon, Miro Hotel, Hampton Court

42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Anson-under-Lyne
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Caekasford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslingden
337 Cambour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Suddiworth
341 Wellington, Inque Ports Hotel, Rye
343 Cornwall, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Redcliff, Lancaster
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
357 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
824 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
695 Concordance, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeau
639 Blythe, Blythe Arms Hotel, Blythe
1009 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Salford
1911 Richmond, Crown Hotel, Salford
1942 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1164 Blue, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool

1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
1347 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1512 Hemmings, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Parkside, Chester
1872 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892 Wallington, King's Arms, Carnation
2107 Ethelreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket

R.A. 97 Strict Benevolence, M.H., Sunderland
R.A. 107 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1335 Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet
R.A. 2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 20th February.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, 4
6 Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
143 Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate Street
201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1704 Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10 Invicta, 33 Golden Square, W.

159 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Tipton
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme

516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541 De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulmo
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143 Royal Denbigh, Council Rooms, Denbigh
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
R.A. 61 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 355 Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Swindon
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 622 St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. 123 Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

Saturday, 21st February.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 357 Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

140 Peace, Private Rooms, Melham
308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

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Saturday, 14th February.

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. 9
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7-30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 16th February.

22 Loughborough, Guden 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
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30
933 Dore, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-3
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1330 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 8-30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Cantorbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7-30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7-30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Manton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kugland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8-30
1797 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Waltham, 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, 17th February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7-30
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
148 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Motio Red Cap, Cannon Row, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
709 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maid Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7-30
823 Selwyn, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
853 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Throatwood St., 7

1044 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
 1446 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
 1839 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 Fin-bury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 18th February.

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.,
 228 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
 781 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 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
 New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
 2208 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
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Thursday, 19th February.

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
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 New Road
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 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1183 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
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 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbladon, 7'30
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 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool
 Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7'45
 1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 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
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Friday, 20th February.

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
 740 Bolgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W. 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 766 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav, Baker St., 8
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 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
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 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William Lord's Hotel,
 St. John's Wood, 8
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 Canonbury, 8

Saturday, 21st February.

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', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1375 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
 1388 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
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