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IMPROPERLY VOUCHERED FOR.

THE regulations of the Craft are pretty clear as to the course to be adopted when a stranger seeks admission to a Lodge, and it is probable that the tests applied by the Junior Warden or his representative are effective, and quite sufficient to keep out any unqualified person who comes wholly strange to a meeting; but can the same be said in regard to the visitor who first makes himself acquainted with one of the members, and secures an invitation from that member, who personally vouches for his guest? Of course this latter method of obtaining admission to a Lodge would take a little longer, but that would be a minor drawback with any one who desired to witness the working of Freemasonry without going through the necessary forms of initiation, and while it seems next to impossible to wholly guard against it, a little extra care may be enjoined, and a little public attention directed to what is certainly a weak spot in the organisation of Freemasonry. One frequently discovers that those with whom business brings us in association know something of Freemasonry, but how much it is quite impossible to find out. By degrees the intimacy increases, and later on what is more natural than the extension of an invite to one's Lodge, which is regularly accepted, the guest being allowed to enter without any examination or inquiry, the word of the introducer being deemed sufficient for all purposes; and so it is, and should be, in most cases, but what would happen if the guest had imposed on the good nature of his friend, and had improperly led him on to regard him as a regular Freemason? He could learn enough in that one visit to render him free to go or come in Freemasonry whenever he chose, and probably few would be the wiser.

It would be very difficult to have to explain, before introducing a friend, that we only had his word that he was a Mason, or that an introducer should have to suggest a proper examination of his guest before allowing his admission into the Lodge. Yet something of the sort is really necessary to guard against the possible admission of an unqualified stranger, although, as we have previously argued, it would not be necessary to adopt such troublesome tactics if surreptitious entrance to a Lodge was really desired. We must content ourselves in England with the knowledge that Freemasonry is so easy of attainment in a proper manner that there is no need for underhand practices or trickery of which one need be ashamed.

NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

WITHOUT desiring to create unnecessary alarm among those who are interested in the welfare of the Masonic Institutions, or of putting too black an

appearance on the outlook for the future, we think it is necessary to prepare the Craft for something like disappointment in connection with the first of the three Festivals of 1891, which is to be held on Wednesday next, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows. It will be already known to our readers that the Masonic chief of the Province of Kent has this year undertaken to appeal to the Craft, as Chairman of the Festival, and it is believed that his district will support him with a fair average total, but there is nothing of an exceptional character, as far as we know, to point to a grand success, even if the returns will not show a diminution as compared with those of the past few years. It is perhaps too late in the day to now urge new Stewards to come forward, although there is ample time for them to do so, even at this late hour; but it is not too late to urge on individual brethren the desirability of carefully studying the position of this Institution, the work it is accomplishing, and the means it has at hand of meeting the claims made upon its resources.

The Benevolent Institution stands in a peculiar position among the great charity funds of the Craft, and has many points to recommend it which are not enjoyed by the others. In this case there is no necessity to squabble as to what is done with the money; there is no room for a cheese-paring policy or a niggardly cutting down of everything and everybody, until the tradesmen become disgusted, and the servants rebellious; for the recipients of the bounty are allowed to spend their own money just as they choose, without let or hindrance from Committees, Councils or other combinations of subscribers, who, in very many instances, seem to desire to make their work as obnoxious and unpleasant as possible. Then again, the Benevolent Institution has no expensive buildings to maintain, periodically enlarge and improve, or adapt in accordance with modern ideas of sanitation or of "fad." Although there is the Asylum at Croydon, we think there is little fear of thousands being spent in enlarging it, for the opinion seems to be growing that, small as it is, it is already too large for the work it is provided for, and costs far more to maintain than is justifiable from a strictly commercial standpoint. The Craft is to be congratulated on this fact, and we should rejoice to hear that the Committee deemed it desirable to do away with the small building now in use as a Masonic Almshouse, preferring rather to add a few additional annuities to the already handsome number annually dispensed through the channels of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our old people should not be so deserted by their friends of the past as to make a home far from all old associations desirable, even if by removal to the Asylum they secure a few extra advantages, such as free accommodation, light, coal, and medical attendance. Happily a large majority of those who might enjoy these additional privileges prefer to remain, in their own districts and periodically receive a remittance from the offices of the charity, which they are at liberty to expend as they like. We think a little consideration of the drawbacks of compelling the removal of the annuitants to a central habitation will not only prove the correctness of the system now in vogue, but will induce a belief that the abolition of even the present small Asylum might be advantageously discussed. The questions which naturally arise are: how much does it cost to maintain? who would suffer by its removal? and what would be the effect of its abolition on the general body of the Craft?

As matters stand at present, the Institution at Croydon is available as tangible evidence of what is being done, but is not the fact that nearly 400 other annuitants are receiving quarterly remittances, which they are enabled to spend among their friends, equally attractive as a platform cry, and equally significant to the thinking Mason. We believe so, and again we urge that the time will arrive when it may be desirable to discuss the future of the Croydon Asylum.

The present may be deemed as hardly the best time to urge the desirability for a change, but, on the other hand, the Annual Festivals bring together a large number of Masons who have a personal interest in the welfare of the Charities, and it is not unwise to give them a topic for future consideration. They should learn to recognise that their work is not complete when they have helped to erect the edifice, it has to be maintained, and there is always plenty of scope for activity, assistance and kindly consideration.

In conclusion, we can but express the hope that Earl Amherst and the body of Stewards who will support him on Wednesday will be able to produce such a result as will secure for the first Festival of 1891 the right to rank as one of the grandest efforts the Craft has witnessed on behalf of the distressed members of the Order.

TO WHAT BASE USES WE MAY COME.

IT has been considered worthy of remark that the Bridge of Sighs, in Venice, connected a palace and a prison. It is more worthy of remark when that which was once a palace becomes degraded to be a prison. This happened once to a home of the Mason Craft, the first distinctive Masonic Hall erected in America.

In 1752, the Grand and First Lodges meeting in Philadelphia resolved to erect a "Building for the accommodation of the said Lodges," and in 1754 the work was accomplished. Among the contributors to it were Bros. John Swift, Edward Shippen, Wm. Allen, Benjamin Franklin, William Franklin, Daniel Roberdeau, Michael Hillegas, Samuel Mifflin, James Hamilton, William Plumstead, Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, Thomas Bond, and other leading Freemasons and citizens. The year after the completion of the Hall, in 1755, when there were three Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania meeting in Philadelphia, Bro. William Allen was Grand Master. It will be remembered that he was also the first Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in 1782, under the authority of the earliest Grand Lodge of England, the so-called "Moderns" or "Free and accepted Masons." Afterwards, in 1758, the so-called "Ancients" or "Ancient York Masons"—the Dermott Grand Lodge of England, warranted a Lodge in Philadelphia and also a Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and for some years the two constitutions of the Moderns and the Ancients co-existed; but the latter gradually absorbed the membership of the former, and since then the Craft in Pennsylvania have been, in their mystic nomenclature, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons. The use of the title "Ancient York Masons" by the "Ancients" was clearly never justifiable, since they had no Masonic connection with York, but it was officially adopted, and it came to us in Pennsylvania with the introduction here of Lodges by the "Ancients" in 1758. In our title, and in our Lodge and Grand Lodge minutes, however, we now properly style ourselves simply Free and Accepted Masons.

The earlier Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was composed, to a considerable extent, of those who became loyalists during the Revolutionary era, while the "Ancients" Grand Lodge was composed largely of patriots. This circumstance contributed to the success of the latter body, and to the failure of the former, and led to the unfortunate and remarkable event to which we are about to advert.

Philadelphia's first Masonic Hall, erected in 1754, twenty-three years later, in 1777, was used by the State of Pennsylvania as a prison! It happened in this wise:

The Quakers of the city were, on principle, non-combatants, and hence under suspicion. They were charged with issuing seditious publications, and the Provincial Council, on 3rd Sept. 1777, ordered Colonel Lewis Nicola, the town major, to arrest some forty of them, and imprison them in the Freemasons' Lodge (the Masonic Hall above referred to), "and there confine them under guard till further orders." This Hall was located on

Lodge Alley, west of Second Street, and it was temporarily used as a prison because the city prison was already full. The "Moderns" themselves were then under a cloud, because they were generally loyalists, and their Lodges were not at that time meeting in the Hall.

By the favour of Bro. Charles K. Francis, of this city, we have before us a London book, printed in 1777, which gives a full account of this transaction. It is entitled:—

An address to the Inhabitants of Pennsylvania, by those Freemen of the City of Philadelphia who are now Confined in the Mason's Lodge, by virtue of a General Warrant, signed in Council by the Vice President of the Council of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia Printed. London: Reprinted by James Phillips, 1777.

This copy formerly belonged to the late Bro. Thompson Westcott, of this city, having been presented to him by the Hon. Benjamin Moran, then of London, now our Minister to Portugal.

In the Address we find this statement, by the Quakers:

It is well known that at both the times hinted at, contending armies were endeavouring, within the circle of their yearly-meeting, to procure all persons that should come in their way to join them in military preparations.

The testimony of the Quakers is against all wars and fighting, and against entering into military engagements of any kind; surely then it was the right of the representatives of their society to caution their members from engaging in anything contrary to their religious principles. But if it be an offence in those who were active in that publication, what have those of us done who are not members of that society, who are of the Church of England (which two denominations comprehend all of the subscribers), and who have published no testimonies.

Singularly, the Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., Provost of the College of Philadelphia (now University of Pennsylvania), was one of those arrested, being one of the "Church of England men" referred to above. He was a "Modern" Mason, but later became also an "Ancient" Mason, and was elected Grand Secretary of the "Ancients" Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was the authorised compiler of the earliest (1783) Ahiman Rezon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. His name is mentioned on page 8 of the "Address," and other names are those of the Fishers, Pembertons, Whartons, Robertses, Emlens, Gilpins, &c. In the "Address" the Episcopalians say:—

And we who are of the Church of England are free to declare to you and the world, that we never have at any time during the present controversy, either directly or indirectly communicated any intelligence whatever to the commander of the British forces, or any other person concerned in public affairs.

Bro. Dr. Wm. Smith appears to have been early released, since his name does not appear in the later protests. The main body of prisoners met with a different fate. The reprint of "The Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," issued by the Library Committee, of which Bro. Charles E. Meyer is Chairman (a most valuable publication, which every Pennsylvania Freemason who desires to be well informed should possess) tells us that the unfortunate Quakers

Were brought out of the Masons' Lodge where they had been confined. Carriages and waggons to convey them and their baggage were ready. The City Troop and the detachment of City Guards, detailed for the service, were waiting to receive them. They took their seats in the vehicles, and with the sound of the drum and fife this procession of exiles took their way through the City to the middle ferry.

Their place of exile, according to the "Address," was Stanton, Augusta Co., Virginia.

This Masonic Hall, degraded from a Lodge Room to be a prison, by Act of Assembly was sold in 1793, and one-third of the proceeds of sale (1,533·57 dols.) was given to the City Fuel Fund of Philadelphia, to supply the poor with fuel during the winter. Among the Brethren, members of the First Lodge, who in 1793 made this charitable disposition of the funds, were Bros. Edward Shippen, John Swift, Matthew Clarkson, Michael Hillegas, Tench Francis, John Penn and William Smith—all notable citizens.

The moral of this transformation is: Be good Masons, attentive to all the interests of your Lodge, and be patriots, lovers of your country. The members of the "First Lodge" waxed cold in their allegiance to both their Lodge and their country. The result was, their Masonic Hall became first a prison, and afterwards was sold under the hammer. The "First Lodge," as a Lodge, went out of existence with its Hall, the members either connecting themselves with other Lodges, or, like Bro. Allen, they left the country, departing for England.—*Keystone.*

MARK MASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

ON Thursday, the 29th inst., another Lodge was added to the already existing Lodges in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, by the consecration of the Sewell Lodge, No. 421, at Egremont. The Lodge is named after the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Cumberland and Westmoreland, Worshipful Brother Colonel F. R. Sewell, J.P., C.C., who is highly respected not only in his own Province but outside of it. The Consecrating Officer appointed by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, Worshipful Brother Colonel Sewell D.P.G.M.M.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, opened the Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the presence of a large number of Officers and brethren. A ballot was then taken for eleven new members, who were duly elected, and those in attendance were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by Brother B. Craig P.M., C.E. The founders of the new Lodge were then arranged in order; they were Brothers F. R. Sewell, G. Dalrymple, James Gardiner, James Stout, J. Lowery, J. Kitchen, B. Craig, Rev. James Anderson, J. Gordon, J. O. Scott, G. Scott, T. Brackenridge, T. Atkinson, T. Casson, T. Mitchell, and H. Hartley, who were addressed by the consecrating officer on the nature of the meeting. After the brethren had approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant, an oration was delivered by Brother G. B. Armes P.G. Chaplain, after which the consecrating Officer, Colonel F. R. Sewell, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. P. de Collin P.G.D. of England, Rev. J. Anderson Prov. Grand S.W., J. C. Thompson Prov. Grand J.W., Rev. G. B. Armes Prov. Grand Chaplain, duly consecrated and constituted the Sewell Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 421 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, &c. Bro. D. Cook Prov. Grand Organist attended to the musical part of the ceremony. After the consecration service was finished, Bro. James Gardiner P.M. Past Grand Steward of England, as Installing Master, took the chair of A., when Bro. J. Stout 621, W.M. designate, was duly presented to him and installed in the usual impressive manner. Bro. B. Craig P.M. 216 P.P.G.M.O. gave the charges and addresses to the respective Officers and Members. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. Craig I.P.M., Lowery S.W., Kitchen J.W., Hartley Treasurer, Bosword Secretary, Bouch Reg. of Marks, Nelson M.O., Armes Chaplain, Cook Dir. of Cers., Braithwaite Tyler. Bro. Colonel F. R. Sewell D.P.G.M.M.M. then presented the Lodge with a beautiful silk banner, with his crest and the emblems of the Order, which had been painted in an artistic manner by Mrs. Sewell, and which was greatly admired. The usual routine of Lodge business was then transacted, and with hearty good wishes from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and the various Lodges in the Province, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a banquet was duly discussed. Bro. Stout W.M. 421 presided, supported by his Officers, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and loyally responded to.

HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 284.

A MEETING was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Wednesday, 18th inst., when the W.M. Bro. Captain C. J. Knightley Prov. Grand Overseer was supported by his Officers. Two brethren were advanced to the Mark degree, and a joining member was added to the roll, making an increase of three in the membership. The usual banquet followed, with the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts.

ROYAL CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 409.

A MEETING of the brethren was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 13th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes Prov. Grand Treasurer P.Prov.G.M.O. East Anglia, who was supported by his Officers and a goodly array of visitors. By the request of the W.M. designate and Founders of the Brighton Mark Lodge, No. 426, over twenty brethren of the new Lodge were advanced to Mark Masonry. The ceremonies, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. F. Matier P. Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, were performed by the V.W. Bro. V. Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chaplain Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Dr. Alfred King was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Brother Billing was re-elected Treasurer. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, of King's Road. The W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes presided. The customary Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. H. W. G. Abell Grand Standard Bearer responding for the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge Present and Past. The W.M., in proposing R.W. Bro. H.B.H. the Duke of Connaught Prov. Grand Mark Mason, said arrangements were being made for the visit of his Royal Highness to Brighton, on the occasion of his installation as Prov. G.M.M. He (the W.M.) was sure the Duke of Connaught would receive that warm welcome which he justly merited. In proposing the V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Prov. Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, the W.M. apologised for the absence of Bro. Currie, who had been compelled to leave to catch his train. Bro. Currie wished to thank the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him in the Lodge. All present had been pleased to see him amongst them, and appreciated the admirable manner in which, in the absence of Bro. Matier, through illness, he had performed the ceremonies of advancement. The Province was greatly indebted to its Officers, who carried out their duties most

ably, and were always ready to assist the various Lodges. Bros. S. B. Legg and J. P. Slingsby Roberts responded. Bro. J. Farncombe gave the Worshipful Master—a toast which, he said, was sure to meet with a hearty reception. Bro. Clowes had, by his able work and hospitality, proved himself a thorough Mason. The first year of the Royal Connaught Lodge had been a successful one, and that success was attributable, in no small degree, to the able manner in which Bro. Clowes had carried out his duties, and he (Bro. Farncombe) wished the W.M. long life and prosperity. Bro. Clowes, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. Thanking Bro. Farncombe for his kind words, he said that when, by the lamented death of the late Bro. Crawford Pocock, he became W.M., he determined to do all he could to follow in that brother's footsteps, and advance the interests of the Royal Connaught Lodge. He was proud to see such a gathering at the last meeting of the Lodge during his year of office, and he should ever remember the hearty reception accorded him. Bro. Clowes then proposed the W.M. Designate of the Brighton Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Willard upon his election as W.M., and the brethren upon the happy selection they had made. He had been pleased to assist the new Lodge by having the brethren advanced that evening. He hoped to find the Royal Connaught and Brighton Lodges go hand-in-hand for the good of Mark Masonry. Bro. Willard, who was very warmly received on rising to respond, took the opportunity of thanking the founders of the Brighton Lodge for forwarding his name to Grand Lodge as their first W.M. He would do his best for Mark Masonry, and hoped the Brighton Lodge would prove a great success. He also thanked Bro. Clowes for allowing the brethren to be advanced in the Royal Connaught Lodge, and thus enabling them to be present at the approaching consecration of the new Lodge and at the installation of H.H.H. the Duke of Connaught. The W.M. proposed the Advances, to which Bros. Barfield, Brown, and Blaker responded. He then gave the Visitors, which Bros. the Rev. Tooth, Botting, Hollman, and Gill acknowledged. The remaining toasts were the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. A. King and the Secretary responded; and the Tyler's toast. During the evening pleasing songs were given by Bros. Clements, Cully, Dyer, Soper (Mayor of Brighton), Brazier, Willard, and Cole; Mr. Lewis Menuich and Bro. Dr. Whittle played a violin and ocarina duet in good style; and Bro. Chapman Marshall contributed an excellent pianoforte solo. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. Norman Roe Prov. Grand Organist.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held, on Wednesday the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the death, of three male annuitants was announced. It was also stated that a further sum of £1000 had been received on account of the bequest of the late Dr. Morris Wilson. Two widows were granted the half of their late husband's pension. At the next election vacancies exist for 14 Male Candidates (three deferred), and 12 Female (three of these also deferred); for these 26 vacancies there are at present 157 candidates.

We understand that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has fixed Thursday, 12th March, as the date to attend, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to open the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise.

Bro. James Stevens will lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the three Craft Degrees in the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday next, the 25th inst., at 6 for 7 p.m. The brethren in the Province of Devon are arranging for his visit to several Lodges in that county, and early in March he is to lecture at Plymouth. Engagements are also pending at Plumstead, Shrewsbury, Southend-on-Sea and elsewhere. We are pleased to learn that Bro. Stevens' practical efforts are now receiving a well deserved attention amongst Freemasons, as a means of conveying most useful information and affording profitable entertainment on fitting occasions. We wish him continued success.

The members of the Union Lodge, No. 105, and the Royal Arch Chapter, and Preceptory in connection therewith, have presented Dr. James Taylor, on the occasion of his marriage, with an address and Past Preceptor's jewel, in appreciation of his many good qualities and services to Freemasonry.

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LOVE THE GREATEST.

An Oration by Bro. Sir Hugh McCurdy at the Dedication of the Michigan Masonic Home, at Grand Rapids, 28th January 1891.

A BOOK has recently appeared called, "The Greatest Thing in the World." This greatest thing is love. Greater than eloquence, greater than martyrdom, greater than charity, and greater than faith. "Take," says the writer, "unto your sphere of labour, where you are laying down your life, that simple charm, and your life-work must succeed." In this beautiful home, our home, built here by loving hands, what a proof we have of the greatness of brotherly love!—that love which is the chief corner stone of every temple we as Freemasons build, whether it be a temple built as this with hands, or the temples built in hearts by kindly deed or brother's word. Other foundation for every deed doth no Freemason lay than that is laid, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This simple charm, my brothers, you have indeed taken into your sphere of labour here, and this your noblest Masonic work has been crowned with a triumphant success—a success for which you hardly dared to hope. Love to one another—that love which is the fulfilling of Masonic faith—has in this work been the master builder; it issued its command and, delighted, every builder heard the Master's word, for his heart was in his work, and the heart giveth grace to every art.

Ah, what a wondrous thing it is to note how many wheels of toil that master builder can set in motion! Where is the brother's heart, or the true heart of mother, sister, wife, friend, that did not beat responsive to that command to bring hither its tribute, great or small, that the walls of the beautiful home might be builded in strength and beauty?

"How skilful grows the hand,
That obeyeth Love's command!
It is the heart and not the brain,
That to the highest doth attain,
And he who followeth Love's behest
Far excelleth all the rest."

At the laying of the corner-stone, 21st May 1889, we spoke of this home as a memorial of our faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; and now, as with a look of joy and a thrill of pride we stand to-day before its open door, open to receive and gladden the lives of those for whom it has been planned and built, what act more hallowed than this act of dedication—a free-will offering to those who shall dwell in peace and quietness within its walls! How eloquently these open doors shall voice our truth, it is more blessed to give than to receive, for such giving is a most sacred keeping! The dwellers here will be ours—our own—not our wards, but members of the one family, of which our one faith in a common Father is the touch of nature that makes all kin. He is most my brother who most needs me; this is Masonic creed, and to this Masonic home he will ever be most welcome who most needs a welcome home. As his brother's necessity has ever been the key to open every Mason's heart, so will the doors of this home spring most quickly open to him who knocks in greatest need. Let me be understood here. In the Masonic creed there is no such word as charity, save as it means fraternity—no such word as otherness, save as it means brotherness.

"We believe that God and Nature linked the general frame,
And bade self love and social be the same."

When you speak of a mother's charity for her helpless child—a husband's charity for his wife, a son's charity for his mother—then may you think of charity as between Masons and his brother man. Otherness—we know no such word. For charity we read brotherly love, for otherness we coin a word, brotherness.

"'Tis the sublime of man—
Our noontide majesty, to know ourselves,
Parts and proportions of one wondrous whole.
This fraternises man, this constitutes
Our charities and bearings."

Those who shall dwell here are our own, and in caring for them we are caring for ourselves as tenderly and as devotedly as the mother for her child, the true son for his venerable mother, and the loyal husband for his wife. Every true woman—every true man—knows full well that the more the objects of their care need them the more

devotedly and tenderly are they ministered unto. Their very necessities are love's opportunity to pay its tribute, to offer its noblest and its best. Hither may those who need come with the assurance that they shall receive the constant healing, beautiful ministrations of spirits bright with something of angel light. Here Masonry bids—

"Each on other for assistance call,
Till one man's weakness grows the strength of all."

Thus broad and deep have the foundations of this home been laid by the broad guaged and large hearted brothers who conceived and have brought to such graceful completion this memorial of Masonic faith. Thus broad and deep its welcome; thus tender and constant the ministrations of those who shall give loving thought and gentle care to bring sunshine to all who enter here. Our Masonic Home: What repetition in these three words; for these three words are one! Tell me what there is in the three great lights of Masonry that may not be found in these three words? Our. The first word upon the lips of the little child as he kneels in prayer at the mother's side—the first word upon every Freemason's lips as he kneels in prayer before the open Book upon the sacred altar—the first word of that last prayer which men breathe and are not afraid to go forth into that home of a Father's love. Our: Write it upon the lintels of these doors that every one of the thirty thousand Free and Accepted Masons of this State, their wives and children, may see it written here and say Ours—our birthright for our children and for our children's children for all time. Masonic: The building fraternity. Here, brothers, in very deed is the perfection of your building. Here is a living stone with a new name written upon it—a name which no man knows save him who has received it. An affirmation of your belief that Freemasonry has not only a past but a present; that the world has practically ceased to ask what do you believe, and is persistently asking what do you do; that the world has ceased to ask how far-reaching into the past is your history, and is ever asking what is the depth and height and breadth of your love for one another. In this home men may find an answer to every question as to Masonic faith and works. "Bear ye one another's burdens." This is the command that these devoted women who have borne so large a part in this noble work have so gently heard and so cheerfully obeyed; and this is the spirit which inspired every man's heart to give freely to this practical experience of his life and teaching.

Our Masonic Home: In this trinity of words there is one word which is the key that unlocks the casket in which we find our jewels—every jewel that makes life precious in our faith. The word Home: For this we kneel in prayer; for this we take our vows. The Masonic faith is from first to last a household principle. Its cardinal proposition is fellowship. It emphasises the teaching that we are members one of another. It asks every man, "Where is thy brother?" and if a man answers back, "Am I my brother's keeper?" it responds in thunder tones, "Yes, you are." Every man is his brother's keeper; every man is either giving his brother *more darkness or further light*.

Freemasonry demands of every man the use of his gifts in positive achievement for God, man and the truth. It means the recognition of relationship, the discharge of obligations between man and man, husband and wife, parent and child. It means that man shall live according to his vows in all the relations of life. It touches a man's whole life if it touch him at all. It makes him a better citizen, a more upright and honest man, a kinder father and a truer husband. It says to every man, you never can be a more faithful Mason than you are neighbour, brother friend. It teaches man the inner and most sacred meaning of all things—the meaning of wealth, of talents, of all gifts. It says to him, If you have gifts, you have received them for man. The true test of your character is the use you are making of your gifts. The highest form of gratitude for a gift is in its consecrated use. If God has given one man a home, it is that he may help some poor homeless one to find a home. If he has taken away your sorrow, your want or loneliness, it is that the lonely, the sorrowful, those in want all about you, may be comforted by the radiated comfort of your happy soul.

In recognition of these principles and teachings, your noble men, devoted women and happy children, have brought hither your gifts to gladden the hearts of those

who may live here in the sunshine of your own happy lives; comforted with the comfort ye, yourselves, have received. What a blessed economy this of money, of material, of things beauteous and costly, made by willing hands; economy of faith, prayer and hope! What a glad consecration here to-day and always of the gifts which you have received! I say always, for I need not assure you that this home, built and so elegantly equipped for its good work, has only enlarged your horizon of usefulness. This is only a beginning of generous gifts that will continue to be consecrated to this noble purpose; this dedication is only a beginning of dedications that will be made to meet every demand and to supply every want—dedications by large-souled men and kind and generous women—men and women, too, whose very birth was an initiation into all the sacred rites and ceremonies of an universal brotherhood. With love ruling and reigning in our hearts, and in all our good works, shall not our service to this home be that of kings and queens, to the manner born? Shall not the ides of every November, as the past November, see the wise-hearted mothers, faithful wives and devoted daughters of this State weaving with their hands contributions to this ministering angel's work? Shall we not again and again see the zealous brethren, by a fair and with the fair, bringing hither more than enough to supply our home? Let every brother give what his heart finds to give, and do what his hand may find to do, to minister to the comfort and peace of all who may enter here.

King David's noblest psalm of thanksgiving was sung because of the restoration of the Ark to its own place in the tabernacle, and the restoration of the homeless to happy, peaceful homes. And as with thousands and tens of thousands, with trumpets and cymbals and harps, he ascended the Hill of Zion, with heart and voice they sang, giving praises unto His name, for He is a Father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow, in His holy habitation. He setteth the solitary in families. He maketh men to be of one mind in an house.

Shall not this be our song of thanksgiving to-day? As the ark of the Israelite was the sacred repository of the covenant—that which was of all things the most valuable—so herein we this day deposit for safe-keeping our covenant with God and man—a covenant to which every brother is a party. His promise is that He will be a Father to the fatherless, a friend to the friendless; our promise is that we will bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law. Here will He set the solitary in one family. In this home may He make us all of one mind.

As we this day dedicate this home to its noble purpose, let us not forget that, for Masons, the word dedication means giving to the Supreme Architect of the Universe the noblest and best they can build.

As henceforth we kneel around our altars let us remember that the word altar means a place where gifts are given, and shall not this gift, placed as it has been upon every one of the three hundred and ninety-three altars in this Grand Jurisdiction, be a re-consecration of our every altar; shall it not give to our every symbol a new beauty, to our every word a new meaning, to our every deed a new life? And as around our altars, with hand joined in hand, and heart in heart we pray our Father, shall not these words inspire in us a new, a more consecrated devotion because of our home? And as then we kneel there let this be our prayer for this our home, and for each one who here may "wrap the drapery of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams:"

May all love, His love unseen but felt, o'ershadow thee,
The love of all thy sons encompass thee,
The love of all thy daughters cherish thee,
The love of all thy people comfort thee,
Till God's love set thee at His side in His home for ever.

—Voice of Masonry.

THE BARNATO LODGE BALL.

THE exertions of the W.M. and Stewards to make the third annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Barnato Lodge one of the most successful of the Masonic events of the season, met with unqualified success. The ball was held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on the 12th inst., and the gathering was an extremely brilliant one. Guests began to arrive shortly after nine o'clock, and these included many well known Masons and others interested in the Craft. About a quarter to ten

o'clock dancing commenced, to the strains of Messrs. Coote and Tinney's band, and was maintained until the early hours of the following morning.

The following is the programme of the dances:—Valse, Her Grace; Lancers, Carmen up to Date; Valse, La Cigale; Polka, Off we go; Quadrille, Doris; Valse, Carnival; Valse, Barnato; Lancers, Covent Garden; Valse, Bride of the Waves; Polka, Who's that Calling? Interval—Supper. Valse, Min Cara; Valse, Marjorie; Lancers, Margate; Valse, El Dorado; Polka, Rat-a-tat; Quadrille, Erin go Bragh; Valse, Summer Roses; Valse, the Princess; Lancers, Pelican; Valse, The Gondoliers; Polka, Carnival; Valse, Yours always; Lancers, Her Majesty's; Valse, Our last Waltz.

At midnight the scene was animated in the extreme, and the guests were entering with great spirit into the enjoyment provided. Supper was served in the large dining hall. Bro. E. J. Acworth W.M. of the Barnato Lodge presided, being supported by Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris and Mrs. Harris, Bro. and Mrs. Edward Terry, Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard, Bro. Richard Eve, and others. The speeches were few, but appropriate to the occasion. The W.M. gave the Queen and Royal Family, whilst the toast of the Worshipful Master, proposed in flattering terms by Bro. M. J. Jessop I.P.M., was very enthusiastically received. The Visitors followed, and was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Edward Terry, and R. Eve. The W.M. honoured the Ladies, who found a worthy representative in Bro. Tom Honey. The arrangements for the guests at supper were ably directed by Bros. H. I. Barnato, M. J. De Leeuw, and H. Warner. The menu did infinite credit to the management of the Hotel Metropole, by whom nothing was left undone to secure the comfort of the guests. Dancing was resumed in the Whitehall Rooms, the M.C.'s, whose efforts in regard to the comfort of the visitors were untiring, being Bros. Tom Honey and J. C. Robertson. The success of the ball must also be attributed to the exertions of the Stewards, among whom were Bros. E. J. Acworth, H. I. Barnato, M. Bash, J. Gluckstein, C. F. Hogard, Thos. Honey, E. M. Hyman, M. A. Hyman, W. A. Hyman, J. Joel, Isaac B. Joel, W. Johnson, M. J. De Leeuw, A. Levy, H. Lewis, J. L. Mather, G. Mayer, F. B. Phillips, A. E. Sarti, S. De Sola, H. Sprake, Carl Vandyk, Hugo Warner, Richard Warner, E. J. Whiteway, M. J. Jessop (Honorary Secretary). We append a full list of the guests:—Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. R. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Fonseca, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fonseca, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus, Mr. Phillips and Lady, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Lewis Benjamin and Lady, Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. Joel, Morris Beagurt and Lady, Bro. R. Eve and Lady, Bro. H. and Mrs. Lichtenfeld, Bro. G. and Mrs. Lichtenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delfore, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Honey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Apelt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Pfahl, Mr. A. Woolf and Miss Woolf, Mr. and Miss Gluckstein, Mr. and Mrs. Sprake, Mr. and Mrs. James Rosedale, Mr. and Mrs. Vandyk, Mr. C. Vandyk and Lady, Sol. Abrahams and Lady, Mr. C. and Miss Townley, Miss A. Townley, Mr. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Harris, Mr. and Madame Peggitt, Mr. and Mrs. Genese, H. Barnato and Miss Rantzen, M. and Madame Michel Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dixie, Captain and Miss Page, Miss Page and Mr. H. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Acworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Rooke, Mr. R. Finlayson and Miss Weld, Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mr. L. Tannebaum and Lady, Mr. Atkinson and Miss Brandram, Mr. and Mrs. Jessop, Mr. and Mrs. de Leeuw, Mrs. Rantzen, Miss Lazarus, Mrs. Bailey; the Misses Pfahl, R. Pfahl, Alice Kino, Rantzen, Edith Wilk, Longhurst, Rooke, A. Bebro, Allingham, Edith Hall; Messrs. J. Somers, M. Cohen, Samuel de Sola, Lavering, Brookes, C. F. Hogard, D. M. Davis, H. Horner, S. Harris, Under Sheriff Beard, E. M. Hyman, Walter Hyman, Gluckstein, A. Levy, H. Jarecki, Morgenthau, Nieder Morgenthau, John Abrahams, H. Vosker, Bud, Baron H. I. von Bergman, John Robertson, Roeg, Davis, Davis, F. J. Kiel, S. C. Fry, T. Crowther, Vandyk, Dr. Steele, Mr. Isaac Joel, &c.

The Barnato Lodge of Freemasons, hailing from the "Antique Bantam," at Highbury, gave a charming ball on the 12th inst., at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole. As walking-stick to Dolly and Featherbrain, I attended in state, and have to report a success in all particulars essential. There was delightful music from Coote and Tinney's band; the ladies looked extremely fetching in their elegant toilettes, and the gentlemen bore their blushing Masonic honours thick upon them. The supper was a dream, both in its novel and unconventional arrangement of tables, its decorations, and its choice menu. The Lodge takes its title from the Barnatos, who are kings of the diamond-fields of South Africa, and some of the Barnato diamonds were very much in evidence on some members of the family who were present. One lady especially was valued by a mercenary diamond merchant I know as worth about £10,000 as she stood. I had a great mind to offer to buy her on the spot for £6,000, and ask no questions, but I don't think her partner would have accepted a bill of mine at three months. The active and intelligent De Leeuw was very much in evidence, seeing that people didn't pay twice at the door, that all the ladies got partners, that everybody got supper, and that all the pretty girls had their portraits taken by magnesium light. He was ably assisted by Brother Hogard, who was a courteous M.C., Bro. Barnato, and several others. During the evening, Sheriff Harris and Bro. Edward Terry looked in, to represent Grand Lodge, and they were responsible for some of the speeches after supper, as well as an infinity of gold and purple raiment and jewels, which all the ladies declared were too positively and awfully too too. Brother Richard Bolter, Brother Page, and Brother Richard Eve, were also prominent amongst the guests, and Herbert of the Green and Mrs. Sprake were also in genial form. Dolly voted the whole affair extremely select and jolly, and Featherbrain didn't want to go home.

—Islington Gazette.

ORIGIN OF GRAND MASONIC BODIES.

OF the origin of Grand Masonic Bodies, history informs us that none of them were spontaneous, that is, that none sprang into being by their own force or energy, and therefore are not autocratic, since they have no self-derived, independent power, but are accountable for their acts. On the contrary, the same history relates their genesis in this wise: conventions are called, and representatives or delegates or local bodies assemble to frame a Constitution and Code, elect Grand Officers, and also cause their doings to be transmitted to the bodies represented and others of the same Order, for adoption. When three or more report assent, their representatives—which may be the first or newly elected ones—again meet, and after reporting approval, the Officers elected are installed, and the new Grand Body is started, with the power and authority granted it, while the bodies whose representatives made the grant, and others not represented who assent to the Constitution and Code, become constituents; thereafter those bodies which in the same jurisdiction have received dispensations from said Grand Body, and subsequently Warrants of Constitution, become on receipt of the latter also constituents.

In support of this we quote from Mackey, on the relation of Lodges. After mentioning the steps taken to bring a Lodge into being by dispensation, he says: "At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge it expires and is surrendered to Grand Lodge, which, if there is no objection, will issue a charter, technically called a Warrant of Constitution, whereby the body is permanently established as a Lodge and as one of the constituents of the Grand Lodge."

In another article he says: "Until a Lodge is legally constituted it forms no component of the constituency of the Grand Lodge."

Again: "The voice of the Grand Lodge is nothing else than the voice of the Craft expressed by their representatives."

Lastly: "When the appearance of the brethren of each Lodge in Grand Lodge was limited to its Master and Wardens, the Grand Lodge became thenceforth a strictly representative body, composed of the three first Officers of the subordinate Lodges."

Such in substance is the language of several distinguished Masonic jurists and writers, and if it is correct respecting the relations of Grand and the so-called Subordinate Lodges in a designated jurisdiction, as there can be no doubt, it is equally so when applied to similar Capitular organisations and the relations which immediately follow.

And this brings us to consider the definitions of the word constituent both as a noun adjective and as a noun substantive; as a noun adjective, it means to form; component; element; having power to elect or appoint; as a noun substantive, a person or thing which establishes; component part; one who assists to appoint or elect a representative.

Now it is obvious that more than one of these definitions warrant the application of constituent to characterise the relation of Lodges, Chapters, &c., to their respective Grand Bodies.

As to the import of the word component, it may be remarked that as a noun adjective, it denotes comprising; serving or helping to form; constituting; and as a noun substantive, a constituent part.

From these meanings it is relevant to observe that Lodges, Chapters, &c., are components of, and, therefore, constituents of the Grand Bodies, which they recognise as superiors, to which they defer, whose recommendations they heed, whose mandates they obey.

While agreeing with Comp. Henderson that subordinate, as expressive of the relation of Lodges, Chapters, &c., to their several Grand Bodies, is not in harmony with the phraseology used by the constituents of Republican Governments, when speaking of their relations as citizens, yet we do not conceive that it indicates anything like slavishness. Let us for a moment consider the meanings of subordinate. As a noun adjective, besides the definitions quoted by Comp. Henderson, it signifies, placed in a lower class or order; holding a lower position; and a noun substantive, one who stands in order or rank below another.

Now, we think, after reflecting on the import of these definitions, Comp. Henderson will concede—which, in

fact, he implicitly does, as will be seen by reference to the last paragraph above quoted—that a Lodge, Chapter, &c., may be a constituent of a Grand Body, and yet occupy a lower position, since its delegates represent only a fraction of the Brotherhood, while the Grand Body represents the entire fraternity of a definite jurisdiction. The word represent and the derivatives representing, representation, and representative appear not only in our own Constitutions and Codes, but in those of other Grand Masonic Bodies, in Grand Addresses and in reports of Grand Committees, and are understood to imply precisely what is meant by them when employed in speaking or writing of civil affairs or civil government.

Of course, where there is representation there must be a body more or less concrete represented, and it makes no difference if, in the meetings of Grand Masonic Bodies, those who are authorised to exercise the functions of representatives are predesignated and that they only, or their proxies legally qualified, can be components of such meetings, for, notwithstanding such limitation, they are truly representatives of constituent bodies, competent to legislate upon all subjects within the purview of the Grand Constitution and Code.

Lastly, it adds not a little to the rightness of this position, as the reader will readily perceive, that whenever it proposed to revise Constitutions or substitute new ones, the propositions in either instance must be submitted to and approved by a prescribed majority of the Lodges, Chapters, &c.—said approval to be duly certified to the proper Grand Body—before they can become valid.

The words sovereign and sovereignty, considered with exact reference to their chief definitions, are more objectionable than subordinate, seeing that all claims to sovereignty were repudiated by the Revolutionary patriots, many of whom were Masons—while laying the foundations of representative government and fighting in their defence, nearly one hundred and fourteen years ago.

They alleged that the people were the only sovereigns, an opinion which has since become a part of the law of the land; that is, that the people are the supreme source of all governmental power or authority. And as they are so, so too are all the members of each Masonic fraternity the source of all power or authority exercised by their respective Grand Bodies.

But the words objected to are not necessary; that this is true, let us glance at Grand, which is a connotative term, and includes as attributes, relatively great; greatest; chief; principal. Understanding that Grand implies these meanings, it is just the term to contradistinguish the chief assemblies of Masons from the ordinary meetings of the Fraternity, and to denote the superiority of the former to the latter in extent of power and authority.

If, however, it be insisted that the words sovereign and sovereignty be retained, let it be declared that it is so because the body to which they are applied is permitted to exercise stated powers and authority conceded to it by constituents, in virtue of which, as the representative of the whole Order in a specified jurisdiction, it legislates for and exercises supervision over the entire fraternity.

Finally, in respect to the autonomy of constituents. In the main, we agree with Comp. Henderson; but to make some additions and place them plainly before our readers, we enumerate them as follows:—1. They have the unconditioned right to hold regular and special meetings; 2. To elect members and confer on them the designated degrees; 3. To require members to contribute to the support of the bodies to which they belong; 4. To prefer charges against any member, and try any one so charged, except the first Officer, and in case of conviction, to pronounce sentence; 5. To waive jurisdiction over any resident within the limits of the constituent body; 6. To complete any work once begun; 7. To adopt a Constitution and Bye-Laws not derogatory to those of the Grand Body which they recognize; 8. To choose and instal their own officers, and when those designated are about to act as representatives in Grand Assemblies, to instruct them, if they see fit, providing there is no positive law forbidding such instruction; should such a law exist, it should be promptly abrogated, since it would nullify the right of constituents and subject them to the rule of an irresponsible oligarchy.

These rights are properly said to be inherent, since constituents have not derived them from anybody; have never surrendered them to, nor shared them with, their several Grand Bodies; and so firmly are they planted that the latter cannot thin or uproot them.

The inference is therefore plain that the powers of Grand Masonic Bodies are granted or delegated, by constituents, and, since they have been so granted or delegated, they may be for good cause rescinded.

On the contrary, the rights of constituents are original, not delegated, and cannot be revoked. Grand Bodies should not ignore these facts, nor forget that without the efforts of what are afterwards properly styled constituents, they could not have been formed, that without their representatives legislation would have no support, and that, without their cash contributions, the means to carry on beneficent undertakings would fail, and they would be unable to continue other than an imbecile existence, destitute of authority, influence or respect.

Let it not, however, be inferred that we think individual Masonic bodies could get on as well without as with Grand Bodies. We believe that Grand Bodies, when properly organised and wisely managed, are a great help to their constituents by stimulating them to acts of charity—both as St. Paul defined and as Masons limit it—by inciting them to mental progress and the maintenance of human freedom, and helping them to elevate the standard of rational morality. Indeed, without Grand Bodies, we doubt whether constituents would endure much longer than Grand Bodies would last without constituents. It is, then, the part of a true Mason to discriminate the rights and powers of each, and help maintain them when employed within the pale of the Law.—*Liberal Freemason.*

LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this flourishing Society, which has just been held, has given intense satisfaction to the Leeds brethren, in that it has shown that the Charity is growing year by year, meeting all the claims that are made upon it in a generous assent, and laying by a handsome surplus against the time when the calls upon it shall be more heavy and more urgent. Not only is a first class education given to the orphans who come upon the funds, but in cases of necessity a sum is advanced for clothing, &c., and also for advancement in life. And this good work is done without the outside world knowing anything about it, because all School fees are paid direct to friends of the orphans, so that the fact that relief is being paid is known only to a very limited number. Bro. W. Warren presided at the annual meeting, and Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer was elected President for the ensuing year, with Brothers Anderson and Cowbrough Vice-Presidents. The annual report, which was adopted, is to the following effect:—In presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report of the proceedings of this Institution, your Committee are again enabled to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and Friends, on the continued success of the Institution, and the undiminished interest manifested therein. During the year last past two Patrons paying £10 10s each have been added to the list, viz.:—Bro. B. S. Bailey, of Lodge 2069, and Bro. James Stable, of Lodge 1311. Three Patronesses of £5 5s each, viz.:—The Wife of Bro. David Wedderspoon, of Lodge 306, and the Wife and Daughter of Bro. B. S. Bailey, of Lodge 2069. Four Life Governors of £5 5s each, viz.:—Bro. Wm. Watson, of Lodge 2069, and Bros. Wm. Crossland, Richard Boston, and T. C. Sumner, of Lodge 1211. The following brethren have paid £1 1s each on account of their Life Governorship under Rule 14, viz.:—Bros. Benjamin Pounder, Geo. Darley, W. P. Hakansson, Wm. Towers, J. F. Towers, and Chas. Brownridge, of Lodge 306; Bros. George Suddick and Robert Chorley, of Lodge 304; and Bros. A. H. Doughtill, E. Darnbrough, and H. Cowbrough jun., of Lodge 1042. J. A. Prince, also of Lodge 1042, has paid £2 2s on the same account. A donation of 5s has been received from Mr. Herbert Armstrong, and £2 from the Steward's box, Lodge 1042. The funds have also been benefited by the proceeds of an entertainment given at the Town Hall on the 22nd ult., consisting of an amateur representation of Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," by the members of the Leeds Operatic and Dramatic Society, which realised the sum of £62 7s 3d. There has also been carried to the credit of capital a sum of £150, transfer from revenue account. The capital therefore now stands at £1936 18s 4d, and is invested as follows, viz.:—£1000 Leeds Corporation 4 per cent. stock, cost £1036 11s 8d, and £450 Leeds Corporation 3½ per cent. stock, at a cost of £454 18s 11d; the balance being in the Birmingham and Midland Bank, Leeds and County Branch. The revenue account includes, brought over from last year, £118 17s 3d; interest to the 1st January 1891 from investments in Leeds Corporation, £54 7s 2d; Bank interest, £6 9s; subscriptions, £70 6s 6d, making together the sum of £319 19s 11d. The payments for education, &c., amount to £39 16s 2d; incidental expenses, £17 0s 9d, leaving a balance of £213 3s. Out of this amount it is proposed to transfer to capital £150, as previously mentioned, leaving to carry over to next year £63 3s. There have been during the year on the funds of the Institution, 9 children, 3 of whom, however, have ceased to be chargeable, leaving now under our care 2 boys, of the respective ages of 12 and 13, and 4 girls, of the respective ages of 8, 11, 12, and 13. Your Committee regret that they have to report the death of two of their number, in the persons of their much respected brethren, Dr. A. F. McGill and Alfred Williamson, whose loss is very deeply deplored by them, as also by the Brotherhood and friends.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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The Royal English Opera.—Mr. D'Oyly Carte, being in possession of the most magnificent theatre in London, has been equally successful in obtaining the finest production of our most popular national composer for his inaugural performance. In the opera of "Ivanhoe," Sir Arthur Sullivan has furnished us with his most ambitious effort, and its success will extend his fame wherever music is appreciated. Founded upon Sir Walter Scott's delightful novel, Mr. Julian Sturgis has arranged an excellent libretto, which embraces the principal incidents of the stirring story, and is written with a poetical grace that is highly acceptable. The music also is intensely dramatic, and reveals the plot to artistic ears as plainly as the words. It is full of local colour, the rough revelry of the Saxons in the opening chorus, "Was Hael," the impassioned ardour of the Templar, the descriptive scenes of the tournament and the attack upon Torquilstone, being alike appropriate and effective. Many of the ballads will become popular with amateurs, written as they are in the composer's most delightful strain. Of these we must mention, "O moon, art thou clad in silver mail," by Rowena; "Happy with winged feet," Ivanhoe; "Woo thou my snowflake," Sir Brian; "I ask not wealth," Richard; and the humorous song for Friar Tuck, "Ho, Jolly Jenkin," which is very catchy. The religious element is sustained by the processional choruses of the Templars in the last act, and the beautiful Jewish air for Rebecca, "Lord of our chosen race," the orchestration of which is exquisite. The great attraction of the opera is the desire that every one must feel to hear the music again, when the attention is not so likely to be distracted by the charming scenery and historical costumes as will doubtless be the case when first witnessed. Indeed there is ample temptation to see it at least three times, as Mr. Carte has engaged three representatives for each of the three principal characters, so as to ensure a fit and proper representation every evening, but where all are capable artists, both musically and histrionically, there is no need on this occasion to particularise. The orchestra of some sixty performers has been specially selected, and under the baton of Mr. F. Cellier is worthy the occasion. The mounting of the opera, as before intimated, is magnificent, the solidity of the Norman architecture and the beautiful forest glades eliciting high commendation, while the rich and appropriate costumes, designed by Mr. Percy Anderson, are exceedingly interesting. The worthy manager has certainly performed his part with a lavish hand; it now remains for the public to prove their appreciation of his efforts to restore English Opera by rewarding his enterprise by the unlimited patronage it deserves.

A grand ball in connection with Lodge Salem, to commemorate the founding of the recently erected Masonic Hall, was held at the Royal Hotel Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, 10th inst. The proceeds were in aid of the building and furnishing fund.

The Sultan of Johore has signified his intention of being present, if in England, at the "Coming Race" Festival which will be opened by their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, on 5th March, at the Albert Hall. The Duchess of St. Albans, and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, have added their names to the long list of lady stall holders.

BLACK AND WHITE.—This latest candidate for journalistic honours has been ushered into existence under distinct advantages, inasmuch as its appearance was eagerly looked forward to, while its title was known to but few. Notwithstanding these advantages, we confess the first number is a trifle disappointing. Why such a plain and unattractive cover? Does the title of the paper act as a bar to its being made more pleasing to the eye? This latter unquestionably is an essential for a new paper, and more especially so here, considering the formidable rivals it has to contend against. Still, we should not like to pass a decided opinion until we have seen other numbers. Its illustrations are very good, its printing all that is needed, while the substitution of a short and well-told story each week for a serial is a step in the right direction.

THE DWARF, a new Weekly Illustrated Society Journal, is edited by Mr. Hugo Ames, and published in the Strand. Originally issued in lithographic form, it now appears in orthodox type, a change that evidently argues well for its circulation.

"Here's a health to our Worshipful Master," by Bro. James Batchelder P.M., words by Bro. John Fawcett Skelton P.M. P.Z., deserves the recognition of musical brethren in the Craft. It cannot be said that there are too many songs of this character; indeed, the reverse is the fact. A cordial welcome should, therefore, be given to this latest production. It is written in the key of G major, has an easy range, and presents no difficulty to amateurs. There is also a stirring chorus in unison.—*Manchester Courier.*

AN OLD FREEMASON.—On Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. William Hall, of Linden Terrace, Tan-shelf, Pontefract, completed his fiftieth year as a Freemason of West Yorkshire, and is probably the oldest Freemason in Yorkshire. He was initiated in the Lodge of Integrity, No. 529, at Morley, on 9th February 1841. He was one of the first superintendents of the police elected on the formation of the West Riding Constabulary, and was the means of arresting one of the chief leaders during the plug riots, for which he was rewarded by Government with £30. On Monday night Bro. P.M. Hall P.P.G.F. was presented with an illuminated address to commemorate his fiftieth year in association with Freemasonry.

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A Banquet, at which it is expected that the Grand Sovereign will pre-
side, will be provided at the Freemasons' Tavern, at Half-past Six o'Clock.
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shortly after its consecration in 1875, and remained a subscribing
member till 1881, when he joined the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928. In
this latter Lodge he served all the offices up to that of W.M. It was
while holding this office, and three days after the election of his
successor, that he died, on the 15th November 1887. He was a Life
Governor of the Boys' School, and a Subscriber to all the Masonic
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for many years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Re-
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Bro. J. H. HAWES, P.M. 39, West Sussex Gazette Office, Chichester.

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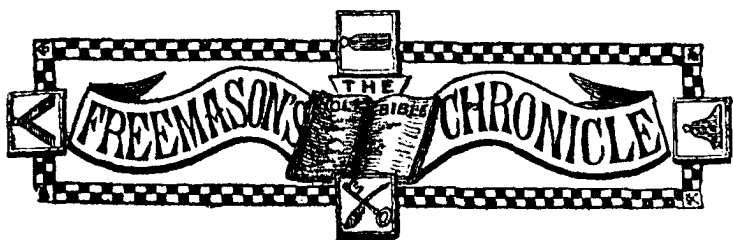
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SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 1891.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. T. B. Goodfellow, the Master of the Lodge. The business of the meeting included the initiation of Bro. Shapoorji N. Bhedwar, H. Hooper, A. Hooper, and H. J. Wade, which ceremonies having been completed, the Lodge was closed, and the company sat down to supper. At the conclusion, the usual toasts were honoured. Past Master Ferguson proposed the Deputy Grand Master and the other Officers of G. Lodge in a humorous speech, in which he spoke of the ornamental character of the rulers of the Craft. From experience, he said, he could also testify to their usefulness. The Domatic Lodge, he hoped, would soon have regularly among them a Grand Officer in the person of their Treasurer, Bro. G. Everett, who had been nominated, without opposition, for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. Bro. N. Salmon, Immediate Past Master, proposed the Health of the Master, who that evening had given proof of his ability in conducting the work of the Lodge; he felt sure their present ruler would not allow the reputation of the Domatic Lodge to suffer while its affairs were under his direction. The Master having undertaken the representation of the Lodge at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, he hoped the members would support him, to the best of their ability. The Master returned thanks for the reception accorded him, and hoped his list on behalf of the Boys' School would be worthy the Lodge he would have the honour to represent. The toast of the newly-admitted members was given from the chair, the four initiates being cordially received, and each acknowledging the toast proposed in his honour. Then followed the toast of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Hall and other of the guests. Farther toasts included the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge.

HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

THE installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 6th instant, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Axford W.M., and after reception of the report of the Permanent Committee the audit of the Treasurer's accounts and balance sheet was accepted, and the sanction of the Lodge given to the holding of a Lodge of Instruction, bearing the name of the Lodge, at the White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, under the Preceptorship of Brother Drew P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Pynegar was then raised. After a brief interval the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Pickering was presented by Bro. Drew as W.M. elect. The Board of Installed Masters was a strong one, there being present amongst them, and in addition to the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bros. Sir John B. Mouckton P.G.W., Garrod P.G.P., Langridge W.M. 29 G.S., Burgess P.G. Steward, Sewell P.G.S., Singer W.M. 12, Kay W.M. 1139, Stevens P.M. P.Z., P.M.'s Shaw, Joyce, Lyon, Becker, Dr. Joseph, Martin, Major Gunt, West, Cumming, Brandon, Dr. Churchward, and Dashwood. Amongst the visitors present during the ceremony were Bros. Hardy Smith, Brown, Thompson, Lovett, James Clark, Blanchard, Eagleton, Trant, Cole, and several others. As well in the "Board" as in the Three Degrees, the beautiful ceremonial was carried through by the out-going Master Bro. E. L. Axford, with an amount of perfection and studied earnestness which would be difficult to surpass, and it is no flattery to say that we have but very seldom seen and heard those merits equalled. Bro. Axford has proved himself a zealous and painstaking ruler in the Craft, and, like his successor, possesses the esteem and confidence of the members of his Lodge. The jewel presented to him on the completion of his year of office was never better deserved by any Craftsman, and he may wear it with every self-satisfying conviction that it typifies work well performed and duties faithfully discharged. The newly installed Master, Bro. Pickering, entered upon his labours in a manner which satisfied his hearers that the Lodge had chosen a right sort of man for the position he will hold for the ensuing year, his addresses to the officers he was pleased to appoint being in every way to the point as the investiture proceeded in the following order, viz.: Bros. Cavdlerier S.W., Squire P.M. J.W., Dr. Kempster P.M. Treas., Drew P.M. Sec., Garrod S.D., Villanneva J.D., Wildash I.G., Thom D.C., Dambavand A.D.C., Bevan Organist, and Bowler Tyler. After the delivery of the usual addresses by the I.P.M., and the presentation to him of the Past Master's jewel, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the cloth had been cleared the W.M. proceeded with the toast list, and in the first place expressed his intention to be brief in submitting the toasts, and in the second ventured to hope his example might be followed in respect of responses, as an ample musical entertainment had been provided for the delectation of the numerous company. Bro. Sir John Mouckton replied on behalf of

the Grand Lodge Officers, with a passing remark as to the pleasure he had derived in seeing one for whom he had a high respect in social and official life placed in the chair of K.S. in connection with a Lodge of great repute; that Bro. Garrod led the responses of the Visitors in terms of satisfactory appreciation of both labour and refreshment; and that each of the other toasts were cordially received and acknowledged. The selection of music was under the direction of Bro. Bevan, the Organist of the Lodge, and was excellent in every respect. Miss Drew, a daughter of the Secretary, made a most satisfactory impression on her audience as well by the quality of her voice as the manner of delivery of two of Hope Temple's charming songs. Bro. Arthur Thompson surpassed himself, which is saying a great deal, in Tosti's Venetian song, and Moore's exquisite ballad, "The meeting of the waters," and Bro. J. A. Brown and Bro. Bevan himself rendered valuable assistance in a lengthy programme. In the course of the evening Bro. James Stevens delivered his well known recitation, "The level and the Square," and after a most harmonious and thoroughly agreeable entertainment the brethren separated.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on the 12th inst., Bro. Dunokley was installed Worshipful Master. Bro. Dalglish, the retiring W.M., performed the ceremony, assisted by Bros. Davies and Wren P.M.'s. Among those present were Bros. Maclaren P.P.G.J.W., Hancock P.G. Sword Bearer, Lisenden P.P.G. Steward East Lancashire, and Littler P.P.G. Steward West Lancashire. The following Officers for the year were invested:—Bros. Dalglish I.P.M., Roberts S.W., Olney J.W., Davies P.M. Treas., Peel P.P.G.J.D. S.D., Hunt J.D., Wren P.M. D.C., Cunningham Organist, Howard I.G., Baxendale and Walsh Stewards. The customary banquet in celebration of the Festival of St. John was held in the evening at the Grand Hotel, Aytoun-street.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

AT the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the 12th inst., the installation of Viscount Raincliffe to the Worshipful Mastership of the Lodge with which Lord Raincliffe's father, the Earl of Londesborough, has long been identified, and which takes its title from the family name, Denison, took place. There was a very large gathering of members of the Craft at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Cliff, including Bros. Woodall P.M. P.G. Treasurer England, Smythe P.M. P.G.M. Lincolnshire, Sir C. Legard, Bart., P.M. P.P.G.W., Sir G. Sitwell, Bart., &c. The preliminary installation ceremony was taken by Bro. Martin I.P.M.; the installation ceremony in the Board of Past Masters by Bro. Ayscough P.M. P.P.G.W., and the addresses were given by Bros. Raven P.M., Fisher P.M., and Foster P.M. Subsequently the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Martin I.P.M., Grayson S.W., Lancelot J.W., Booty Chaplain, Foster Treasurer, Ayscough D.C., Chapman Secretary, Fletcher S.D., Hill J.D., Bland I.G., Brittain Organist, Taylor S.S., Raine J.S., Verity Tyler. The usual banquet of St. John took place at the Grand Hotel. The newly elected W.M. presided.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

A REGULAR meeting was held at The Criterion (Masonic Temple), Piccadilly, S.W., on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Reynolds W.M., Foan S.W., Unwin J.W., Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Coleman P.M. Acting Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reynolds P.M., through a severe accident), Buller S.D., Bond J.D., Stacey Organist, Belsham I.G., Mayo and Citron Stewards, Potter P.M. Tyler; Bros. Wise, Green, Thrussell, Burgess, Packham, Price, Freeman, Nathan, Carter, Cox, Foster. Visitors:—Bros. Kedge I.P.M. 2191, Rowe 2191, Bromley J.W. 179, Jackson J.W. 1987 and 2191, and Harbert 1987. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meeting held in January were read and confirmed. Brother Verger was passed to the degree of W.M., and Bro. Wise was passed. Ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. Burgess, Anglo-American Lodge, 2191, as a joining member; and ballots for the following gentlemen as initiates—Messrs. John Cox, William M. Carter, and Henry J. Keen, which were also unanimous, and they being in attendances were informed of the fact, and were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a substantial banquet was partaken of, under the personal superintendence of Bro. P. G. Bertini, the Manager. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The initiates acknowledged the pleasure they felt in being admitted to the Craft, the joining member Bro. Foster thanked the W.M. for his cordial welcome to the Lodge in which he had been initiated, and Brother Burgess spoke of the pleasure it gave him to become a member of the Covent Garden Lodge, at which he had always been a privileged and welcome guest. The W.M. referred to the great assistance he had received from the P.M.'s, in particular from Bro. Samuel Hewett I.P.M., in having most kindly relieved him by working the third degree, and to Bro. Coleman P.M. for so ably fulfilling the position of Secretary during the regretted absence, through illness, of their esteemed Bro. Reynolds P.M. The evening was enlivened by music from Bro. Thrussell, assisted by several other brethren, and terminated by the Tyler's toast closing a very enjoyable meeting.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Saturday, 7th inst., when Bro. Kirkland was installed as W.M. by Bro. Poore, in succession to Bro. Evans. The new Master invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jones S.W., Bott J.W., Poore Treasurer, Lovegrove Secretary (eighth time). The members and visitors—about fifty—dined together after the proceedings, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and there was

some excellent vocal and instrumental music. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and, through its Benevolent Association, has benefited the Charities of the Order to the extent of £1300.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. Louch took place at the Town Hall, on the 12th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Else D.P.G.M. P.G.D. England. The W.M. invested and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Humphrey I.P.M., Crosse S.W., Gough J.W., Goodford Chaplain, Paul Treasurer, Reynolds Secretary, Pittard S.D., Bonning J.D., Payn Dir. of Cere., Brackenbury I.G., Sharp Organist, Gillett Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Langport Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. Visitors from Taunton, Wellington, Chard, Highbridge, Yeovil, Bruton, Sherborne, and other Lodges were present.

LENNOX BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

WITHIN the last few years the custom of a Freemasons' Lodge giving a banquet to the ladies once a year has been on the increase. The Province of Essex for the first time assayed the task on Saturday last, when the brethren of the Lennox Browne Lodge assembled in force at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, when the occasion was made the more important by an official visit from the Provincial Grand Master, and several of his Officers. The Lodge was opened punctually at half-past three, by the W.M. Bro. H. French Bromhead, and shortly afterwards the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Brooke, M.P.), and his Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession to the strains of the organ. The Lodge was opened up to the third, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. After the Lodge was closed, the ladies (who had in the meanwhile been entertained in the drawing room) were escorted to the banquet room, where Lord Brooke and his Officers took places according to their respective rank. Seats were arranged for 144 guests, at seven tables. After the removal of the cloth, the following toasts were given:—The health of Her Majesty the Queen and prosperity to the Craft was proposed from the chair, and duly honoured, after which Bro. Scoresby-Jackson proposed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past in eulogistic terms. Bro. T. J. Ralling replied on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Essex; he said that he and his brother Grand Officers esteemed it a privilege to be there that evening. The chairman next proposed the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Lord Brooke, M.P. He thought he might adopt an expression used in his hearing by a clerical gentleman a short time since, and say that that was one of the most unique meetings of the "mutual admiration society" ever held in Essex. He was not going to let out any of the secrets of Freemasonry, but Freemasonry taught them to admire and to practise in their every day life all that they saw good and honourable and praiseworthy in the conduct of others, and it also taught them to avoid that which did not become the character of the honourable Order to which they belonged. Two years ago Lord Brooke placed his Masonic hand upon that Lodge, and it breathed the breath of life as the Lennox-Browne Lodge, when the Founders upon that occasion had the honour of parading in front of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master; to-day they mustered some sixty men, true and honourable to the cause of Freemasonry. He did not believe in flattery unless it was true; but it was a solemn truth that Lord Brooke was a nobleman and a gentleman who had identified himself with Freemasonry, and whose manner towards the brethren had so endeared him to them, that every Freemason in Essex truly loved the name of Lord Brooke. Lord Brooke, M.P., in the course of his reply, said he found it especially difficult to return thanks for the toast of his health in the presence of so critical an audience as that of the ladies whom he saw around him. As the Worshipful Master had said, it might occur to the minds of some of the ladies present that there might fall from the lips of some unguarded Mason some expression which might, perhaps, be distorted into a betrayal of secrecy. He was, however, quite sure that the ladies felt there was no secret but one that they the brethren had not in common with them, and that they (the ladies) were too kindly disposed towards them to expect them to betray that secret, which for years and years past they had so sacredly kept within their Masonic breasts. If that night the ladies had had some slight insight into what took place on Masonic occasions of rest and refreshment, he hoped they would not carry away anything but pleasing recollections, and that they would believe him when he said there were serious moments in which they tried to remind each other of those noble principles and secrets founded upon charity which had so long inspired and animated their Order. Of course, Freemasonry dated back to very early times—at least there were early traditions of Freemasonry—but he believed it was only about the beginning of the last century that the Freemasons of England became a consolidated and powerful body. Two of the members of the town Royal Family, the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Sussex, were principally instrumental in bringing together and in uniting Freemasonry in this country. In Scotland Freemasonry was of somewhat older date, and he felt proud to think that at one time, before the Order was constituted as it was at the present one who was related to him by marriage, the head of the Sinclair of Rosalyn family, was always looked upon as the hereditary head of the Order in Scotland. He could in no case come across an occasion upon which ladies were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The only occasion on which ladies were intended to be initiated as Masons—he was not speaking of Masons proper, but of building masons—was when those Masons had died, and their widows and daughters had to be sworn in in order to enable them to complete the Masonic contracts they had undertaken. It was said that upon one occasion an inquisitive lady got inside a clock, but history did not say what happened to her, except that she was sworn in a member,

and that she never divulged the secret. He did not wish on that occasion to say anything personal, but he could not help thinking that there must be something in Freemasonry if it could induce a woman to hold her tongue. He might say that Freemasonry should be encouraged by ladies, because there was no charitable institution in the country which was so nobly supported. Having given proofs of this, his lordship congratulated the brethren of the Lodge upon the celebrated and splendid meeting they had had there that day, and resumed his seat amid loud cheers. The next toast, the Very Worshipful Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R. D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past was proposed by Past Master McGowan. He spoke in high terms of Bro. Philbrick, deplored the absence of that gentleman, through illness, and, after making complimentary reference to Bros. Turner and Scarlett, went on to say that words failed him to express the deep debt of gratitude they owed to Bro. Lennox-Browne, in more ways than one. He was the godfather of their Lodge, and it was not only an honour to have his distinguished name connected with it, but a great pleasure to have him present among them. Having spoken in complimentary terms of Bro. Shurmur, and the William Shurmur Lodge, the speaker highly eulogised Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, and then submitted the toast, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Bros. Turner, Scarlett, Lennox-Browne, W. Shurmur, and Scoresby-Jackson each suitably replied. Bro. Brooke proposed the Worshipful Master, who, he said, took the deepest interest in the Lennox-Browne Lodge, understood the working, and carried out that work better almost than any Mason he knew. The Worshipful Master having replied, the toast of the Ladies was eloquently proposed by Bro. Lennox-Browne, and acknowledged in clever speeches by Col. Lockwood and Bro. W. J. Jones. The other toasts were the Visitors, the Masonic Charities (submitted by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Bros. McLeod and Mason, both of whom made a powerful appeal on behalf of their respective Institutions), and the Officers and Stewards. It should be mentioned that during the banquet the Woodford Orchestral Band, under the skilled leadership of Mr. A. V. Metcalf, of Woodford, played capital selections, and at the conclusion of the feast the members played excellent dance music, the room having been cleared in order to allow the ladies and brethren to exercise the art of Terpsichore "for one brief hour." The whole of the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton (Organist to the Lodge), whom every one was delighted to see partially recovered from his recent severe accident. During the banquet a splendid programme of vocal music was sustained, by Madame Riechelmann, Miss Dora Schneider, Madame Raymond, Mr. Henry Prenton and Mr. Parkin, all of whom sang in delightful style. Bro. Walter Latta accompanied throughout. The book of words, finely printed, and containing portraits of the Officers, was a pleasing souvenir of the occasion.

THE WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when there were more than one hundred brethren present. Among the Visitors were Bros. Glass P.P.G.S.W. Essex, Dr. Lindsay P.P.G. Chaplain, McLeod P.G.S.W., Westfield P.P.G.S.B., Matthews P.M. 1766, Archdeacon Danbar 2256, Acworth W.M. 2265, Smithers P.M. 193, Stauffer P.M. 19, Wilson 1228, &c. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Lord Brooke having graciously granted a dispensation, twelve gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry. The second degree was conferred upon twelve brethren, while five brethren were granted the privilege of inscribing themselves M.M. The proceedings, which lasted nearly seven hours, were carried out with the greatest possible accuracy and impressiveness, reflecting the highest credit on every one concerned. The W.M. was nominated a candidate for the Board of General Purposes. Seventeen propositions were received for initiation and joining. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment; the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The amount of Masonic business transacted at this meeting was considered by many of the P.M.'s present to be the largest on record.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733.—A very pleasant meeting was held at the Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, on Friday, the 6th instant, when the following were present:—Bros. Burton Worshipful Master, Curtis Senior Warden, W. Roberts Junior Warden, E. W. Hughes I.G., A. Reelands S.D., A. Arrowsmith, J. Bench C. Brown, C. Wise P.M. 1153 Preceptor, C. Delany Sec. pro tem, W. Turner J.D., J. McDougall 1413. Visitors—J. Whitney 861 and J. Shapcott of the Mother Lodge. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The S.W. Bro. Curtis W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge was presented and obligated as W.M. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, P.M. Wise officiating as Installing Master. Bro. Burton then delivered the charges in a very effective manner. The Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers. The next business of the evening was to elect and appoint Auditors of the Lodge Funds, also a Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing year. Bros. Brown and McDougall were unanimously elected Auditors. Bro. Burton then rose to propose Bro. E. W. Hughes as Treasurer for the ensuing year. In making this proposition Bro. Hughes said it gave him very great pleasure. Bro. Hughes, although not a very old member of the Mother Lodge, had shown his zeal for the Craft by the manner in which he had worked in order to rouse the Lodge of Instruction from its long repose; the manner in which he had carried out his duties was more than enough to prove to the brethren that they would never have to regret the honour they would confer upon Bro. Hughes. This was seconded by Bro. Wise, and upon the W.M. putting it to the Lodge it was carried unanimously,

Bro. Hughes thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their kindness; he was at all times willing to do whatever might lay in his power for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Deleay was appointed Secretary. The W.M. remarked that although he had only had a short acquaintance with Bro. Deleay he had watched with pleasure his energetic manner of working. Bro. Deleay replied; it at all times gave him great pleasure to do what he could for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Hughes will preside next meeting. Bros. Whitney and Shapcott were elected members. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner. This Lodge meets every Friday, at 8 p.m., at the Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 5th inst., when there were present:—Bros. Foan W.M. acting as Preceptor, Reynolds S.W. acting as Secretary, Unwin J.W., Bergholtz S.D., Hoggins J.D., Seary Organist, Matthews I.G., Weeks Tyler, Meyer, Carsons, Wood, Wise, Buxton, Austin, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Wise answered the necessary questions leading to the second degree, and offered himself as candidate for installation. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Meyer W.M. elect of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and also practised the formula of appointment and investiture of Officers. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first degree. Bro. Austin, Southern Cross Lodge, 1158, was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Reynolds was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Bro. Meyer thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the favourable opportunity given him of rehearsing the ceremony of installation and the appointment and investiture of Officers. Nothing further offering the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

On the 12th inst., there were present Bros. Reynolds W.M., Foan S.W., Harnell J.W., Hoggins S.D. also acting as Secretary, Wood J.D., Amelot I.G., Weeks Tyler, Gatliff, Reed, McNamady, Conquest, Abberline, Hare, Jarvis, Bromley, Warwick, Hood, and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gatliff offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Bromley offered himself as a candidate to be passed, and answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the second ceremony. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Bromley worked the first section of the first lecture. Bros. Ralph and Gatliff 1922 and Bro. Wood P.M. 193 were elected members.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The regular weekly meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Monday, 9th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield P.P.G.Swd.Br. W.M., C. Horst S.W., Joseph Wilson P.M. P.Z. J.W., William Shurmur Prov. G. Treasurer Preceptor, Nathaniel Fortescue Treasurer, W. Baker S.D., Richard Kershaw J.D., Walcock I.G., Wm. P. Allen Secretary, Jno. Ives Steward, E. James, Brooshoff, H. F. Bromhead, W. J. Bishop, H. J. Brasted, James Pinder P.M., W. W. Cook, J. King, J. Collett, F. Taylor, J. Dickinson, E. Spurgeon, T. E. Horley, C. H. Bestow, Jas. Bird, H. F. J. Hallows, A. W. Orchard, T. Scoreby Jackson, A. H. Wilson, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted acting as candidate. Bro. Shurmur delivered the installation charges. The Lodge was called off and on. Bros. James Brasted, Orchard and Spurgeon answered the questions leading to the second degree, and Bro. Christian Horst was unanimously appointed to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. Bros. Collett, King, Brasted, Wilson and Orchard, all of 2374, and Bro. Baker 1662 were elected members. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Monday, 16th April, at 8 o'clock.

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.—A meeting of the general committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. George Harradon Prov. G. Treas., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity. Applications were made for a number of children to be placed on the list of candidates for election at the next Court of Governors, and, without discussion, the sum of £72 was voted for the proposed purpose. The amended by-laws of the Institution were submitted, and it was resolved to forward them for full and free discussion at the next meeting of the General Court of Governors. The financial statement of Bro. J. T. Callow P.P.G. Treasurer, showed that the present invested fund of the Charity amounts to £21,562. There are now nearly 220 children receiving the benefits of the educational fund, in addition to which a considerable number of boys and girls are also being educated, clothed and maintained. The balance-sheet likewise shows that last year there was a surplus of £1,171; that the proceeds of the ball in 1890 amounted to £355, and that the donations and subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters, &c., amounted to £1,277, the total income for the year from all sources being £3,784. The expenditure included £1,637 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation of the Institution. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

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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, 21st February.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1614 Erichton, 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
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Maltham
308 Prince George, Rooms, Botoms, Eastwood
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

Monday, 23rd February.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
42 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1616 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
48 Industry, 34 Denmark Street, Gateshead
61 Prohiby, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, White Horse, Hebden Bridge
408 Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1900 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177 Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1575 Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1877 Blackwater, Blue Bear Hotel, Mallow
R.A. 100 Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 321 Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton

Tuesday, 24th February.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 255 Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 1330 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
M.M. 3 Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.C. 29 Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
126 Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Birnley
299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373 Socrates, George Hotel, Huntingdon
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
441 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573 Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halesowen
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1250 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden
1358 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799 Arnold, Derling's Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester
M.M. 108 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Wednesday, 25th February.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1818 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 753 Prince of Wales, Lord's, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, River Hot, Shrewsbury
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
274 Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds

- 363 Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cleckheaton
995 Sandes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1043 Townley Park, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1243 Ryburn, Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hot, Ormskirk
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwhaite
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797 Southdown, Hinstpierpoint, Sussex
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hot, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Chuzzle Fort Hot, New Brompton
2120 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey
R.A. 42 Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 322 Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329 Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 376 Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, M.H. Ipswich
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Devizes
R.C. Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lanc.

Thursday, 26th February.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
1816 Victoria Park, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park Rd.
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657 Canonbury, Masons' Hall Avenue
R.A. 1623 West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
76 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Dillingham
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
348 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
350 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
369 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
986 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
971 Trafalgar, Commercial Street, Batley
1125 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tilverton, Devon
1313 Formor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514 Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley
1587 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheshire
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1817 St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hot, Shoeburyness
R.A. 67 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 311 Royal Architect, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 337 Confidence, Masonic Hall, Upper Mill
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
R.A. 1395 Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 34 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

Friday, 27th February.

- 197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
509 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
R.A. 749 Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
M.M. 224 West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, E.C.
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102 Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1355 Gadsmuir, Red Lion, Banet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393 Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Adingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1939 Lordowdery, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 630 Sexton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1056 Wal Skeithersdale M.H., Kirkdale
R.A. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 28th February.

- House Committee, R.M.B.I., Croydon, at 3
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
1641 Wharfedale, Penistone Rose and Crown Hot,
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 21st February.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8

- 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1238 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, 730
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 23rd February.

- 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
130 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
333 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 730
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 73
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1330 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 630
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 730
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 730
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 830
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 24th February.

- 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 730
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 730
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 730
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 730
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 730, 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
1819 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 630
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, 25th February.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 730
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
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 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., 730
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, 830
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
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 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
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