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THE WORK OF THE PROVISIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

WE last week had the pleasure of publishing the final report of the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and if at first blush the statements it contains may appear of a somewhat too roseate hue we must admit that they bear the impress of being a sincere expression of the opinion at present entertained by the members of the Committee concerned. The Provisional Committee appear to be eminently satisfied with the result of their labours, and we assure them in all sincerity we are delighted to know there are so many favourable features in connection with the Institution worthy of special commendation, and we hope that the future may give ample evidence that those who drew up the report have not been too sanguine in recording the result of the work they have performed. It must be acknowledged the Committee started work with a very difficult task before them. Everything was handed over to them in an unsatisfactory condition, or at least they were told so, on what was regarded as very good authority. They had not only to convince themselves that the verdict of the Committee of Investigation was a correct one, but had to find a remedy for existing evils, and put matters in a satisfactory condition. That they have succeeded, to their own satisfaction, is amply demonstrated by the report just presented to the Craft, and we again express the hope that this latest verdict may prove justifiable, and the present opinion in regard to the working of the Institution may be maintained.

The report itself is of so exhaustive a character, and has so recently been presented in extenso to our readers, that there seems no need to review its several points in detail. If there is one fault to be found with it, as a whole, it is, perhaps, the too sanguine strain in which it is written, although, as we have said, the writers seem to be thoroughly satisfied with themselves, and on that account may be excused for what, under ordinary conditions, might be regarded as somewhat akin to egotism. They found the School and everything associated with the Institution in a state of pronounced confusion, they have left it a pattern of good order and regularity, with every recommendation of the Committee of Investigation dealt with, and most of the reforms they suggested carried to a successful issue. They conclude, by expressing the opinion that the Institution is to be congratulated upon the particularly fortunate selection that has been made in the appointment of the principal and other officers of the establishment, and carry their laudation to such an extent, as to prove by inference that all who were previously associated with the charity were, to a greater or lesser degree, incompetent. Well, radical changes have been hailed with similar expressions of approval in other quarters,

but somehow or other when the novelty of the situation has worn off, things have often been found to be much the same under new conditions as under older ones. Perhaps the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will prove an exception to many reforms which have preceded it, and perhaps not, but in any case, we shall consider it a part of our duty to do everything in our power to advance the welfare of the Institution, and guard the rights and privileges of its supporters. We regard the recommendation to increase the Secretary's salary as justifiable, under the peculiar circumstances surrounding the appointment, and more particularly so because we considered the original figure was too low, taken in comparison with the work he was expected to perform, and the position he was expected to maintain among others holding similar appointments. We have never been an advocate of a cheeseparing policy in reference to one or two comparatively small matters, and a lavish one in others of greater moment, and we still consider that the Secretary of either of the Masonic Institutions cannot be too well paid, if he satisfactorily discharges his work, bearing in mind the arduous nature of the duties attached to the appointment, which, to our mind, should include frequent visits to Lodges, with the consequent ill effects of heated rooms, late hours, and continued travelling about.

MASONIC AID FOR OUTSIDE CHARITIES.

WHATEVER charges may be made against Freemasonry it is very certain that selfishness is not one of its faults, for, taken collectively, it is probable that Freemasonry does almost as much for outside charities as it does for its own, if not by actually subscribing funds year by year to carry them on, at least by kindly aid and co-operation at important periods of their existence. It would be very interesting to discover how many of the charity funds of the present day were started or helped in their infancy by Freemasons, and how many buildings which now exist for purer purposes of benevolence were commenced with Masonic ceremonial and co-operation, but we fear anything like an accurate record would be very difficult to compile, if not wholly outside the range of possibilities. To prove the force of our argument we may ask, how many of the present generation of Freemasons are aware that the Royal Free Hospital in Grays Inn Road, London, to a great extent owes its present welfare to the charitable instincts of the Masonic Order? Of course there are some living amongst us who took a prominent part in the movement which, 35 years back, proved of such benefit to the hospital just mentioned, but on the other hand there are thousands of Freemasons who have passed that hospital time after time without the slightest idea that it was indebted to the Craft for one of its most beneficial improvements.

In 1855, after the decease of H.R.H. the late Duke of Sussex, Grand Master from 1813 to 1842, a subscription of

several thousand pounds was raised by the Craft to record his memory, and the sum then collected was presented to the Royal Free Hospital, the Committee of which regard it as the first great success in the career of that most useful institution. The amount was expended in rebuilding the north side of the quadrangle forming the Hospital, and comprising three large wards, with excellent kitchen accommodation in the basement. The foundation-stone of this "Sussex Wing" was laid by Bro. Alexander Dobie G.R., Prov. G.M. Surrey, &c., in 1855, he acting as proxy for the then Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland. There may be no necessity to do more than record the fact that the inauguration of this wing is one of the great public works in which Freemasons have taken part, but it must strike some of the present generation as strange that the presentation does not also appear in the official Calendar among the special grants made by Grand Lodge. We presume it is omitted because the sum was specially raised for a given purpose, and not voted from the funds of the Order.

Since the provision of the Sussex Wing of the Royal Free Hospital, public generosity has enabled the Committee to rebuild the south and east sides of the building, and now a special appeal is being made with the object of completing the structure and fitting it for the work carried on by the staff of the Institution. We must first congratulate the executive on the fact of having enlisted the sympathy of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who has consented to preside at the Festival Dinner of the Hospital, to be held on the 2nd of May next. Having secured his Lordship as Chairman, and knowing the position he occupies in the Craft, whose members need only to be appealed to to accord him the fullest assistance in their power, it would seem but natural that the memories of the past should be called upon to supply an incentive for special Masonic assistance at the present time. The Masonic Order gave the Hospital its first great success, and erected the first of the four sections of the new buildings; the general public has continued the good work, and now we are told the Masonic Order has supplied the Chairman of the year, and the Craft is specially appealed to in order to insure the completion of the good work it commenced in 1855. The estimated cost of this rebuilding is set down at £20,000, an amount our readers will agree the Craft can ill afford to present to an outside charity, in view of the heavy calls periodically made on the special benevolent funds intimately associated with the Craft, but if the Order cannot spare any very substantial amount in the way of financial support, there is, we hope, a prospect of its setting such an example to the general public as shall go far towards the realisation of the desired object. The letter which the Deputy Grand Master of England has addressed to the Craft will, we hope, lead to this most desirable result, and by so doing prove to the outside world that Freemasons are still desirous of rendering outside aid as well as helping those within its ranks. Lord Lathom specially refers, in his letter to his brother Masons, to the fact that the free admission of sick and destitute patients was first established at this hospital, and concludes by saying it seems to him that our Fraternity, who rendered such valuable aid in the first rebuilding of the Hospital, and towards its present state of prosperity, may probably be disposed to help the authorities towards the final completion of the rebuilding they so auspiciously commenced. We should very much like to know a hearty response had resulted from the appeal of the Deputy Grand Master, believing that the outside help thus given would not make any serious difference in the prospects of the charity funds of the Craft, even if it did not result in some tangible advantage at an early date as a sort of reciprocal demonstration.

MASONIC LABOUR.

TECHNICAL terms are sometimes misleading. This happens because they are regarded as merely technical, whereas they usually have a latitude of meaning which is overlooked.

If you ask certain members of a Lodge if they take any special interest in, or feel any serious responsibility for, the work of their Lodge, they will answer, No—that is the business of the officers. They perform the work—we do

not—why therefore should we worry ourselves about it, or feel any responsibility for it? Masonic Labour is for the officers, elected and appointed, not for the floor members?

Is this true? Is there no labour to be performed by the great company of Masons who are not office holders?

Nothing goes of itself, but everything requires to be put in motion. All so-called automatons require to be energized. Aristotle, in his "Politics," says: "If every instrument could upon an order being given work of its own will, like the tripods of Vulcan, which, as the poet tells us, went of their own accord to the meetings of the gods; if the spindles worked of themselves, if the bow played the violin without being held, the contractors would do without workmen and the masters without slaves."

The Lodge does *not* go of itself, but requires the Master and his officers to open, continue and close it. The degrees do not work themselves, but require to be diligently studied, skilfully practised and intelligently conferred. And in the truest sense of the term the Officers do not make a Mason, but after going through the probationary periods and the proper instruction, *he makes himself*—by his own labour.

Let us be distinctly understood as saying that Masonic labour is the duty of *every* member of a Lodge. The material upon which he is to expend this labour is, himself—his mind, his understanding. He is both instructor and candidate. His aids are, his brother Masons who are better informed than himself, the Great Light, the Constitutions of the Craft, Masonic history and Masonic literature.

The first step in this personal labour is, learning the work. Fortunately this is enforced by the regulation which requires proficiency prior to advancement. The Craft does well to say: the *work* you *must* learn—this labour you must perform; and having done this, it is hoped that a love for Masonic labour will be begotten, which will grow with years, and never cease to be regarded as at once a duty and a pleasure.

Having learned the work, the hornbook of Masonry is mastered. The next duty is to extend one's Masonic education by learning to comprehend the full meaning of the work. To accomplish this is a life-labour, but one of the largest enjoyment to those who enter upon it with spirit and zeal.

The first step towards fully understanding the Freemasonry of to-day is to understand the Freemasonry of primitive times, and of the intervening eras between then and the present. Any good history of Freemasonry—Fort's, or Gould's, or Stillson's, will enable a brother to accomplish this. It is impossible to comprehend the present without knowing the past. If a brother desires to acquire this needed, this profitable, this enjoyable culture, he must become a *reading* Mason. How few, comparatively, there are of them! How few brethren possess at home even the beginnings of a Masonic library! How few patronise the periodicals of the Craft! But these few become the Craft's leaders. These few become truly intelligent Masons. These few find out all that there is in Masonry, and make it one of the prime enjoyments of their lives.

The reading Mason is the thinking Mason, the active Mason, the charitable Mason, the regular attendant at his Lodge, the one upon whom a Master can call at pleasure, and who will joyfully lend his services or advice for the advantage of his brethren.

It is thus evident that *every* Freemason should perform Masonic labour, and must perform it if he would be true to himself and the Craft. We sometimes hear the phrase, "made a Mason at sight," used. This is one of those technical phrases which is misleading. The Mason is thus made, but only formally made, and after having been made he must in the highest and truest sense make himself. To do this he must learn, read, study, and this is a labour which should never find an ending.

We wish we could communicate to listless Masons an idea of the rare enjoyment which is incident to this Masonic labour. We wish we could enlarge their views concerning the Fraternity of which they are members. We wish we could demonstrate to them how much in the way of possibility they obtained for their money when they receive Masonic initiation. They were not merely introduced into a vast company of desirable Brethren, but they were brought eye to eye with a new world of thought, a world beautiful in its prospects, intellectually stimulating and morally ennobling.

Every Freemason, whether he be an officer of a Lodge or

not, should be a Masonic labourer, and if he is, he will insure for himself a life-time of Masonic instruction and pleasure.—*Keystone*.

MASONRY—OPERATIVE AND SPECULATIVE.

WHAT was Operative Masonry, and what were its secrets? When we of the Mystic Tie speak of Operative Masonry, we generally mean the art of designing and building, as it was practiced by the travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, those skilful workmen to whose genius and labours we are indebted for the mighty church edifices which adorn almost every old city of Europe, structures whose marvellous beauty excites the wonder and admiration of all who can appreciate the beautiful in art and whose strength and solidity have enabled them to withstand the storms and to resist all the inroads of time. By Operative Masonry we mean Gothic architecture which, it is now admitted, was the invention of these travelling Freemasons or of monkish architects attached to their Fraternity.

In proof of this, it is stated that nearly all the old churches and cathedrals of the various countries in Europe, which were constructed at the same epoch of time, are manifestly built from similar designs; that churches may be found in the south of Italy which resemble in nearly every particular churches in the north of Scotland. These structures must, therefore, have been the work of a company of builders working after the same plans, who were not confined to any particular country, and who possessed facilities for holding free and unrestricted intercourse with each other. This company was the Guild of Travelling Freemasons.

In the Middle Ages, down to quite recent times indeed, every guild or association of skilled artisans, had its secrets, pertaining to the handicraft which its members pursued. These secrets were strictly guarded, none but those youths regularly bound apprentices to the trade for a space of five or seven years, were ever permitted to have any acquaintance with them, and none but those who could produce satisfactory proofs of having duly served such an apprenticeship, were suffered to work at that trade. Those who had never given them the required probation, were regarded as irregular, no skilled Craftsman would work in their company, no master was permitted to employ them, especially in cities where guilds of workmen were established.

Some guilds had also words of recognition, by which fellow-artisans of the same trades could make themselves known to each other, but these were merely incidental. The real secret of the craft was a knowledge of all those hidden and guarded mysteries, which pertained to the art it professed.

Of all these Craft secrets, those which belonged to the art of Masonry, were the greatest and the most profound, and they were accordingly the most closely and carefully guarded. Gothic architecture was the one distinguishing art of the Middle Ages. Poetry, painting and literature were in their early infancy, and the great imaginative intellect of that epoch expressed their ideas and breathed forth their souls, in those wondrous creations of stone and marble, which seem destined to remain monuments of their genius, as long as the world endures.

Those who first caught the idea of awakening high religious aspirations in the human heart by means of the soaring pinnacle and the lofty arch, and of giving birth to deep and solemn thoughts by the mystical blending of light and shade, treasured these discoveries in their inmost souls, and bequeathed them as a legacy to their successors. The task of fitly expressing them in some wonderful architectural creation, such as Strasburg Minster, required the labour of hundreds of hands through several generations. But no one was judged capable of doing any part of the work which demanded either artistic or mechanical skill, unless he had been regularly admitted a member of the company of builders and had been for some time under the instruction of expert Craftsmen.

To construct material temples, according to the rules and principles of Gothic architecture, was the object of Operative Masonry; to keep secret from the outer world the knowledge of their noble art, was the obligation imposed on the Apprentice and the Craftsman.

The modes of recognition, the signs and passwords were only incidentals; safeguards to prevent impostors from becoming acquainted with the mysteries of the science and from passing themselves off at assemblies of their brethren as regularly instructed Craftsmen.—*New York Dispatch*.

PAST AND PRESENT.

THE activity manifest during the present generation in the various fields of investigation and discovery is, when one reflects upon it, more than wonderful. It is not merely by a running "to and fro" that knowledge is increased and increasing in the earth; it is rather by adding to the achievements of our own day and generation those stores of knowledge once possessed by ancient peoples and lost, but which, during our life-time, have been rediscovered, reclaimed, and utilized, that in a large measure accounts for the activity that is, and gives promise of greater in the coming years. The rediscovered, from the civilizations of the dusty past, here and abroad, is so much treasure added to our present store; and though unwillingly laid away by its former possessors, it is to us, though second-hand, none the less treasure, and more valuable to us than the shining idol, before which so many of us make our too-willing prostrations.

This wonderful activity, which is observable on every hand, presents one of the strongest proofs that,

"Through all the ages one increasing purpose runs."

Knowledge grows by what it feeds on. Its desire is as unsatiable as death, and its possession furnishes the power and the sustenance for wisdom and right understanding.

It is remarkable, that all civilizations of the ancients appear to have been moved by similar tastes and aspirations, though each for itself, gratified its tastes and aspirations according to its several environments; thus, the Oriental, the Egyptian, the Grecian, and the Roman styles of architecture, may be referred to, as an epitomised expression of the qualification of taste, extant during their periods. It may also be remarked, that each of these expressions of ancient taste is perfect. No change ever made in either of these styles of architecture has resulted in improvement. Every attempt at change has resulted in marring it.

It appears, too, that the tastes of the ancient peoples were similar to the moderns, the chief difference being the distinctness of the ancient modes of expression; and in nothing is this more noteworthy than in their architecture. It was the expression of an ideal wrought into almost imperishable, material structure, quite imperishable, as against the influences of time and the elements, though, unhappily, not as against subsequent vandalism. What we are pleased to designate "barbaric splendour," is and was the expression of a civilization and a taste, which, thanks to the investigator's irresistible pick and the patient discoverer's spade, may yet be found to have been little behind or less, if not ahead of or more than ours. The treasures of letters, science, and art, recovered from the ruins of these ancient splendours, more than two millenniums old, ought to be regarded as sufficient proof of this. The very Writ itself is receiving reinforcement and verification of its letter, through the results of the achievement by pick and spade.

Each additional testimony of the origin, grandeur and glory of an ancient dynasty has stimulated the activity of modern peoples, and shaped the desire to press forward for more knowledge and brighter light. Many of the reclaimed wonders of those remote ages, in whose presence we stand to-day in mute admiration, are but the crystallizations of a knowledge and a skill and an intelligence differing in kind only, scarcely in degree, from ours. In many features they are our silent schoolmasters, whose mute examples in art, letters, even science itself, we are hardly able to surpass, if haply we may equal; while some remain the unsolvable riddle of our astonished admiration, and through their very inexplicableness stimulate and renew, day by day, the wonderful activity manifest among modern peoples in the fields of discovery and reclamation.—*Masonic Review*.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Duckworth W.M., Bramwell J.W., Rev. P. Hains Chaplain, Roberts P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, Cliffe P.M. Secretary, Bretey J.D., Eldershaw P.M. Dir. of Cers., Maxfield P.M. 1957 P.P.G.Org. Organist; P.M.'s Thomas, Guthrie, Ayland, Sawyer, Millock, Hill; Bros. Orrell, Armstrong, Beauford, Challenger, Lookwood, Gregory, Hinchliff, Mouth, Guest, Assheton Stanley and Arthur Stanley. Visitors—Ingham W.M. 2144, Bowen P.M. 2144 P.P.G.A.P., Jenkins 644, 999 P.P.G.Sword Bearer, Lowndes 999, 1045 P.P.G.P. Cheshire, Byrom 1045, Bardsley 993, Glenney 1957, Bardsley P.M. 322 P.P.G.Sword Bearer Cheshire, Goulding J.W. 2144, Sutcliffe and Dumville P.M. 152, 2156 P.P.G.S. Lodge was opened in the usual manner at six o'clock, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The only business was to pass Bro. Challenger to the second degree, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Thomas in that finished manner which is so well known by the brethren in Manchester.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE last meeting of the present session took place on Tuesday evening, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, when the W.M. Bro. P. J. King presided, assisted by Bros. Orton Cooper S.W., W. Kirkland J.W., Harry Nash I.P.M., Past Master Alfred Green, Wm. Radcliffe, Usher Back; Cockerell I.G., G. J. Copley, G. E. Absell, Kingston, Usher. There was no particular business before the Lodge, but the meeting was marked by a pleasing incident that deserves to be recorded. Some time since Bro. Radcliffe came across a fine steel engraving of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, clad in full Masonic regalia as the M.W. Grand Master of England. Although in a somewhat dilapidated condition it was discovered to be an artist's first proof, and dated 1833; but what made it more interesting to the brethren was the fact of an endorsement on the picture, stating that it belonged to Bro. Peter Gilkes, who was a Past Master of St. Michael's Lodge, and a most distinguished Mason. Bro. Radcliffe had the engraving cleaned, renovated and placed in a new gilt frame, and requested its acceptance by the brethren, so that it might form part of the Lodge furniture. On the proposition of Bro. Cooper, seconded by Bro. Cockerell, the picture was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge voted to Bro. Radcliffe for his presentation. It was also decided that a tablet recording the fact should be attached to the frame. The brethren subsequently adjourned to supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Richardson, the Master of the past year. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bros. J. W. Loveridge, A. Loveridge, and Busby were raised. Bro. Bonn was subsequently passed, and two gentlemen, Mr. N. T. B. Shepherd and Mr. J. Parison, were initiated into the Order. The installation of Bro. Charles Winterton as Master for the ensuing year was the next business, and at its conclusion the following were invested as the Assistant Officers:—Bros. Ames S.W., Poole J.W., Burleton P.M. Treasurer, Baron Secretary, Glass S.D., D'Ardenne J.D., Stockwin I.G., Christian P.M. Dir. of Cers., Dodson and Robinson Stewards, Harper Organist, Marsh Tyler. After the transaction of some other business, the Lodge was closed, and the members, with a large number of visitors, repaired to the banquet, which was presided over by the new Master. After the usual Loyal toasts, the Master submitted that of the Grand Officers, coupling with it the sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, and calling upon Bro. Hayes Past District Grand Master 8th District, New York, to respond. He, in the course of his remarks, pointed out that the desire of Freemasons should be to emulate each other in good works. No contention should ever arise in their midst, save that associated with friendly rivalry. Comparing the two systems of Freemasonry, as practised in England and America, he said there was much to commend and much to criticise in each. The Charities of England were the admiration of the world; while in America, until very recently, they had little or nothing of organisation for relief to point to. In New York they were busily engaged trying to remedy this state of affairs, and one of his duties while in London was to try and induce the English Grand Secretary to travel to New York and lay the foundation-stone of a home for distressed members of the Craft, as the American Craftsmen thought so distinguished an Englishman could tell them much they ought to know, and by which they would profit. He regretted Colonel Shadwell Clerke was not able to accede to their desire in this respect, but he had learnt much during his visit to England which would be of service on his return. The speaker referred to various matters concerning the internal management of private Lodges, and tendered hearty thanks for the toast. Bro. Richardson I.P.M. proposed the toast of the newly-installed ruler of the Lodge, who, he said, had long shown his capabilities as an Officer of the Lodge, and would, he was convinced, conduct the affairs during the year in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the toast. He hoped the members would overlook the many shortcomings of which he should be guilty in the management of the Lodge, and trusted his efforts to carry out his duties would be so satisfactory as to win their approval. His desire was to emulate the example of his predecessors, but whether he should be successful the future alone could prove. He next proposed the health of

his predecessor in the chair, Brother F. Richardson, who, he said, had ably performed the work of the Lodge during his term of office, and had won the regard of the members during his long association with the Lodge. He had much pleasure in presenting to the I.P.M. the jewel voted by the Lodge, and hoped he would be among them for many years, in improved health, to wear it. With the toast was also coupled the health of Bro. Jenkins, the Installing Master of the day, whose efforts in the Lodge were a far more eloquent tribute to his ability than any words the Master could utter. Bro. Richardson suitably acknowledged the toast and the presentation, and Bro. Jenkins expressed the pleasure he had experienced in working the ceremony of the day. He regretted that ill-health had prevented the outgoing Master officiating, but was pleased in having had an opportunity of showing his desire to assist in the work of the Lodge. The toast of "The Initiates" was next submitted, the Master dilating on the importance of having new members introduced into the Lodges, and tendering a hearty welcome to the two gentlemen admitted that day. He spoke of Bro. Shepherd as a visitor among them from the West Coast of Africa, who had honoured the Dalhousie Lodge by expressing a desire to join its ranks. He hoped he would never regret having done so, but would take back to his far-away home pleasing recollections of his first experiences of Freemasonry, and a desire to learn more of its mystic teachings. Their other initiate was also well recommended and was equally welcome. Bro. Shepherd tendered his sincere thanks for the honour conferred on him that day. He had long desired to join the ranks of Freemasonry, and he had intended to do so on the occasion of his last visit to London, but urgent business had called him back to Africa, and he had had to wait until the present. His experience of Englishmen in England was very gratifying, but he could not help expressing the opinion that the Englishmen sent out to Africa to represent England were a disgrace to the country. He should strive to prove himself a good Mason, and hoped to fully justify the kind treatment he had received from the members of the Dalhousie Lodge that day. Bro. Parison also replied, and then the Master gave the toast of the Visitors. Several of the guests acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Past Masters, for whom Bro. Dodson responded, expressing the willingness they all felt to assist in the proper management of the Lodge, and their desire to see it continue on its prosperous career. He took the opportunity of presenting to Bro. Richardson a second jewel, which had been subscribed for by a few of his more intimate friends in the Lodge as a further mark of their appreciation for what he had done. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, also that of the Officers was given, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. Dunkerley W.M., Roberts S.W., Olney J.W., Davies P.M. Treas., Dalglish P.M. Secy., Peel P.M. P.P.G.J.D. S.D., Hunter J.D., Howard I.G., Past Masters Fairweather, Taylor, Chadwick, Wren, and Gibson, Bros. Smith, Cunningham, Kinloch, Bennett, Baxendale, and Locke. Visitors: Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P. W.L., Hancock P.M. 992 P.P.G.S.B., Morrison 1375, Sharples 2357, Wrigley P.M. 815, Lloyd P.M. 1730, Cheetham P.M. 993 P.P.G.D., Williams P.M. 325 P.P.G. Sup. Works, Chesworth P.M. 317, Rathbone P.M. 581, Bowers W.M. 1730, French 1730, Land Secretary 1496, Swindells 1730, and Lisenden P.M. 317 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The brethren met shortly after six o'clock, and opened the Lodge in due form, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Dunkerley, father of the Worshipful Master, and being announced favourable, he was initiated by his son into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry amidst considerable interest. There have been several cases of fathers initiating their sons, but in the experience of all present on this auspicious occasion no instance of the reverse side of the picture had ever occurred. The ceremony was performed in a careful and impressive manner by Bro. Dunkerley, and produced an obvious effect on the candidate. Prior to the Lodge closing, Bros. Cheetham and Williams expounded the scheme, several times alluded to in this journal, for extending the benefits of the East Lancashire Systematic Institution. Some further Lodge business was discussed, and when concluded hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. After supper the usual toast list was proceeded with, and the health of the initiate proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Robert Chadwick P.M. Bro. W. Howard sang the E.A. song, the refrain of which was taken up with great gusto by the brethren. In a humorous speech, Bro. Dunkerley expressed the pleasure he felt at becoming a member of the Craft, and particularly of the St. David's Lodge, over which his son presided. He had wished for a length of time to become allied to the Fraternity, but owing to certain circumstances had postponed his intention until now. At the time his son avowed a desire to join the Craft, he advised him by all means to do so, and from the manner he had been received by his numerous Masonic friends, and the high opinion formed of him by members of his Lodge, who had elected him to preside over them, he (the initiate) thought he could not do better than follow in his son's footsteps and become a Mason. He had been given to understand that whoever initiated another into Freemasonry was his father, and that being the case it now appeared that his son was also his father. He felt very pleased at the reception he had had, and assured the brethren that he had no idea how beautiful and solemn the ceremony was; he had been much impressed with it, and if anything could possibly increase the already existing affection between his son and himself it was this new relationship of Freemasonry. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," several of their number replied, and expressed the very great pleasure it had given them to witness so unique a ceremony as had been performed that evening and the careful and painstaking manner in which every

officer did his work. Other toasts, including "The W.M." "The Officers," &c., were proposed and responded to, a most enjoyable and red letter evening being spent.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Lewis W.M., Wilson S.W., Anderton J.W., Islam P.M. Treasurer, Moss P.M. Secretary, Ashworth S.D., Loebell I.G.; P.M.'s Burgess, Dottie, W. H. Anderton, Arensberg P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Cowen, Buckley, Carr, and Hurst; Bros. Eriwood, Vlies, Lockwood, Gleave, Lawton, &c. Visitors—Bros. Hawkins 78, Stanley 204, Turton and Lisenden (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge was opened in the usual manner at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. passed Bro. Lockwood to the degree of F.C., and Bro. W. H. Anderton, who through illness had not been in the Lodge for three years, raised Bro. Lawton to the sublime degree of M.M., in a truly impressive manner. The Lodge being lowered to the first degree, and this being the night for electing a new W.M., the ballot was proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Wilson. In a neat speech Bro. Wilson thanked the brethren for this mark of esteem and confidence. Bro. Islam, who has given the greatest satisfaction while fulfilling the duties of Treasurer, was re-elected to that post, and expressed his thanks for the honour. Bro. Moss P.M. and Secretary was re-appointed Charity Representative, and Bros. J. Wilson, Cowen and Ashworth were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30. At the social board the healths of the newly passed and raised brethren were proposed and responded to, also the W.M. elect, who replied in appropriate terms. In proposing the P.M.'s, the W.M. spoke in high terms of praise of the manner in which Bro. W. H. Anderton had performed the ceremony of raising, and expressed the pleasure they one and all felt in seeing him once more amongst them. During the evening Bro. J. D. Smith, whose presence is always welcome at the social board, sang two songs in a most admirable manner, and we were again charmed with the excellent singing of Bro. F. M. Anderton J.W.

WANDERERS' LODGE, No. 1604.

THE day appointed for the installation ceremony is always a special event with the members of this Lodge. The Wanderers, it will be remembered, is a Military Lodge, and the new Master was installed in the midst of a crowd of Past Masters, many in uniform, while the dress of civilian members was varied by Masons in military garb from all branches of the service. Many of our warriors look forward to the second Tuesday in April as the day when, by a visit to this Lodge, they may renew acquaintances and fight old battles over again, and it was no doubt with this in their minds that a host of visitors, including our gallant Grand Secretary, hied to No. 1604 on Tuesday evening. Bro. Glover the retiring W.M. having disposed of the ordinary business, proceeded to install Bro. Holland into the chair of K.S., in the presence of 21 Past Masters. The usual ceremonies in connection with the Installed Masters' Degree were disposed of in excellent style, and the new Officers were appointed, as follow: Bros. Musson S.W., Ogg J.W., Sims S.D., Fraser P.M. 2206 W.M. Elect 2331 J.D., Thatcher I.G., Smales Dir. of Cers., Gardiner Steward, Roberts A.S., Young Organist, Lackland Tyler, and for the fourteenth year in succession Bro. Scott was appointed Secretary. The brethren had sustained a loss by the sudden death of Bro. Meredith P.M., who had filled the post of Treasurer from the foundation of the Lodge. Bro. Wray P.M. alluded, in a few well-chosen sentences, to the worth of the deceased Brother, and it was agreed to send a vote of condolence to the late Brother's widow and family. Bro. Captain Butterworth was elected and invested Treasurer. At the banquet which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In reply to the "Grand Officers," with which his name had been coupled, Col. Shadwell Clerk said: It is a very great honour and a great privilege also to be permitted to return thanks to a toast so important as the one you have just been good enough to honour, because it is one which comprises gentlemen and noblemen in all stations of life, who amidst all the cares of their private avocations manage to devote a good deal of their time to our dear old Craft. The Grand Officers' desire is to prove, by their acts and their services to the Craft, that they are not undeserving of the honour bestowed upon them by the Grand Master. For myself, it is a great pleasure to me to be here amongst you again to-night. I had the pleasure of visiting you a few years ago, and of making your acquaintance, and as an old soldier myself, of nearly 40 years' standing, I can assure you that my heart warms when I find myself once more in the presence of good old friends of the service. I like to talk over events of long ago, and to speak of old faces who have long since gone to their last rest. Above all to-night it has been a peculiar pleasure to me to be here, because your W.M. happens to be an old comrade of mine; we served together in the Scots Fusiliers for something like 17 years, and I was therefore specially delighted to be present at his installation to-night. Let me take this opportunity of congratulating him upon the proud position he has attained, and to express the belief that he will occupy that position most worthily. Since I came here last, I have had the pleasure of consecrating the Warrant Officers' Lodge, and I am pleased to see the W.M. of that Lodge here to-night, wearing a collar as an Officer of your Lodge. I am pleased to find that although that Lodge and your own are running practically on the same lines, there is room for both, and there is no reason why they should not continue to work together in perfect amity. The G.S. then resumed his seat, amid loud cheers. Bro. Glover the I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., in very flattering terms, alluding particularly to the excellence of the W.M.'s working, in which Bro. Holland has done his best to keep up the prestige of the Wanderers' Lodge. The toast was honoured in an

enthusiastic manner. Bro. Holland in reply said: When one gets into this position, it prevents him saying anything about himself, but having selected me for the high office of W.M. of this Lodge, I shall endeavour, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., to do my duty honestly and conscientiously. I have been a member of this Lodge for 14 years, and am proud to be the Master. One experiences great difficulty in even trying to emulate those Masters who have filled this chair. I do not think there is any Lodge in the universe that can boast of a better show of Past Masters than I have on my left. I hope, however, with the assistance of my officers and the brethren, to imitate some of the best of our Past Masters. They are a first-class lot of brethren, they have been, and are always, ready to give assistance to any brother or officer. We are proud of them and proud of our Lodge; and, brethren, with that feeling, I do not think I shall fail to discharge my duties as W.M. to your satisfaction. The "Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Wray the senior P.M. present. Amongst those who have passed the chair were Bros. Boulton, Gibson Coleman, Captain Butterworth, Coleman, Folsom, Mimms, &c. Other toasts followed. The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, contributed to by the members and visitors. During the evening the usual Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Glover I.P.M.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

ONE of the most interesting and successful gatherings held under the banner of this increasingly popular and prosperous Lodge took place on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., at Leeds, the occasion being the formal welcome to the Lodge of its first joining member Bro. Cooke, the Mayor of Leeds, since his accession to the office of Chief Magistrate of Leeds. Bro. Fretwell W.M. opened the Lodge at three o'clock, when he was surrounded by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. Atkinson S.W., Abbott J.W., C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, Middleton I.P.M., Trevor P.M. Dir. of Cers., Dimery P.M., Bai S.D., Jones as J.D., Butterworth Secretary, Begbie Abbott I.C., Ellis Steward, Watson, Ingawells, Storey, Hannan, Rev. J. Rosser P.P.G. Chaplain, Mason, Jones, Wilkinson, Buckley Organist, Kirk, and others. The minutes having been adopted, the W.M. invested Rev. Bro. Wilkinson as Chaplain, expressing the hope that the connection thus happily and auspiciously begun might be productive of happiness to himself and to the Lodge. The visitors were then honoured and formally received into the Lodge, under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies Bro. Trevor P.M. Those included Bro. Smith P.M. D.P.G.M. Past Grand Deacon of England, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Leeds (Bro. Cooke), the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Wakefield, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Dewsbury, Bros. Fox ex-Mayor of Dewsbury Prov. G.S.W., Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, Embleton P.P.G.S.W., Mathewson Prov. G. Assistant Secretary, Monkman P.P.G.A.D.C., Chapman W.M. 289, Swale W.M. 1221, Clayton W.M. 1311, Malcolm P.M. W.M. 306 P.P.G. Registrar, Glover P.P.G.D., Tomlinson I.P.M. 1221, Oates P.P.G.A.D.C., Scarth P.M. 289, Smith I.P.M. 289, Long, Hainsworth, Beaumont Secretary 304, Dongill 1042, Last Secretary 2321, and many others. The distinguished brethren were saluted in due form, and as there were upwards of sixty Masons present the scene was a most impressive one. Bro. Fretwell said that his first duty was to welcome the Mayor of Leeds and the large and distinguished number of Masons who had met to do honour to his Worship. Since Brother Cooke had been called upon to fill the post of Chief Magistrate of that important county borough he had won golden opinions from the inhabitants, for his urbanity, for his splendid business tact, and for the open handed hospitality which he had so lavishly dispensed. Amongst the list of Leeds Mayors were many who had made their term of office notable, but Bro. Cooke had shown himself worthy to be enrolled amongst the best. When the history of his year came to be written it would be found to have been not the least notable among many notable years. His Worship must feel that he was "the cynosure of neighbouring eyes," so to speak, but no one had watched his progress more critically than the members of his own Lodge, and they felt that so far they had nothing but unstinted and ungrudging praise to render their brother. He was the second Mayor that Lodge Prudence had contributed to the town, and just as Bro. Woodhouse in his year added lustre and dignity to the office, so had Bro. Cooke helped to make the name of Leeds respected and honoured. It must also be most gratifying to his Worship to see the Mayors of Wakefield and Shrewsbury vying with other to do him honour. The multifarious duties of the Mayoralty left but little time for leisure, yet these two Mayors had sacrificed their Saturday afternoon to visit the Lodge and to welcome the Mayor of Leeds. They could have given no more graceful proof of their regard to the Mayor, and he (Bro. Fretwell) tendered to their Worships the heartiest thanks of all present for their self denial and kindness. Then Bros. Smith and Fox, fresh from their exertions in London in the cause of Charity, had also added lustre to the gathering by their presence, accompanied as they were by so many Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Masters of the Leeds Lodges had responded to the invitation with that fraternal good feeling which so greatly distinguished Freemasonry in that town, and they were well supported by their brethren. Indeed, that gathering was in all respects a notable one, and so far as Lodge Prudence was concerned it was unique. In the name of the Lodge he gave each one present a thrice hearty welcome, and trusted that their visit would go far to tighten the bonds of Masonry in that Province. In conclusion, Bro. Fretwell tendered regretful apologies and best wishes from the Mayor of Bradford, the Mayor of Halifax, the Mayor of Morley, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew Past Grand Deacon of England, Bros. Smyth, M.A., D.L., LL.D., Past Senior Grand Chaplain of England, Lupton Vice-Chairman Charity Committee, Green Prov. Grand Secretary, Booth W.M. 1042, Rev. Canon Bullock W.M. 1211, Welsman P.P.G.D.C., Howarth, and many others. Bros. Jones and Mason were passed to the second degree, and the Lodge thereafter closed. An excellent tea was served in the

banqueting hall, by Bro. Barrand Prov. Grand Tyler, and at the conclusion of the repast the usual Masonic toasts received due attention, Bro. Smith responding in genial terms for G. Lodge. Bro. Fretwell, in suitable terms, proposed the principal toast—the health of the Mayor of Leeds—which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Cooke, in replying, expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him on that occasion, and gracefully alluded to the presence of the visiting Mayors, placing upon record his appreciation of the kindness and courtesy which had always characterised the dealings of the Mayors of the neighbouring towns with Leeds. He also alluded to the fact that he was Junior Warden of the newly consecrated Columbia Lodge, and spoke of his deep interest in the Craft. It was a proud thought to him that he had been elected unanimously as Mayor over that town, and hoped that his children would look back with pleasure to the position their father had attained, and that they in their turn might be enabled to gain the good will and affection of the people of Leeds in the same degree he had been enabled to do. The health of the Visiting Mayors, proposed by Bro. Dimery, evoked an expression of cordiality and good will, which was heartily reciprocated by their worships. Other toasts followed; the proceedings being pleasantly diversified by the singing of Bros. Chapman, Atkinson, Begbie Abbott, and a reading by Bro. Storey. Bro. Buckley acted as accompanist.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the George Hotel, Colchester, when Bro. Poppleton S.W. was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sowman, Prov. Grand Overseer, assisted by other officers. After the appointment of Officers for the year, a letter was read from Bro. Tracy, Prov. Grand Sec. East Anglia, stating that he was about to vacate the office of Secretary. It was resolved to forward to him a letter expressing the thanks of the Lodge for his past services. Subsequently a dinner was held at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting of this, one of the most successful Lodges consecrated by our late beloved Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, celebrated its anniversary on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. The Lodge was opened at 4.30 by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Frederick Dangerfield, who was supported by an influential gathering of the Members, the following Past Masters:—Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, John Heaton, William Henry, J. B. Sorrell, S. H. Baker, Frank Taylor, G. T. Salmon, H. T. Frost; and a strong body of Visitors, whose names we subjoin: Brothers Dr. J. F. Haskins Organist 1369, Johnson P.M. 869, Sewell P.M. 1827, Memory J.D. 2029, Bassington P.M. 205, Coker 2 (S.C.), Magnus Ohren P.M. G.A.D.C. England, Macfadyen J.W. 1397, Etchel Chaplain 1804, Pendlebury Assist. Grand Sec., Barker 869, Mathews S.W. 194, Manger P.M. 1314, Kellford 169, Holmes W.M. 1319, Hawes S.W. 1662, Phillips P.M. 820, Potter P.M. 813, Gibson 1572, Addy 2128, Cooper, Thomasart P.M. 1861, Butcher P.M. 191, Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, Wright P.M. 1827, Drewett P.M. 889, Davies 87, Hassall P.M. 779, Turner 47, Massey P.M. 1928, Dickie 860, Dodd P.M. 1223, Eve P.G. Treasurer, Storr P.M. 167, Morgan P.M. 211, Boston 1987, W. M. Stiles and W. A. Scurrah.

The Lodge was opened, and after preliminaries the Auditors' Report as to Lodge and Benevolent Funds were presented and adopted. Bro. Henry Andrews was raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Dangerfield conducting the ceremony in the perfect way that has characterised his work during the past year. A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Brother Orlando Le Messurier Latrielle, who for many years carried out the onerous duties of Secretary of the Lodge, on the loss they had sustained through his death, was first passed, and the brethren then dealt with a matter which they referred to the Committee of Management and Trustees of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. and Treasurer presented Bro. W. F. Potter S.W. and W.M. elect to the Worshipful Master for installation, and Bro. Dangerfield thereupon performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. Major Joseph Heaton P.M. Dir. of Cers. After his installation Bro. Potter invested Bro. Dangerfield as I.P.M., and then presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Fox S.W., Frederick Varley J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg Treasurer, Robertson Reef Secretary, Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, Henry Organist, Packman S.D., James Evans J.D., John Manger I.G., Major J. Heaton Dir. of Cers., Cornell Assist. Dir. of Cers., Barlow and Langley Stewards, Freeman Tyler. After the I.P.M. had been presented with the jewel of the Lodge, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet. The Loyal toasts were briefly but emphatically proposed, and the brethren did them full honour. And then the W.M. proposed the health of the Grand Officers. Bro. Richard Eve responded; he said that as far as the Grand Officers were concerned they were most of them selected and appointed by the Grand Master, who was a competent judge for selecting for the several posts in Grand Lodge; they were honourable men, men who had distinguished themselves in Masonry and other walks in life. As regards those he had selected were such men. They had done much for the Institutions of the Craft, and were capable of doing much more. It was a great privilege to have to stand up with the Grand Officers in responding to this toast, for those brethren were all men who had earned the positions they occupied, whether they were noblemen, officers of State, or distinguished in other positions in society. The Grand Officers who were present were glad to be in the John Hervey Lodge, which was named after the late Grand Secretary of the Order, who consecrated the Lodge. While speaking of the Grand Officers, he could not help alluding to Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, a brother who had always been

an active Mason, who was a Founder of the Lodge, and its Treasurer. Bro. Hogg's name was revered wherever it was known; whether in the John Hervey Lodge, in Grand Lodge, or in Society, it was always spoken of with respect and love. For himself, he was not one of the Grand Officers selected by the Grand Master; he was elected by the general body of the Craft; this he esteemed the highest honour a brother could have conferred upon him. He had taken a deep interest in Masonry and in its Charitable Institutions. Part of his interest in those Institutions had been devoted to the Boys' School. With respect to that Institution he would observe that whatever might have been felt by some of the brethren in regard to its past management, it was entitled to everything that could be done for it. It was doing a good work; it had greatly improved; it had a capital Secretary; and it was worthy of all their support. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom would preside at its next Festival, and he hoped that all the brethren would do their best to make that Festival a grand success. Bro. Dangerfield, in proposing the health of "The W.M.," said this, in his hands, was an entirely new toast. It was one which ought to be received with great heartiness by the brethren, but that night he thought it ought to be proposed and accepted with extra heartiness, for Bro. Potter was one held in high estimation among his brethren and fellows. They might go a long way before they came across so worthy a brother, consequently he was sure the toast would be received with all heartiness. The W.M., in reply, said he was nervous, on account of his youth and inexperience, but he gave the brethren his assurance that he would do his best for the prosperity of the Lodge and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. He should have to claim their indulgence, as at the next and subsequent meetings he should go out of the beaten track. He would now propose "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the John Hervey Lodge." For Bro. Dangerfield he could not find words complimentary enough, his work was second to none. He had had most difficult duties to fulfil in the Lodge and out of it, but he had come through it as a good man and a good Mason. As to the other Past Masters, there were many of them; they all exerted themselves to the utmost for the Craft and for the Lodge. Bro. Dangerfield referred with regret to the late hour to which the proceedings had extended; this rendered it necessary that everything said after banquet should be short; there was a good bill of fare in the shape of music, which he was sure they would sooner hear than speeches. He would simply thank the W.M. for his kind proposition of the toast, and the brethren for their hearty response to it. Bro. Frost also replied; he assured the brethren that the many Past Masters there were, were always endeavouring to do their best for the Lodge. He hoped they would continue to do so. He was only a pigmy compared with other Past Masters who had preceded him; he might specially refer to Bro. Brockett-Sorrell. It was mainly owing to Bro. Brockett-Sorrell that the working of the Lodge was so sound. By comparison with him he felt himself an infant. In the future, as in the past, whatever would tend to the happiness and comfort of the Lodge and the brethren, all the Past Masters would do their best to promote. Bro. Col. Sewell P.G.S., in responding to the toast of the Visitors, assured the brethren that the visitors had greatly enjoyed the work of the evening; he congratulated the W.M. on having been installed as head of the Lodge. He also congratulated the brethren on having such an excellent W.M. He had known Bro. Potter for many years, as one who was likely to be a first-rate ruler in the Craft. Several other visitors also addressed the Lodge. In proposing the Masonic Charities the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the support they gave him as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, when he took up nearly £90. The Boys' Institution was now on a splendid basis; it was admirably managed, and was realising the expectations of the Craft. Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. He thanked the brethren for the support they gave their Worshipful Master in his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution in February last, when Bro. Potter was able to take up so goodly an amount. The W.M. was now asking for a Steward for the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. The latter would celebrate its 103rd anniversary by a Festival on 12th May, and the former would hold its Festival in June or July. All the Institutions were equally deserving of support. He hoped that the Girls' School, despite its present shortcoming of Stewards, would have a result equal to others. The Boys' School, he was glad to say, had over 600 Stewards; a number it never had hitherto. That surely must be an answer to those brethren who took objection to the management of the Committee. After thanking the John Hervey Lodge in particular for what it had done towards raising the £15,000 which he announced at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry said that out of that £15,000 £8,650 had been paid in by the Stewards up to 31st March, and half of that was paid in within a week of the Festival. He hoped the management of the Institution would commend itself to the Craft. The year 1892 would be the Jubilee Year of the Benevolent Institution, and great as was the result of the Girls' School, he hoped enough would be left to make the Jubilee of the Old Men and Women as great a success. Dr. Jabez Hogg, replying for the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers, said he was the only founder of the Lodge left. He must express his great satisfaction at being present that evening, to see the strong, hearty, and earnest support the W.M. had around him. It showed that the brethren that their choice in electing Bro. Potter to the chair had been a happy one. He hoped his year would be a prosperous one, as they all anticipated it would be. He thanked the brethren for again electing him Treasurer; he thought it was about the 20th time. In that capacity he had said the same things so often that it reminded him of an anecdote of Mr. Spurgeon, that as a Methodist minister was passing out of his chapel he met one of his flock, who he asked what he thought of his sermon. The answer was, "Well, minister, it was a very good sermon, but if you had struck out both ends of it, and burned the middle, it would have done a deal more good." That

might perhaps be said of his (Dr. Hogg's) speech that night. However, once more he assured the brethren he sincerely thanked them for re-electing him as Treasurer. Other Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. A capital musical programme was supplied; the arrangements had been entrusted to Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, who was assisted by Bros. John Bartlett, Thomas Kempton, W. Devey, and the Misses Rhoda Sutherland and Marie Riversdale.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following Life-Governors were elected, last week, out of a list of 35 candidates, nominated at the Council of 7th March, to act as a Board of Management for the ensuing twelve months:—

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Obituary.

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BRO. H. VENN.

OUR Obituary List to-day must record the death of Bro. H. Fenn P.M. P.Z. Past Grand Steward of England, who was initiated in the Gihon Lodge, No. 49, and was a joining member of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, which he represented on the Board of Grand Stewards. Bro. Venn was a Royal Arch Mason, a Past Master of the Old Kent (T.I.) Mark Lodge, and P.G.M.O. of the Mark Grand Lodge; he had taken the 18th degree, or Rose Croix Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was a member of the Allied Degrees, and of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. In all these various branches of our Masonic System, Bro. Venn had laboured diligently and conscientiously, and was greatly respected by those with whom he came in contact. He will also be remembered in connection with our Schools and the Benevolent Institution. He had served on the House and Audit Committees of the Boys' School, and on the Audit Committee of the Girls'. He was also a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institution, and had served the Office of Steward in their behalf at some eight or nine Festivals.

Torquay is fortunate in possessing at least two Masons of world-wide renown, and the many friends of Bro. John Lane P.M. 1402 P.P.G.R. (Devon) will be pleased to hear that he is now on the road to recovery from his recent severe illness. Bro. Lane's reputation was made at a bound by his stupendous work, dedicated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., on Masonic Records, and since then he has fully maintained his position as a Masonic author by the publication of Lists of Lodges, &c. Amongst the honours accorded him has been his election as P.G.S.W. of Iowa, U.S.A., and now comes a recognition of merit at home by his election as honorary member of Lodge St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter. This compliment is all the more valuable because it has only been paid to three others, each of whom has been elected in appreciation of distinguished services to the Craft. No. 39 is the senior Lodge in the West of England, and their warrant is the oldest original document of the kind in this country, dating from 1732, most of the other old Lodges having had warrants of confirmation on losing their original charters, by fire or otherwise. Bro. Lane is now honorary member of the two senior Lodges in Devon, the other being St. John's, No. 70, Plymouth.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

Miss Minnie Freeman has just been the recipient of a souvenir of the recent visit to Brighton of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, on the occasion of his installation as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Masons of Sussex. Miss Freeman kindly gave her services as vocalist at the luncheon, and, to mark their appreciation of her efforts, the Prov. Grand Stewards (Bros. W. W. Turner, Jos. Farncombe, E. S. Medcalf, and T. Bullock) have presented her with a gold bracelet bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Miss Minnie Freeman, by the Stewards of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Sussex, for her vocal services on the occasion of the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master, at Brighton, 10th March 1891."

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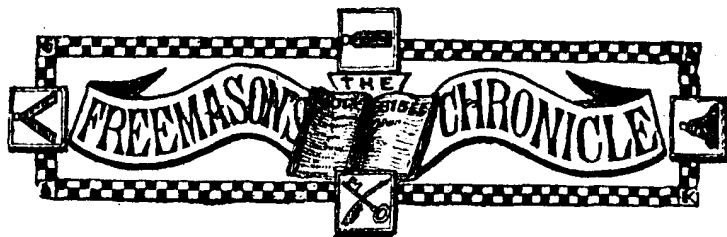
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Binckes states: "In the vaunted result of the Cambridge Examination of last December, I fail to find any pass in Honours."

The fact is that six Honour Classes were obtained, while the numbers for 1889, 1888, 1887, were 4, 6, and 8, respectively.

As regards Passes, those three years show a Total of 20, while this single examination has produced 17, "a marked contrast to previous results," as Bro. Binckes truly says.

Details of these Examinations are to be found on page 63 of the "Annual Report and Statement," published by Bro. Binckes himself, who, by the way has totalled, on the same page, the number of certificates gained as 394. This is only a hundred too many!

Bro. Binckes is not so strong in arithmetic as he is in denunciation.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD STEWARD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I took no part whatever in the late controversy regarding the Boys' School, but I was Master of my Lodge at the time that it voted its voluntary contribution to the Pensions Indemnity Fund. I should, therefore, like to say that when it did so, we understood that there was an honourable understanding to bury all the unhappy disputes which were damaging alike to the Craft and to the School. Accordingly, the Lodge has since, in common with the rest of the Province of Bristol, endeavoured to help the Provincial Charity Steward to take up a handsome sum to the next Festival of the Boys' School. Permit me, therefore, to

regret the letter of Bro. F. Binckes, as tending to re-open a quarrel which had been closed by mutual consent. The report of the Provisional Committee is merely a temperate recital of what it has done, in pursuance of its instructions to improve the arrangements of the School; and as the School is after all a merely human institution, the most ardent champion of the old order of things cannot pretend that it was absolutely perfect. Bro. Binckes's acceptance of the very honourable terms of his retirement precludes him, I think, from reviving the former controversy, and I venture to express a hope that he will "let the dead past bury its dead," and leave our Masonic posterity to do justice to his share in a closed chapter of the history of the Boys' School. I am confident that a different course will do him no good, while it is certainly calculated to alienate support from the Institution.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HAROLD LEWIS I.P.M. 686.

Bristol, 15th April 1891.

DOES BRO. SPETH BELIEVE THAT HE IS AN INFALLIBLE MASONIC AUTHORITY?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I asked a Catholic clergyman to explain the meaning of the word "inspiration," or in what manner were the writers of the books in the Bible inspired, and he answered that when St. Matthew took the pen in his hand to write the Gospel, he became unconscious, and while he was in that state the Holy Ghost guided his pen, and when he recovered his consciousness, he found the Gospel that goes by his name was written, and in the same way the other writers of the books in the Bible were inspired. "But," said I, "what authority have you for your belief?" "The Church," said he. After that answer it was of no use to ask any further questions; the church is infallible, and its dictum must be believed, in spite of reason and common sense. Masonic luminaries never claimed the gift of inspiration, and as far as I know, nobody claimed it for them; but yet I remember when Masons believed in the writings of Anderson, Preston, Oliver, Mackey, Moore, and Co., as implicitly as they believed in the Gospels; yes, I remember the time when it would have been deemed a monstrous Masonic heresy to express a doubt that Adam, or Noah, or Moses, and above all King Solomon, were Masons; all which disbelief, however, is no longer frowned upon by our present Masonic luminaries.

But here is another illustration. In 1870, in a reply to an editorial in the *Freemason*, I ventured to show the difference between the aims of our speculative Masons, and the Masons of the Middle Ages. "Our object and aim is," said I, "to unite all good and true men, without distinction of creed, into a brotherhood, but the aim of the Masonic organization in the Middle Ages was bread and butter, or, in other words, higher wages." Thereupon, some of the then Masonic luminaries came out in the *Freemason* with squibs and sneers, headed "The Nortonian Theory," "Bread and Butter Theory," &c., but now there is not an impartial, well-informed Masonic writer, who does not believe that my opinion was right. Some months ago, however, I ventured to criticise Bro. Speth's opinion that the Matthew Cooke MS. was written during the first half of the fifteenth century, and I offered a number of reasons for my belief that the said Cooke MS. was written by a Protestant, for a Lodge composed of Protestants; and having recently read, in Toulmin Smith's book on English Gilds, that out of about six hundred Gild's codes or laws, he found but one operative Gild which had no patron Saint, and having shown that, even in the laws of the said saintless Gild, there was ample evidence that they were written by a Catholic for a Catholic Gild, while on the other hand, the Masons of the fifteenth century had four patron saints, and prayed to the Virgin in their Lodges, and, in short, the whole poem of the fifteenth century is crammed full of Roman Catholic beliefs, while the Cooke MS. is minus of the slightest hint that it was written by a Roman Catholic, or for the use of a Masonic Gild composed of Roman Catholics, and knowing that during the first half of the sixteenth century the religious Reformation took place in England, when saints and Virgin worship was brought into contempt. For the above reasons, I politely suggested to Bro. Speth that the saintless, Virginless Matthew Cooke MS. must have been written after the Reformation, by a Protestant for a Lodge of Protestant Masons. Now, if Bro. Speth had gone to work and collected the laws of six hundred Gilds which existed before the Reformation, and had proved that five per cent. of the said six hundred documents were minus of allusions to patron saints, to the Virgin, and of the last hint, that they were written by Catholics, or for Catholics, he might have convinced me that the Cooke MS. might have been written before the Reformation. But instead of doing so, he resorted to ridicule and sneers. Now, I have shown that former Masonic luminaries have tried the same game, but their sneers recoiled upon themselves, and I now ask Bro. Speth, how does he know, whether at a near future, his method of ridiculing and sneering may not also recoil upon himself?

Bro. Speth claims that his opinion about the age of the Cooke MS. is supported by the opinions of Bros. Gould, Hugan, and others. But suppose it is so, I ask, what of it? Surely, clever and well-informed as I admit them to be, I regard them as no more infallible than I regard Bro. Speth, and if Bro. Speth's opinion had been backed up by a unanimous vote of all the learned members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, without giving better reasons for their belief than Bro. Speth gave in his Commentary of the Cooke MS., and without furnishing better reasons against my belief than Bro. Speth did in the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE* of 21st March, I would still conscientiously maintain that the Matthew Cooke MS. was written by a Protestant for a Guild of Protestant Masons.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S.A., 31st March 1891.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 11th ult. The M.E. Comp. Lient-General C. W. Randolph, Grand Superintendent, opened the Chapter, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: Comps. H. M. Davey H., Bransley Roberts J., H. E. Price S.N., J. M. Reed Treas., R. Pidcock Reg., T. C. Woodman P. Soj., G. E. Chapman St. B., A. King Organist, T. Hardy Steward, and H. H. Hughes Janitor. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. Addressing the Companions, the M.E. Grand Superintendent said:

When comparing Mark Masonry with Royal Arch Masonry I regret to see so many brothers flocking to that branch of Masonry—taking a retrograde step, than being exalted in the Royal Arch Degree, which is a superior advancement in our Craft. There are reasons which possibly influence Master Masons to join the Mark Degree instead of ours, the fees for entrance being less, and the clothing less expensive. I wish we could persuade the Grand S.E. (who I regret is not with us this day) to use his endeavours to assimilate the fees, holding out equal inducements for brethren to join R.A. Chapters. I have attended all the installation meetings of our nine Chapters, except one, during the last year in the Province. I have observed in some Chapters the attendance has been good, and the working highly creditable, and I trust, for the future, I shall witness the three Principals instal their several successors in their respective chairs, thus dividing the work; that all Chapters work alike; and that the Province of Sussex will be quoted as a pattern Province; for I am confident that when Companions take the trouble to acquire and learn their respective duties in the respective offices that they fill, it will always repay them, for we all well know with increased knowledge will come increased interest. We have heard the report of the Treasurer's accounts, and I am pleased to say we are better off than we were last year. As regards the statistics, it is gratifying to see that this year we have had twenty-nine exaltations, which are more than in any previous year since 1882. I cannot express to you how rejoiced I am to think that in the first year of my Grand Superintendentship of the Province that we have excelled in numbers our exaltations since the year 1882. Companions, may the Great Jehovah give us all health, strength, and inclination to perform our Royal Arch duties throughout the coming year.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices:

C. J. Smith	H.
A. King	J.
V. P. Freeman	S.E.
F. Daniel	S.N.
J. M. Reed	Treasurer
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C. W. Tomes	2nd Assistant Soj.
T. Berry	Sword Bearer
R. H. Ellman	Standard Bearer
F. Holford	Dir. of Cers.
W. W. Roe	Organist
W. E. Morrison	} Stewards
C. Bampfylde Warre	
H. H. Hughes	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Companions sat down to a banquet, over which the Grand Superintendent presided. The usual loyal toasts having been given, Comp. C. J. Smith proposed "The health of the Grand Superintendent," who acknowledged the toast, and thanked the Companions for their attendance and support. "The health of the Provincial Officers" was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Comp. C. J. Smith. Comp. Paynter, from Monmouthshire, and Kemp Smythe, from Dover, responded for "The Visitors." "The Principals of the Chapters in the Province," "The Masonic Institutions," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. W. W. Roe Organist, who had secured the services of Miss Maud Bond, Miss Louise Brazier, and Comp. R. Willard.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.

A SERMON, BY BRO. DR. J. C. STEWART.

A SPECIAL divine service was recently conducted in St. Bernard's Parish Church, in commemoration of the Centenary of Lodge Scotia, No. 178 (S.C.) There was a large congregation, the body of the church being occupied by the brethren of the Craft, and the galleries by the general public. Rev. Dr. Alexander Rosenspitz, of Oregon, read the Old Testament lesson. An ode, written for the occasion by Dr. Stewart, was sung as a quartette to music composed by Mr. T. R. Henderson, A.Mus., T.C.L. The sermon was on the text—Matthew xxii. 37—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it—"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." My dear brethren, said the preacher, a great problem with men in all ages has been to reach the Divine. That sad transaction in the Garden of Eden, which brought about the expulsion of the Eden family from their early home, was just an indication of the same desire which holds sway in the human breast. The tree was something to be desired to make men wise. It was knowledge that they sought after. The men of Babel who thought to reach the abode of Deity by building an immense tower were only following the natural bent of the human mind in all the ages before their time, and the same tendency has been manifested ever since their time. The temples erected and dedicated to the gods in what are known to us as heathen nations were just the outcome of the same overmastering desire on the part of these blind leaders of the blind. Even the grand temple which David planned and which Solomon built at Jerusalem was just a further development of the supreme instinct in the human bosom. Indeed, all our grandest institutions, both religious and moral, are the outcome of this heavenly aspiration to rise up to the Divine, to approach the throne of wisdom, strength, and beauty; and the science of Masonry is no exception. The grand Masonic Temple is essentially a moral and religious institution, founded upon the most sacred principles, and reared by virtuous and chivalrous men for the very desirable purpose of keeping prominently before our minds the most sublime truths and the most sacred beauties in the midst of brotherly intercourse, innocent pleasures, and social enjoyments. The four principal pillars of our Order are Love, Liberality, Charity, and Chastity. Our Order knows nothing of politics and nothing of sectarianism. It is the science of universal brotherhood, morality, and religion. It is a science of universal language, because its symbols are the same everywhere. In our Order we are all upon a level, and every man is to contribute his own share of good ideas or good works in helping to perfect this glorious temple for the Supreme and Divine Builder. Every member of our Craft is expected to help in perfecting the ceremonies and symbols, and in strengthening the pillar of truth in the universal temple which will one day embrace within its ample bosom the entire family of mankind. Masonry is the earliest of all sciences. In the dark ages of antiquity, when the rude manners of men debarred them from that knowledge which we possess, this institution was a grand centre of light and beneficent influence. Under its benign and fostering sway science advanced, arts flourished, civilisation spread, and the gloom of ignorance and the cruelties of barbarism were swept away. Our symbols and signs are the same in all countries, and they have become the only universal language. The unapproachable Chinese, the wild Arab, the Bedonia in the desert, the American savage, will embrace a brother Briton, and will understand that beyond the ordinary ties of humanity there is still stronger obligation laid upon him to treat his fellow craftsman with kindness, and hospitality, and other friendly offices. From what I have now told you of our Order, men of candid minds may judge and come to the conclusion that ours is a great and sublime institution, worthy of its past tradition and history, and claiming the support of honest and virtuous men. The grand binding principle which forms the web, the warp, and the woof of our Order is brotherly love. The one article in our Constitutions which cements and holds us together is the bond of affection. Such, brethren, is the nature of that sublime Order, which has oftentimes been slandered and maligned, and which even many of its members never tried properly to understand. The Lodge itself is a mere symbol of that grander temple which is confined to no spot on earth, but with loving charity includes the world of mankind. From what I have now said you can see how much our institution resembles the morality and the religion of the New Testament. Any system of morality and religion which makes men sympathetic, kind, and generous—any institution which can show the fruits of genuine brotherhood, in efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and take the houseless wanderers in, must be worthy of our highest respect and warmest support. We have St. James asking the question—If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto him, "Depart in peace and be ye warmed and filled," notwithstanding ye gave them not those things which are needful for the body, what doth it profit? St. John tells us that the leading principle of the Gospel is to "Love one another." He says whosoever doeth not righteousness loveth not God, neither he that loveth not his brother. From all this it is manifest that true religion generates a holy life, an affectionate nature, and a generous heart. There are many ways in which we might be able to make religion attractive and impressive, yet above and beyond all these aids in religion we should try to have our lives adorned with purity and charity. True religion should teach us that we are all God's children, that his Fatherly eye is ever watching over us, and that the neglect of so many that are poor and needy, of so many that are weak and foolish, of so many that have fallen in the race, of so many that were deficient in sustaining power, of so many that were handicapped by sickness, will not be allowed to pass unpanished by Him. Compassion for the poor and miserable, charity for the down-trodden and the distressed, should form a very important part of every man's religion. To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction is the highest and purest and noblest outcome of the religion of Jesus Christ. Now, looking over life as we may see it around us every day, we ask—Where does this equal

love for our neighbour appear? Solomon says—"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord." And I am bound to say that such lending would be a very safe investment. We are often hearing of the bursting of some of those bubble schemes which the crafty prepare for the unwary that may be caught with the prospect of a big dividend, and many of our brothers and sisters are landed in beggary by the catastrophe, but here you have at least one safe investment and one safe bank. We are very fond of hoarding up wealth. Here, then, is a splendid opportunity. No moth or rust can corrupt this. No thieves can break through and steal this. This is the only safe investment. There can be no charity where there is no help given to the poor and needy. I, for one, do not believe in that religion which exhausts itself in preaching and praying. I have a strong conviction that ready help is one of the fruits of God's spirit. I know that a man is not saved by works alone, but I firmly believe he will not be saved by faith alone. I believe and I preach that faith without works is a delusion and a snare—a monstrous falsehood generated in the meanness of a narrow heart. I maintain, with the Apostle Paul, that faith without works is dead. The highest and the noblest fruit of religion that I believe in and preach is love:

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IN consequence of numerous applications to view the new premises, the House Committee considered it advisable to throw them open for an afternoon, and this was done on Saturday last. The visitors began to arrive about three o'clock, and were received by Bros. Frank Richardson (Chairman for the month), Sir John Monkton, Thomas Fenn, Edward Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, Charles Hammerton, Robert Grey, and J. H. Matthews. Amongst the visitors were Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Lady Morris and Miss Morris, all from Dublin, General Laurie M.W.G.M. of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Laurie, Sir George Harris and Lady and Miss Harris, General Mioklem and Mrs. and Miss Mioklem, Rev. G. W. Garrod, Charles Barry P.G.S. Works, Col. Noel Money, the newly-appointed Prov.G.M. for Surrey and Mrs. Money, Mrs. Edward Terry and daughters, Captain and Mrs. Philips, Colonel and Mrs. Doncaster and Miss Doncaster, Bro. Keyser and Mrs. and Miss Keyser, &c., &c., &c. The children went through their calisthenic exercises and marching, and then, accompanied by Mrs. Rowarth, the teacher of singing, gave some part songs, much to the gratification of all present, which was admirably expressed to them, first by General Laurie, and then by Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; the latter in his congratulations with respect of the improvements, and the admirable manner in which the drill would now be conducted, through the liberality of the Centenary Stewards, drew attention to the fact that the Dublin Freemasons' Girls' School (of which Committee he is one of the most active and energetic members) would celebrate their Centenary next year. Miss Davis, the Head Governess, was heartily congratulated upon the perfection to which she had brought the children in their exercises. The visitors were afterwards conducted round the premises by the prefects and Cambridge girls, and, after a modest cup of tea with Miss Buck, the courteous Matron, retired, all expressing themselves extremely pleased with their visit and everything they had seen. We may mention that the Head Governess, as well as her First Assistant at the sister establishment in Dublin, were both educated under the care of Miss Davis.

MASONIC MEETING AT STAFFORD.—On the 7th inst., at the Vine Hotel, Stafford, a meeting of preceptors and representatives of Lodges was held for the purpose of transacting business relating to the different ceremonies, the W.M.'s chair in the different degrees being taken by Bros. J. Wooldridge P.P.A.D.C., J. F. Pepper P.P.G.S.W., and J. B. Ashwell P.G.D. There were present the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Foster Gough I.L.D. (by whose desire the meeting had been convened), the V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Col. Bindley, Bodenharn P.P.G.S.W., and representatives of Lodges in Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Shropshire. Bro. Sudlow, Grand Standard Bearer England, Deputy Chairman of the Emulation Improvement Committee, attended, and acted as Preceptor, and imparted useful instruction with regard to the different ceremonies, which will be communicated to the Lodges by their representatives. Before the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned "from labour to refreshment," and sat down to an excellent dinner, which was provided by Bro. Bannett, the chair being occupied by the P.G.M. The toast list was a brief one, commencing, of course, with the customary manifestation of loyalty. Bro. Sudlow, in acknowledging the toast of his health, expressed the pleasure which he felt on finding himself surrounded by so many thoroughly earnest and experienced Masons. It was always a source of delight to him to help any brethren in their efforts to perfect themselves in the details of Masonic work. He was grateful for the kind reception he had met with. The D.P.G.M. then proposed the health of the P.G.M., observing that they were aware of the enormous amount of trouble which Col. Gough had taken in bringing about such a feeling of unanimity in the Province. "*Suaviter in modo*," while "*fortiter in re*," he swayed them in the direction he wished them to go, and he encouraged them by his own enthusiasm to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft. The toast was drunk most heartily. Col. Gough thanked the brethren sincerely for the earnest manner in which they had supported him on this and other occasions. Having once put his hand to the plough, he had not the slightest intention to look back "*Non sum qualis eram*," but still he felt bound to tell them that their splendid support in this new departure had infused new life and energy into him. While health and strength remained, he should be at the service of Masonry. The brethren shortly afterwards returned from refreshment to labour, and concluded the business for which they had assembled. The P.G.M. announced that the P.G. Lodge would be held at Stafford, on the 12th of May.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Opera Comique.—Those who desire historical information will not find it at the Opera Comique, but those who go in search of amusement will not be disappointed. On Monday last we listened for the second time to *Joan of Arc*. Mr. Arthur Roberts, as Constable of France, is intensely funny, and he is ably seconded by Mr. Charles Danby as Jacques Darc father of Joan. In fact in the song, *Round the Town*, which all the town ought to go and hear, to use the phrase of the card table—Honours are easy. Miss Marion Hood, as Joan, and Miss Grace Pedley, as the Queen of France, are excellent, except that the former ought by now to have greater facial control, and not laugh at Mr. Arthur Roberts's pleasantries. We were especially attracted by Miss Katie Seymour's dancing. But it is perhaps invidious to particularise. The whole performance goes well. The house was crowded and the piece bids fair to have a very long run. We are sorry to say that Miss Alma Stanley fainted on the stage, and that Miss Marion Hood unfortunately cut her finger. Both, however, very pluckily went through the rest of the performance, as if nothing had happened.

The Strand.—After an absence of about two years from the stage, caused we regret to say by serious illness, Miss Alice Atherton made her reappearance here on Wednesday afternoon, in a new farce by Messrs. T. G. Warren and Willie Edouin, entitled "Our Daughters," and was most warmly welcomed. We could, however, have wished that she had a part better suited to her exceptional talents, for truth to say the new piece is poor work. One young lady, Nellie Mayhew, is desired by her parents to marry a young man, Harold Wynyard, but with a woman's perversity she will not. However, she unwittingly falls in love with him believing him to be somebody else. Her sister, Minnie, also falls in love with Bob Bouncer under the impression that Bob is Harold. Hence ensues a glorious complication which is assisted by the remaining characters. Miss Atherton has lost none of her sprightliness, and causes no end of fun as the hoydenish Minnie, but she has no opportunity for making a mark. Miss May Whitty has little to do as Nellie, but does that little well. Mr. Edouin has not written himself a very "fat" character as Barnaby Trotter, but nobody can help laughing at his quaint impersonation. The scene with the widow, Mrs. Courtenay, who wishes to marry him is very funny. Mr. Percy Marshall plays well as Bouncer, and Mr. Reeves Smith does his best as Harold; while Mr. John Beauchamp, Miss Rutland, Miss Bethel, Miss Lillian Millward, Mr. S. Barraclough and Mr. H. Spurling fill the remaining characters satisfactorily. We notice that the last nights of "Turned Up" are announced, but surely Mr. Edouin will require a stronger piece than "Our Daughters" to take its place.

Savoy.—Those of our readers who have not seen "The Gondoliers" will do well to take the opportunity ere it be too late. Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's opera is all that could be wished for; the music most tuneful and the libretto exceedingly lively. It is too late in the day to give a detailed account of the piece or the list of popular artistes engaged thereon, but we must certainly say that "The Gondoliers," as represented by the present caste, is one of the best, if not the best opera, to be seen at the present time. All work together and a great success is the result. The last performances are announced, so that no time should be lost by those who can avail themselves of the opportunity.

A complimentary matinee will be given on Monday, for the benefit of Captain Bainbridge, at the Gaiety Theatre, which has been kindly lent by Mr. George Edwardes, when an admirable programme will be presented.

Mr. Hare announces a series of special matinees at the Garrick Theatre, the first of which will take place on Saturday next, 25th inst., when "A Pair of Spectacles" and "A Quiet Rubber" will be presented.

Mr. Wilson Barrett will produce, next Tuesday, another version of "Le Paillesse," to be entitled, "The Acrobat," in which he will sustain the character of Belphegor, and Miss Winifred Emery will appear as Madeline.

The wonderful pantomime, "L'Enfant Prodigue," has proved so great a success that nine performances will now be given every week, viz., on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, in addition to every evening.

Mr. J. L. Toole will make his first appearance since his Australian tour, on Thursday next. The piece selected being H. J. Byron's comedy, "The Upper Crust."

Under the banner of the Duncombe Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1486, a new hall, which has been built at Kingsbridge, is to be dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry on Wednesday, the 29th inst. The dedication ceremony will be preceded by a special Masonic service at St. Edmund's Church, to which the brethren will march in procession, and the sermon will, it is expected, be preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The local brethren are desirous that the ceremony shall be an imposing one, and they have, therefore, invited the presence of Masons from all parts of the Province in addition to the Provincial Grand Officers. For the convenience of visitors special coaches will run to and from Kingsbridge and the Totnes and Kingsbridge-road railway stations, thus enabling brethren from Plymouth, Exeter, and intermediate stations to attend not only the dedication ceremony, but the subsequent banquet at the King's Arms Hotel, and return to their homes on the same night.

SPRING ADVICE.

"Early to bed," and arise with the dawn;
Sponge and rub well, either bed time or morn.
Ope wide your windows to spring sun and air;
Cleanse out your dwellings with scrupulous care.
Keep your blood pure, 'twill save numberless ills;
And, for spring medicine—Take Holloway's Pills.
Make a good breakfast—good porridge, brown bread,
Fish, milk or eggs, if you'd have your cheeks red.
Work with a will, but on no account worry;
"Steady and Sure" gets on better than "Flurry."
Fretting and worry cause half of our ills;
Keep a calm mind, and—Take Holloway's Pills.
Shun the rich dishes that gourmands delight;
Eat but light suppers, and sleep well at night.
Clothe yourselves well, and keep feet dry and warm,
Then you may safely defy wind and storm.
Climb, when you can, over moorlands and hills;
If you need medicine—Take Holloway's Pills.
Bask in the sunshine, and fear not the rain;
Clothes that are wet can be soon dried again.
Take a walk daily in sunshine or shower;
Welcome with gladness each fresh opening flower.
List to the murmur of long-prisoned rills;
And, for spring medicine—Take Holloway's Pills.

SELECTING OFFICERS.—We take the following items from an article in the *Sunday Times*, on "Principle and Unity the Motto," and commend as sound reasoning: "No brother should be chosen as a Warden who is not fit to be a Master; for to advance him through the chairs and then 'drop him,' leaves a sting which will rankle for many years after. Be as careful in choosing a Warden as in selecting a Master. If a brother be not fit to be Master, let him remain on the floor."

AMBITION FOR OFFICE.—"A proper ambition to rise to the presiding chair is creditable, but the honour should be secured by honourable means. The plan of caucusing to secure position and to override the wishes of the working members of the Lodge by 'drumming up' the votes of those who never appear except as elections, is the most disreputable practice that can be adopted. It is certain to end in disaster to the Lodge, for the working members will, in time, become disgusted and seek a Masonic home elsewhere. The 'annual members,' as they are often called, do not help to increase the membership, neither do they assist in the labours of the Lodge. They may pay their dues, but in many cases even fail to do this. Yet these 'annual members' often elect officers who are a detriment to the welfare of a Lodge."

SOLICITING VOTES.—In my judgment there is not now, nor has there been in the past, an office in the gift of this Grand Body worth possessing at the price of so great a departure from the ancient teachings, if not landmarks, of the Order. In plain unmistakable terms, the soliciting of votes for a particular candidate, or the securing of promises to work in the interest of a candidate, is what is forbidden. I may say of a brother, there is good material for Grand Master or Grand Secretary, or any other office, and truthfully recommend him, but I have no right to solicit votes or promises in his behalf.—C. T. Granger, G.M. Iowa.

When the ballot has been finally declared by the Worshipful Master, no comment whatever should be permitted upon its result; the decision then arrived at is final and binding, and even the Grand Lodge cannot interfere with it. And, above all things, it should be impressed upon the minds of the brethren that it is grossly un-Masonic for any member to state, or even to hint, as to how he has voted. If one may do so, all may, and the secrecy of the ballot would thereby be utterly destroyed.—*Madras Masonic Review*.

The concert at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, given by the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrel Troupe, was in every respect a success; the spacious and handsome building was crowded. It is confidently expected that a good round sum will be handed to the Institution.

The Most Honourable the Marquis of Lorne, P.C., K.T., President of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Destitute Children, has named Wednesday, 3rd June, as the date for the twenty-fifth annual meeting of those Institutions, which will be held in the Royal Albert Hall.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton has received a Masonic apron from South Carolina, which he is to present to the Master of the Lodge at Jerusalem, the birthplace of Masonry. Some time ago the Jerusalem Lodge sent a gavel, made of olive wood, to the South Carolina Masons, who now send the apron in return. The present, a valuable one, is of lambskin, bordered with black velvet and fringed with silver. The square and compasses, and the all-seeing eye, are stamped in gold.

A Masonic Charity Ball will be held under the auspices of Mount Sinai Lodge, Penzance, and distinguished patronage, towards the end of this month.

Thursday, the 23rd inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the Twenty-fourth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

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, 18th April.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney
1614 Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 143 St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

308 Prince George, Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 2098 George Price, Greyhound, Croydon

Monday, 20th April.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1508 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney
K.T. 131 Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
840 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
983 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238 Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973 Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Helvedero, Kent
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 248 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham
R.A. 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
K.T. Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston

Tuesday, 21st April.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2195 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
2310 London Scottish Rifles, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 26 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Mentoria, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
488 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1080 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Anglesen, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle, Linc.
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugsey
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 315 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 694 Oakley, M.H., Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
R.A. 829 High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970 St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Loos
R.A. 1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54 Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

Wednesday, 22nd April.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 6
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1058 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1540 Chancer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1518 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria

33 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
125 Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
254 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
580 Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
608 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755 St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1302 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645 Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slough
1723 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1797 Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton
2120 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
M.M. 373 Ilkeston, Rutland House, Ilkeston
K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 23rd April.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
854 South Middlesex, Banbury House, Fulham
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.
1974 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
2310 Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet Street
R.A. 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 42 St. George, 33 Golden Square, W.
R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colechester
76 Imperial George, Ashton Arms, Middleton
118 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Brentwood
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Swan Hotel, Market Place, Haslington
337 Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341 Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
892 Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
344 United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-Dale
348 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
350 Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough
380 Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Clitheroe
456 Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttroter
462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Hotel, Accrington
636 Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1161 Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1137 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576 Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1597 St. Giles, Royal Oak, Cheshire
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
R.A. 113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 424 De Burgh, 31 Denmark Street, Gateshead

Friday, 24th April.

197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
R.A. 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bunty Inn, Slaidburn.
404 Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810 Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034 Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143 Royal Denbigh, Council Rooms, Denbigh
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1335 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393 Hanner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
R.A. 680 Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 125 Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

Saturday, 25th April.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1293 Bardett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hot., Penistone
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048 Henry Lavender, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14 Prince Edward, Station Hot., Todmorden
R.C. Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 18th April.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
Park near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N.8

1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1361 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 8
1534 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1621 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammermith, 7:30
2192 Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, 8
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W. 8

Monday, 20th April.

23 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
213 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
342 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
514 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1603 Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacons' 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, 21st April.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
483 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel,
Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Kootie, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Brough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
Hill, 8

Wednesday, 22nd April.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St.,
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, St. 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., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 514 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
ford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
S.W., 7:30
1692 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Loudesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creation, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Grand Masters, 84 Red Lion Square, 7
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 23rd April.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
New Road
130 Camden, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1278 Bardett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8

1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30
 1428 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1603 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.15
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5.30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
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Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
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