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WORDS IN SEASON.

THE Holiday Period is again with us. The special season of the year when the claims of home are considered supreme, and when the majority of those whose paths in life have led to divergent courses strive might and main to once more rejoin the family circle, and in that social communion that we trust will ever be dearest in the hearts of our countrymen renew and strengthen the true spirit of brotherly love and affection that should at all times dominate our actions.

With far too many of us the tide of events since we last did honour to the Christmas Festival has not run so smoothly as we could have desired. We have had to pass through parlous times, and losses and disappointments have accrued that perhaps we never dreamed of. Piques and quarrels in their earlier stages in too many cases have been magnified and made far too much of; trivial matters have expanded themselves into serious grievances, with result that bitterness and bad feeling has arisen, which has had but one result,—that of making not only ourselves but those around us miserable and unhappy. This should not be, and if by a careful reconsideration of our grievances we can do anything to alter this state of things, unquestionably this is the time for prompt action. Let those between whom strife has arisen, meet and discuss the situation. It is marvellous what mountains will sink to molehills if properly examined, and when the ground of contention has once been levelled, the standpoints of a better feeling will readily assert themselves.

May we not take it that in this year of grace 1892 we are singularly fortunate in the fact that the Christmas Day will fall upon the Christian Sabbath Day? The day of the week so many of us look upon as the one of peace and rest; the day that is usually spent in a quiet, unostentatious way. On this occasion let us strive to make it still more blessed. There are few amongst us who cannot feel but that in some part of his composition there are knobs and excrescences that may with advantage be struck off or toned down. Let us then take heart and work with a will to this much to be desired end. Be assured we shall have no cause to regret the effort made.

At this period of the year we may with complacency and intense satisfaction glance at the principle of Universality that is the guiding feature of Freemasonry. In our ranks no political or religious differences are tolerated. A spirit of freedom of thought and action should govern all our actions. What matters it to us what the peculiar views of each individual may be; all we require is that our brethren shall place their trust in the one Supreme Being who guides and controls the universe. This was brought palpably under our notice a few evenings since, when we were spending an hour or two with

some of our brethren who profess the Jewish faith. As we were taking leave reference was made to the approaching holidays, and we were somewhat surprised to hear from our friends the almost generally expressed wish that we and ours might spend a Happy Christmas time. Feeling somewhat interested at hearing such remarks from an essentially Jewish source, we inquired of a dear old friend, to whom we are indebted for much valuable information, what this all meant, and how were we to accept such kindly wishes? Oh, said he, the days for persecution and intolerance are happily at an end,—in this country at least. Our people wish you a Merry Christmas in all truth and sincerity. We respect you for the liberality of your views. Nay more, I may go further; the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ may be practised in every household, whatever may be the peculiarity of its belief. No harm can accrue from a following out of the glorious principles taught and practised by such a man. Personally I could fervently wish that such a doctrine were more forcibly laid down; we should then have a better feeling dominant, with result that peace and goodwill would be the more firmly cemented.

True, dear old friend; we heartily thank you for the liberality of your views, and we cordially reciprocate your sentiment; we trust that you, yours, and your people generally, together with all our brethren, whatsoever their persuasion or profession, may spend

A Happy Christmas.

MASONRY CONFERS RATHER THAN RECEIVES HONOURS.

THE non-Masonic world and the governments of the earth are ignorant, and likely to remain so, of the immense debt they owe to Masonry, which has, in all ages, successfully inculcated the doctrine of reverence and due submission to every proper and legal authority. The cause of legitimate law and order has ever found in Masonry a staunch and never failing supporter, while the cause of freedom and progress has been materially aided by its persistent recognition of the universal brotherhood of man. No man can reflect honour on the Institution however high position in society; the Institution honours those who are associated with it.

Kings, princes and potentates, cannot confer any honour or respectability upon the Order by their association with it. Not even the great and good Washington, Warren or La Fayette, who were so attached to the Order, made it any more honourable by their connection with it; these were merely endorsements of their opinion of the Institution.

The habit of claiming men occupying high positions in society is far too common among the members of our society, and this desire to have them enrolled as members is very foolish. Masonry has never been improved or made more serviceable by these additions to its ranks.

These men who have bowed before its altar have been benefitted and improved by the lessons it teaches, but they have not improved the Order. If these eminent men, high in authority, have sought entrance to its portals, it shows in them a proper appreciation of its influence for good. We can more effectually commend our Order by carrying out in our lives and conduct its principles, and thus show to all the great influence and importance of its teachings. If these men, high in authority, had not found the Institution deserving of their association with it they would have deserted it, but such an instance has never occurred. They were satisfied that the Order was all that it purported to be, and very wisely attended its meetings, and profited by its instructions.

There is no institution in the world organised upon a better basis, aiming at more beneficent and philanthropic ends, than the Institution of Freemasonry. It holds that man, in a state of nature, is like an ashlar—he is untutored, undisciplined and unrestrained in the indulgence of his animal passions—a poor blind candidate in the darkness of ignorance; they, the members, seek to bring him to light, not without prayer to the Great Author of the Universe and the sanction of His Holy Word. But we must not expect too much of frail human nature, whether in the Lodge room, the Church or State.

The Church is full of dissensions, and sects have been at bitter feuds for centuries. National organisations are exclusive and illiberal, and can see no good in those who differ with them politically. Thus seclusion, conceit and political animosities prohibit that brotherly feeling which we should have for each other, and we need that leaven of nationality, amity, and Christian love which is to be found in Freemasonry. And it always has and always will continue to be an asylum to such as seek fellowship and brotherhood, for these are the internal qualifications which alone avail to recommend one to the confidence and the affection of his fellow-man. Thus Freemasonry is a brotherhood, embracing all mankind, gathered in a Lodge, whose dimensions are circumscribed only by the habitable globe, whose principles are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which teaches the three Christian graces of Faith, Hope and Charity, and the four cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice; and we are not only taught them, but enjoined to observe and follow them, out of the Lodge as well as in. It aims to satisfy that instinctive and universal craving for sympathy, succour and fellowship which is the proof and test of brotherhood throughout the world.

Such is the spirit and intent of Masonry; such the object of its assemblies, held month after month, in nearly every country on earth; such the lesson which it teaches to every class and condition of humanity, that there is a potent cement of brotherly kindness which should overspread all their diversities, reconcile their estrangements, remove all hostilities, which will unite them in one sacred band of friends and brothers, among whom no contentions should exist, save that noble contention of who can best carry out these instructions.

These are the ends we aim at, and if we do not attain them they are by no means unattainable, nor kept out of view, but to be pursued as long as our Order survives, until our warfare is achieved, and our work accomplished.

—*Masonic Review.*

THE WORK.

EVERY well-instructed Freemason knows what is meant by "The Work." It cannot be explained except in a tyled Lodge of the Craft.

Yet even in the present use of these words, the suggestions that are offered to the Lodges can be made instructive.

The ceremonial is the incident, the work the objective, co-related, combined and unified as the foundation of the true Free and Accepted Ancient York Rite of Masonry. For generations this has been the established, recognised law. The landmarks are the outcome of this fact in Masonry.

Every landmark that is now, as it was from the beginning, both indestructible and unalterable, is so because it is the foundation of the symbol of the unity of the ritual and the work.

Without this unity, undisturbed and inseparable, there

could be no ancient, and therefore no present Freemasonry. Think of it and see how easily it is comprehended. This proposition, to every Mason, proves its truth. The ceremonial and the work constituted ancient Freemasonry. It is the organised life of Freemasonry now.

The duty of Lodges is to maintain the work as it came to them. Therefore it is essential, absolutely essential, for the perpetuation of the Craft, that the work should be carefully studied, thoroughly understood, and fully explained. There is so much to engage the attention of the student that unless time is devoted to all the subjects involved, and the relations of the symbology to the traditions, the connection between them mastered, and their influence on the work comprehended, it is in vain that the perfected teaching of the work can be accomplished. Nothing can tend to weaken the effect on the minds of the initiates, than that the ceremony should plainly be seen to be by rote, and not from an enlightened understanding of what is performed.

It should be observed that a very general effort is being made to establish uniformity in the proceedings of Lodges on this subject. "Schools for Instruction," the designation of official teachers, and the frequent admonition to Lodges are increasing in many of the Grand Lodge jurisdictions. This is very encouraging. But what avail will it be unless the subjects that are to be discussed or explained, and on which instruction is to be given, are first understood by the teachers.

The first lesson for the student or the teacher to learn is the direct relation of the symbology to the else hidden mysteries which mark the significant character of Freemasonry.

What are known by Masons as the mysteries only can be known in a tyled Lodge, and there they are contained in the work, and the work is made comprehensible by the symbology which encrustates it. No candidate can be made to understand these teachings of Masonry in a tyled Lodge unless as the work progresses the ritual is illumined by the light of the symbols which are indissolubly connected with every part of the work.

It is, therefore, of the first importance that those who are entrusted with the duty of "doing the work" should be able so to perform this service as to make the deepest impression on the mind of the candidate.

Those who are familiar with the ceremonials in some Grand Lodge jurisdictions cannot fail to wonder what the ceremony has to do with the esoteric mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. It is because the desire of the curious is to ornament the proceedings in Lodges so as to attract attention of the witnesses, without effort to enlighten their minds as to the living, abiding, unalterable characteristics of work of our ancient Craft.

"To render," as it is termed, the ceremonial that it may gratify those who are best pleased with spectacular combinations, is fatal to the maintenance of our plain, impressive, holy Masonic rite.

The Masons of this Grand Lodge jurisdiction, without proclaiming the fact that the work is canonized in its traditions, believe it is most attractive, because it has maintained the integrity of the ancient rendition of the mysteries.

There is, therefore, a solemn obligation on the Craft to teach as they have been instructed. The Lodges of Pennsylvania should feel a pride in devoting time and effort to secure the best instructors in the ancient work of Masonry, for the training and teaching of those of their members on whom the responsibility shall rest of maintaining the integrity of the work of F. and A. Ancient York Freemasonry.

Novelties, crude and extemporised interpolations arising out of want of thorough knowledge, attempts to improve what cannot be changed, haste to do what should be both seriously and solemnly performed, must be avoided. It is remarkable what has already been accomplished in many Lodges in perfecting the true rendition of our work, and the beautiful ritual that belongs to it. Every Lodge should strive for the same results.—*Keystone.*

THE TYLER'S SWORD.

ONE of the most ridiculous incongruities still insisting upon place and countenance in a Masonic Lodge is the tool or "implement of office" known as the Tyler's

sword. When the beastly, brutal butcher-knife, in the form of a cavalry sabre, was first introduced is now unknown, but is evidently a relic remaining from the cruel wars of Europe and the necessity of being armed with practical weapons ready for defence against the blood-thirsty enemies of the Order of olden times. But the Tyler's sword is not fully understood in its metaphorical significance, and ours is the duty of calling attention to its origin, form and use.

First—The sword should represent a flame of fire. The Masonic Lodge is intended to represent Paradise, at the gate of which was placed an angel with a flaming sword to "keep off all cowans and eavesdroppers." We read that this sword twisted and turned in every direction and represented a flame of fire. Hence its similitude in the sword of the Tyler should have a gilt winding blade.

Second—The sword of the Tyler was sheathless, because always presumed to be on duty. It is more what its name implies, "an implement of office," than for any effective purpose. As is the wand of office to the Deacons and Stewards so is the sword to the Tyler, indicative of his duty and place. Therefore it should be as near as possible in harmony with the original idea which gave it birth.

Lastly—Will Masters who delight in a preservation of the unities make a note of this criticism and seek to provide the Tyler with a Sword in keeping with the facts in the case. And will those Masters who conduct a model Lodge and seek to see their Officers suitably and handsomely robed, aproned or otherwise dressed in appropriate regalia, give a thought to the Tyler's sword, and, finally, will manufacturers of Masonic swords strive to introduce the one appropriate for the Tyler of a Blue Lodge? It will be found far more ornamental and just as useful as the cavalry weapon now in use in many Lodges.

—American Tyler.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 8th inst., in St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, Belfast, the Rev. W. J. McCaughan preached a special sermon on behalf of the Belfast Masonic Charities. There was a very large attendance, including six or seven hundred of the Masonic Order, who wore their regalia. The procession, which was marshalled by Bro. Henry J. Hill P.P.G.S.W. entered the church in the following Order:—Craft Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templars, Prince Masons, Officers of the Charity, Prov. G. Officers. Rev. Mr. McCaughan preached from John xiii. 14, and at the conclusion of his sermon said the object of their collection was so well known that it needed no words to commend it to them. Any brother or brother's wife or family that happened to be in want, it mattered not who he was or who he had been, the Masonic Charities were ever ready to render him all the assistance in their power. They could not contribute to any object more worthy than these charities, and he hoped the collection that evening would fully satisfy the worthy brethren who took the management of these affairs in hand. The collection having been made, the following gentlemen officiating—Dr. Brice Smith, Messrs. Wm. Johnson, M.P., J. Adams, J. Nugent, W. J. Robertson, D. Corbett, S. Gregg, J. Forsythe, J. Johnston, D. Henderson, J. Young, and W. J. Shields—the Rev. Mr. McCaughan pronounced the benediction, and the procession was re-formed, the Knight Templars forming in line upon either side, while the other members passed out. In marshalling the procession Bro. Hill P.G. Director of Ceremonies was assisted by Bros. Wm. Stanfield P.G.S.D., J. Orr P.P.G.I.G., R. B. Andrews P.P.G.S.B., Wm. Bryson P.M., and A. Nixon Reg. R.A.C.

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Robert Grey President in the chair, and Brothers James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune in the Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs. The Grand Secretary, the Assistant Grand Secretary, and Brothers W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. There was a large attendance of members of the Board. The President wished all the members a Merry Christmas, and hoped its brightness would be enhanced by the recollection that they had spent many hours at the board during the year in endeavouring to relieve the wants of others. Brother James Brett Senior Vice-President thanked the President for his good wishes, which he heartily reciprocated. The brethren then confirmed recommendations of the November meeting amounting to £265, and afterwards took up the new list, consisting of thirty-nine cases. The total amount voted during the sitting was £835. Four cases were dismissed and three deferred. The amount voted was composed of recommendations for £50 (2), £40 (9), and £30 (4), and grants, £20 (10), £15 (1), £10 (2), and £5 (4).

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 28.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417 1214, 761 (S.C.)

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Christmas.

At this glad season of the worn-out year
Let us extend to all men Sympathy;
That chief of social virtues, Charity,
Which to true Masons' hearts is ever dear.
Let us in all things ever be Sincere;
This is the sign of noblest Masonry—
The pathway leading to Morality,
Shining, like meteor, sparkling, full and clear.
Faith, Trust, and Hope will take us by the hand;
Justice will guide us when we're prone to stray;
Till in an atmosphere serene and grand
She leads us by that good Masonic way,
To the rich glories of that Beauteous Land—
To the Bright Realms of Everlasting Day.

Winder House, Bradford.
22nd December 1892.

YORKSHIRE.

BY THE REV. DR. JOHN W. KAYE, D.D., RECTOR OF
DERRYBRUSK, ENNISKILLEN.

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AN ODE TO BRO. DR. CHAS. F. FORSHAW.

There's grandeur in the wild old Yorkshire hills;
There's beauty in her rivers, brooks and rills;
There's mystery in her ancient rocks and caves,
Her rude old Cromlechs and her barrowed graves.
There's music in her woods and flowery dells,
Her gurgling streams, cascades and dropping wells;
And in her Abbeys, Minsters, Castles, all—
Though clinging ivy crowns each crumbling wall,
We see and read, with thoughts that make us start,
Historic scenes, and skill in antique art,—
All these, as with a living sunset glow,
Have filled thy soul to running overflow;
And fanned to flame the true poetic fire
That lingered, slumbering, in thy tuneful lyre.
Sing on—and may the Naiads and the Nine
Attune thy heart to swell with tones divine.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bro. R. Turtle Pigott presided, and there were present Bros. H. J. Strong, James Brett, T. B. Daniell, C. A. Cottebrune, Robert D. Cummings, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, S. Cochrane, S. C. Haslip, H. Y. Thompson, Hugh Cotter, J. Newton, the Rev. J. N. Palmer, R. Greggs, J. Barnett, Charles Kempton, W. J. Murlis, A. Durrant, J. Harrison, J. Boulton, W. Belchamber, E. Terry, W. H. Hubbert, R. P. Stevens, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of four male and one widow annuitant, and one approved widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read. Letters were read from Bro. Cama, enclosing cheque for 60 guineas, to be divided between the two highest unsuccessful candidates at the next election as a Christmas gift, and from Bro. J. L. Mather, saying he had sent six brace of pheasants for the residents at Croydon. The illuminated address on vellum, very handsomely bound in album form, which had been voted to Brother Dr. Strong, in recognition of his services as Hon. Surgeon to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, and on his appointment as Hon. Consulting Physician, was presented by the Chairman in a brief complimentary speech, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient. The Committee then took into their consideration the petitions of ten men and four widows, with the result that all were accepted, with the exception of one male deferred and one male rejected. The names of the approved candidates were accordingly ordered to be placed on the lists for the election in May 1893, and the Committee adjourned, with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. CLEMENT'S LODGE, No. 2442.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 10th inst., nearly 100 members of the Craft assembled at the Bell Hotel, Leigh, to witness the consecration of the St. Clement's Lodge, No. 2442. The Lodge has been named after the saint to whom the parish church at Leigh is dedicated; and meetings will be held between the months of May and October inclusive. The impressive ceremony of consecration was performed by Lord Brooke the Provincial Grand Master, who was accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

The Provincial Grand Officers and Visitors of distinction assembled in an ante-room and walked in procession to the Lodge room, where, headed by Lord Brooke, they were cordially received. The Prov. Grand Master took the chair, and appointed his Officers pro tem, as follow:—Bros. J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.S.W. S.W., J. H. Salter P.G.J.W. J.W., the Rev. J. Percy Noyes P.G. Chaplain Chaplain, T. J. Ralling P.G. Secretary Secretary, Albert Looking P.G.D.C. Director of Ceremonies, W. Shurmur P.P.G. Treasurer Inner Guard. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and after the singing of the hymn, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Lord Brooke briefly addressed those present. He said he was always pleased to meet his brethren in Essex—and it was a source of satisfaction to himself—as it was to all of them—to see a Lodge of such promise started in that locality. This would be the thirty-third Lodge in the Province of Essex, and, as they knew, the number 33 was mystically emblematical of the highest degree in their Order, he trusted the Lodge with that high number would always influence the highest aims for the benefit of Freemasonry. A great deal of trouble fell upon the founders of a new Lodge, and he was very sorry to hear that their Secretary (Bro. Geo. Moss) was so ill that he could not be present. That was a matter of regret to all of them. With that exception, the Lodge seemed to have started under most favourable auspices, and he congratulated them heartily.

The consecration ceremony was then performed. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Palmer P.M. 781, assisted by Bros. G. R. Dawson, F. J. Cumine, C. H. Bowmaker, and W. H. Judd. Bro. Palmer made an efficient Organist, and the vocal efforts of the other brethren named added materially to the effect of the ceremony.

Lodge was afterwards resumed in the second degree, when Brother Philbrick, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, ably installed Bro. Jas. Boulton P.M. 28 1056 2291, as the first W.M. of the St. Clement's Lodge. In handing the warrant for the Lodge to the Wor. Master. Bro. Philbrick expressed a hope that he would hand it to his successor as pure and unsullied as he now received it direct from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England.

The newly-installed W.M., in accepting the warrant, said he was very proud of the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and he should do his utmost to make the new Lodge worthy in every way of the Craft in general and of the Province of Essex in particular.

Bro. John Byford P.M. was elected as Treasurer, and he will also act as I.P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. William A. S. Staley S.W., Charles A. Hales J.W., William Beecroft S.D., Henry Barrow J.D., Frederick England I.G., and James S. Metcalfe D.C. The latter gentleman was also invested as Secretary, on behalf of Bro. Geo. Moss, and Bro. A. Martin, the Provincial Grand Tyler, was unanimously elected Tyler of the Lodge. The W.M. was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee and as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was mentioned that Lord Brooke had consented to preside over this Festival; and, on the motion of Bro. Byford, the sum of 25 guineas was voted from the funds of the St. Clement's Lodge towards the Boys' Institution. The Officers of the Lodge were appointed as a committee to frame bye-laws; and the S.W. brought forward several propositions for initiation.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lord Brooke and Bro. Philbrick for their services, and it was unanimously resolved that they should be elected honorary members of the Lodge.

Lord Brooke suitably acknowledged the compliment, and Lodge was then closed in due form.

For the convenience of the brethren, the down express was stopped at Leigh, in order to convey them to Southend, where the banquet was subsequently held.

The banquet was served in the ball-room at the Royal Hotel, Southend, and was attended by about 80 brethren. The W.M. (Bro. James Boulton) presided, and he was supported at the head table by Bro. Lord Brooke and most of the Provincial Grand Officers. The seating arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Brother John Byford, the acting I.P.M.; and the catering of Bro. B. Thomas, the manager of the hotel, gave very general satisfaction, and he was personally congratulated upon it by Lord Brooke. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received with excellent "fire."

The W.M., in proposing the Provincial Grand Master, referred to the popularity of his lordship among the members of the Craft, and specially thanked him for his presence that day. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Lord Brooke, in responding, said he hoped their youngest Lodge might live and prosper. They had got a very pretty spot down there; and Leigh was a very growing place. He had been their

Provincial Grand Master for something like eleven years—and he had spent some very happy times with them, thanks to their great kindness and indulgence. It should be their great wish in the world to think of their fellow-men as much as they could, and Freemasonry doubly placed that obligation and resolve upon themselves. They must think of the serious part of Freemasonry, as well as the pleasurable part—and he felt sure he need not tell his friends, the Master and the Founders of the St. Clement's Lodge, that it was their duty to make Freemasonry well thought of. In Essex times were very hard, but at the same time he hoped Essex would credit the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with a good sum next year, when he had promised to preside at its annual Festival.

The Worshipful Master proposed, in complimentary terms, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Philbrick was much esteemed by Freemasons throughout the length and breadth of the country, and he received their universal sympathy in connection with the outrage that was recently committed upon his dear and beloved daughter.

Bro. Philbrick, who was very warmly received, said it afforded him sincere pleasure to serve under such a head as Lord Brooke. Many of the Provinces had at their head men of high rank who were beloved and esteemed, but none of them was more beloved or more esteemed than was Lord Brooke. He (Bro. Philbrick) was very pleased and very proud to be present on that occasion; and he hoped their new Lodge might bring the light of Freemasonry to shine upon a part of the Province where it had not shone before. It might not shine at its commencement with the great brilliancy of an arc light, but he hoped it would throw out a pure and steady ray. Their Lodge had been successfully launched, and he felt confident the helm was in the right hands, and that, even if the Admiralty charts were wrong, they would escape, and would not manage to get their ship stranded. He wished them a prosperous voyage under the guidance of their old pilot—and might they "cross the bar" in safety and reach the desired haven. He trusted the gales would be propitious, and that no uncertain winds would baffle their experienced old mariner, but that he would be able to steer them a straight and prosperous course under the "lee." He (Bro. Philbrick) thanked them very much for what had been said concerning his daughter; he could scarcely tell them how deeply touched he was by the great sympathy that had been extended to him in regard to the unprecedented trouble that had fallen upon his household. He was pleased indeed to tell them that they had great and good hopes that his daughter's recovery would be permanent.

Lord Brooke proposed the health of Bro. Boulton the Worshipful Master of the St. Clement's Lodge. He wished Bro. Boulton every luck, and said that, like Bro. Philbrick, he (Lord Brooke) hoped their "old pilot" would steer their ship beautifully over the waters. They might have to encounter some shoals, but he had no doubt that they would only show the capacity of their accomplished helmsman, and that there would be no question of salvage. He hoped that next year they would have a largely increased "log," and that at the end of their course they would find the "salt" of Freemasonry had stuck to them.

The W.M. in responding, said that about eighteen months ago he was asked by some of the brethren of Leigh to put them in the way of getting a warrant for a new Lodge. He did so, and then to his surprise they asked him to become their first Master. He accepted the position somewhat reluctantly, but he was more than gratified at having been so kindly and cordially received. God sparing his health, he was determined to do everything that lay in his power to make the St. Clement's Lodge a success. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and particularly thanked the Priory Lodge for having recommended Grand Lodge to grant the warrant for the St. Clement's Lodge.

Bros. B. Thomas W.M. Priory Lodge, T. Hood, John Walker, G. R. Dawson, and other brethren responded to the toast.

Bros. E. H. Taylor and G. N. H. Whales replied for the Press, and the other toasts were the Wardens and Officers of St. Clement's Lodge, each of whom responded, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. A. W. Martin.

These speeches were interspersed with a capital selection of songs and glees by Bros. G. R. Dawson, W. H. Judd, F. J. Cumine, C. H. Bowmaker, G. Palmer, O. E. Riche, and others; and the pianoforte accompaniments were played by Bro. Geo. Palmer.

LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE usual monthly meeting of this ancient Lodge took place at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, the 19th inst., when the W.M., the Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., presided, being supported by the following brethren:—Bros. George Rackstraw S.W., Thomas Nettleingham J.W., Joseph Solomon I.P.M., Thomas Deane P.M., W. H. Hedger P.M., Frank Hitchens P.M., J. C. Biggs P.M. Secretary, J. A. Whitfield S.D., R. C. Fowle J.D., W. Gann I.G., Joseph Davis Organist, G. Masters, W. H. Loft, Friar, F. W. Martin, J. Blythe, R. West, Jonas Hill, Orilton Cooper, W. H. Archer, C. Groves, F. M. Lygo, &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Jackson, a Masonic hymn was sung by the brethren previous to the commencement of business. This pleasing innovation was introduced by Bro. Joseph Davis, and was much appreciated by the Lodge. Bro. E. B. Wilks, who was initiated at the last meeting, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a highly efficient manner. On the motion of Bro. J. C. Biggs, it was resolved that the usual Christmas donations be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the following Charities:—Gravesend Hospital £2 2s 0d, Public Soup Kitchen £1 1s 0d, Breakfasts to Poor Children £1 1s 0d, and a gratuity of ten shillings to the Tyler. This concluding the business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to supper.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE 137th anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on the 8th inst. Present—Bros. G. Greiner I.P.M., M. F. Tweedie S.W., Ernest Greiner J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, R. F. Gould P.G.D. P.M. Secretary, M. A. Tweedie S.D., J. M. Mitchell J.D., Rev. R. I. Woodhouse Chaplain and I.G., P.M.'s Harold Carter, Adam Pringle, Bertram Noakes, H. F. Auldjo, G. C. Andrew; Bros. W. Kidner P.G. Dist. Supt. of Works China, J. P. Marrough, and H. L. Riseley. Visitors.—Bros. Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, Thos. Fenn P.B.G.P., Edward Letchworth G. Sec., Peter De Lande Long P.G.D., Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D., Witham M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, J. P. Richards P.M. 1584, Charles T. Tyler P.M. 1395, G. A. R. M. Heysham S.D. 1572, J. H. Jenks S., Lewis Lewis 2410, Cyril Plummer 4, Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279, G. R. Onsey P.M. 59, H. W. Noakes J.W. 1982, J. Webb 1287, H. C. Barker 21, W. Harris, Luke Hansard Past Master 1506, T. H. Gardiner Immediate Past Master 1150, C. W. Skinner 2000, and Thomas Savage 173. A candidate for initiation was balloted for and duly elected, after which Bro. Michael Forbes Tweedie S.W. was installed as Master for the ensuing year by Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. The Wardens' chairs during the ceremony were respectively occupied by Bros. Long and Gooding P.G. Deacons, and the functions of I.G. and D.C. discharged, for the same period, by Bros. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, and C. T. Tyler P.M. 1395. There being no I.P.M., owing to the lamented death of Bro. J. P. Fearfield, in February last, the duties of that office were kindly undertaken by Colonel Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey. The following are the Officers for the year, those present being duly invested:—Bros. E. Greiner S.W., M. A. Tweedie J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, R. F. Gould P.M. Secretary, J. M. Mitchell S.D., Rev. R. I. Woodhouse Chaplain and J.D., Wickham Noakes P.M. Steward, and George Couchman Tyler. An excellent banquet was afterwards served, and the customary toasts followed, the W.M. happily dilating upon the services of the Grand Officers, and in proposing their health, soliciting a few words each in response from the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Grand Secretary, whose several speeches were listened to with great attention, and greeted with much applause. The toast of the evening, the memory of Earl Moira, the Patron of the Lodge, was given by the Treasurer in a powerful address, literally overflowing with the eloquence for which he is renowned. To this succeeded the health of the W.M., who observed in reply—"Bro. acting I.P.M. Gould and Brethren, I have to thank you very heartily; you, Bro. Gould, for the way in which you have made reference to me, and you, Brethren, for the way in which you have received my name. I can assure you all that I am most sensible of the great honour done me by my Brethren of the Moira Lodge by electing me to this chair, and I trust that I may be enabled to fulfil its duties during the ensuing year with honour and satisfaction to the Lodge and myself. I little thought, Brethren, when I was initiated in this Lodge about ten ago, that I was, in my own person, effecting a junction between two chains of events, of which the first links had been forged many years ago by the hand of Earl Moira himself. But on looking into the family history, I found that almost at the very time when his lordship became Patron of this Lodge and took its welfare in charge, he also gave my grandfather, whose namesake I am, a commission in His then Majesty's Royal Regiment of Artillery, and I actually hold in my hand at the present moment the very document under Lord Moira's own signature in which he announced that fact to my grandfather. Now, Brethren, you will recognise the genius and foresight of Lord Moira, for had it not been for that commission in the Artillery, which shaped nearly the whole course of my grandfather's life, it is most probable that he and my grandmother would never have met, and that if I had been any one at all at this present time, it would have been quite another person altogether, and not in this chair. Hence, you will see that Lord Moira not only had the then present welfare of the Lodge in view, but also made provision for the supply of initiates, at so great a distance of time as nearly one hundred years to come. I have ventured to trouble you with this fragment of my family history because I am proud to think that, owing to the honour done me by election to this chair, it may be regarded also as a small detail of the history of the Lodge itself. I again thank you, Brethren, very heartily, for the cordiality with which you have received me, on taking my place in the position to which you have elected me." With the toast of the visitors was associated the names of Brothers C. T. Tyler P.M. 1395, and the Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279 P. Prov. G. Chaplain Leicestershire and Rutland, who severally responded. Bro. R. F. Gould returned thanks for the Past Masters, and Brother Ernest Greiner S.W. for the Officers. It may be added that the musical arrangements—under the direction of Bro. Henry Lindsey—were of an exceptionally high character, the services of the following artistes having fortunately been secured: Miss Maggie Purvis, Madame Annie Buckland, Messrs. Wingrove Ives, Arthur Payne, Henry R. A. Robinson, and Bro. Charles Stevens P.M. 1793.

BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., when Bro. A. F. Penraven was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The visitors present included Bros. A. J. Ward P.M. 650 P.G.R. Essex, Fleet Paymaster S. Winter Parker P.M. 650, H. C. Monteith W.M. 376, C. Markwell W.M. 959, W. J. Whitehead W.M. 225, E. Buckham P.M. 376, T. R. Ekington 376, S. Sleigh 376, Lieutenant Barnard, R.N., 650. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. A. J. H. Ward Provincial Grand Registrar of Essex. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Christopher G. Hayward I.P.M., C. E. Tempest S.W.,

T. B. Read J.W., R. N. Sanderson Chaplain, R. Kennedy Casley Treasurer, B. P. Grimsey Secretary, F. M. B. Ashwin S.D., P. F. Wainwright J.D., V. D. Colchester Dir. of Cers., Thos. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Organist, A. Gibb I.G., G. W. Horsfield and Owen Turner Stewards, George Gould Tyler. At the installation banquet, which followed, the Worshipful Master (Bro. A. F. Penraven) presided. The tables were laid with much taste, the floral decorations being extremely effective, and the menu in consonance with the reputation of the Lodge. The toasts of the Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe R.W.D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past, were given in felicitous terms from the chair. In proposing the toast of the R.W. Lord Henniker P.G.M., V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, the Worshipful Master remarked that they all knew how well their Provincial Grand Master ruled over them, and how the brethren of the Province loved their Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn. He wished the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been with them that night, but they could scarcely expect to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master very often now that he had gone to reside in a distant part. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Henry Miller and Francis Cobbold. Bro. Miller, in responding, reminded the brethren that, apart from the great work which the Provincial Grand Master carried out in Masonry, he was engaged in fulfilling important public duties. As chairman of the County Council, he filled the position with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the county. The toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, was submitted by Bro. Henry C. Casley, who said he was sure at all times it was a most agreeable thing to see a brother entering upon the offices of the Lodge—beginning at the very lowest step and proceeding progressively onward until he had attained the highest rung on the ladder. That had been the course of their Worshipful Master in his Masonic career. He hoped, as he knew he did, that in entering upon the functions of that chair he fully recognised its grave responsibilities, that he appreciated the deep honour that had been conferred upon him, that he would enter most heartily into the interest of the Lodge, and that at the conclusion of his year of office he would finally hand over the gavel as untarnished as he had received it from his predecessor. He was sure they must all wish him health to occupy the position in which they had placed him in, and every energy to discharge his varied duties, and that he would earn the warm approbation of all and each of the members of the Lodge, who he hoped would rally round him, as they should rally round the Master of an ancient Lodge like that. The Worshipful Master, in the course of a happy response, assured the brethren that no one could look forward with greater pleasure than he did to his year of office, and at the same time no one could more appreciate its responsibilities. He concluded his remarks by proposing the health of the Installing Master Bro. A. J. H. Ward, whose kindness in undertaking the duty, and the ability with which he performed it, he gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Ward appropriately responded. The other toasts were the Masonic Charities, the Visitors, the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The Worshipful Master, in the course of the proceedings, read a letter of apology for inability to attend from the I.P.M. (Bro. C. G. Hayward), who offered the Worshipful Master fraternal greetings upon his accession to office. During the evening the harmony was contributed to by Bros. Herbert Wright, Harry Clarke, G. W. Horsfield, and H. Miller jun.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 750.

ON the 7th inst. Brother William Townsend was installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the second time, at the Freemasons' Hall, Whiteliffe, Yorks., by Bro. John Birkby P.M., assisted by Bro. George H. Niven I.P.M. After having taken the chair, the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. George H. Niven I.P.M., Charles H. Briggs S.W., William Ellis J.W., Reuben Castle Secretary, John Birkby Treasurer, Ralph Wood S.D., Charles H. Greaves J.D., David Barraclough Organist, Robert Thornton Steward, James Robinson I.G., John Nornabel Outer Guard. Bro. Reuben Castle was elected to represent the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province. There was a good muster of the brethren of the Lodge and Visitors. After the ceremony Bro. Townsend entertained the brethren and Visitors to dinner, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. MARGARET LODGE, No. 1452.

THERE was a large and important gathering of Freemasons, at Lowestoft, on Monday, the 5th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. T. Wilson Ward into the chair of King Solomon. The proceedings were invested with more than usual interest, as Bro. B. S. Bradbeer P.M. was made the recipient of a handsome wedding gift from his brethren on the occasion of his recent marriage, and Masons from far and near attended to do him honour and to welcome the new W.M. Captain Ward. The Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, under special dispensation, and when the retiring Master had closed to the first degree, in a few well chosen words he proceeded to make the presentation to Bro. Bradbeer. Having eulogised Bro. Bradbeer in some brief but fitting remarks, he said that it afforded him considerable pleasure to be able to look back and remember Bro. Bradbeer's progress through the Lodge. As Junior and Senior Warden he proved himself a zealous Mason, and then as Worshipful Master; they could remember his filling that high post with honour to himself and with credit to his Lodge. As their Treasurer now he was ever manifesting his interest in

St. Margaret's, and they might well say of their Bro. Bradbeer that he was a good Mason, whose Masonry was not confined within the four walls of the Lodge, but permeated his whole every-day life. The brethren wished heartily that a long and prosperous life lay before him, and that good wish was extended to the lady whom he had so recently made his helpmate. With these observations the W.M. handed to Bro. Bradbeer a morocco-bound case of elegant silver dessert knives and forks, in the name of the brethren of St. Margaret's Lodge. Bro. Bradbeer's acknowledgment was brief, but full of feeling. He had endeavoured, he said, to act up to the true spirit of Masonry, and he valued even more than their costly present the good feeling and good wishes that had been extended to him by his brethren. The Lodge was then re-opened, and the installation ceremony was very impressively conducted by Brother Walter Diver. The newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. P. Smith I.P.M., J. B. Blackmore Chaplain, J. W. Brooke S.W., Kerry Rix J.W., B. S. Bradbeer Treasurer, H. J. Easthaugh Secretary, W. James S.D., A. H. Jackson J.D., H. C. Perrin Organist, J. E. Cook Steward, F. G. Mayhew I.G., John Symes Tyler. An adjournment was then made to the elegant banquetting hall, where a repast in every way worthy the occasion was served by Bro. J. Whaley. The tables were most artistically dressed, a wealth of art draperies, massive epergnes, which were laden with delicate blooms and luscious fruit, prettily shaded lamps and elegant prandial furniture, combining to produce an effect that was decidedly charming. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and he was influentially supported. At the close of the banquet the usual toasts, the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were honoured with all the loyal enthusiasm that is characteristic of Freemasonry, while the same remark may be applied to the next toast, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Wor. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. In giving the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Kerry Rix paid a tribute of respect to Lord Henniker and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and to the whole of the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, on whose behalf Bros. F. S. Ellen and W. B. Cooper suitably replied. The I.P.M. next gave the Worshipful Master, expressing the confidence he felt that Bro. Ward would worthily fill the chair, and wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast having been accorded Masonic honours, the W.M. suitably returned thanks, assuring his brethren that his best efforts would be at the service of his Lodge. The Installing Master was given by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. Diver. The health of Bro. J. P. Smith as I.P.M. was drunk amidst much enthusiasm, and in replying, he said that he had tried to fill the position of W.M. as worthily as those good Masons before him, and he felt, from their kind expressions, that he had not been unsuccessful. The toasts of the W.M. and Brethren of Unity Lodge, the Visitors, the Charities, and the Officers of the Lodge having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought this portion of the programme to a close. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bro. A. G. Noley, who gave a capital rendering of that fine nautical song, "The Diver," and Bro. H. Bracey, whose "Tom Bowling" and "The Fountain" were much enjoyed. Bro. C. T. Turner, in his usual happy style, contributed "Nancy Lee" by special request, and was followed by Brother F. Smith, whose rich baritone voice was heard to advantage in "True till death," while contributions by Bros. J. Whaley, A. H. Hunt, H. C. Perrin, E. C. Titcomb, Kerry Rix, and J. A. H. Warland went to complete a highly successful, as well as enjoyable evening.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458 (MANCHESTER).

THE annual installation and Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with this Lodge, were held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, High Street, on Saturday, 3rd December, Bro. F. Hilton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Wadsworth I.P.M., Archdale S.W., Burgess J.W., Vincent P.M. Treasurer, Hall P.M. Secretary, Shepherd S.D., Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Worsley Organist; Past Masters Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., Needle, Needham and Carr; Bros. Parkin, Cooper, Hirsch, G. T. Lee, J. R. Lee, J. Hilton, Nield, Wood, and Bishop. Visitors—Bros. Thomas P.P.G.D., J. W. Abbott P.P.G.D.C. 1030, W. H. Collier P.P.G.P. Cheshire, Marshall P.P.G.P. West Yorks, W. H. Peak P.G.D.C., Duffin 1134, Hughes 1219, A lott 1633, Rigby 287, W. Bee P.P.G.S. 1459, Lloyd I.P.M. 1077, Whitaker W.M. 581, G. T. Lenard 1077, Kenworthy 633, Wild 314, Ososki S.W. 704, Morris 1565, MacCullum 1993, Macfarlane 1633, Luke 2363, and Marsden 317. Our representative (Bro. E. Roberts P.M.) has furnished us with the following particulars:—The Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for two candidates who were desirous of becoming members of the Truth Lodge. The ballot was successful in both cases, and one of them (Mr. Wells), who put in an appearance, was afterwards initiated by Bro. A. Hebden. Bro. Bishop, who expressed a wish to be passed to the second degree, answered the necessary questions, retired for requisite preparation, and upon his re-entry into the Lodge, was duly passed into the degree of a F.C. by Brother Buckley Carr. A Board of Installed Masters was shortly afterwards formed, Bro. F. Hilton W.M. (Installing Master) retaining the occupancy of the principal chair, Bro. A. Hebden assuming that of S.W., and Bro. Robert Caldwell that of J.W. Bro. Jas. Archdale S.W., W.M. elect, was now presented to Bro. F. Hilton by the Installing Deacon (Bro. Needham), to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. To those who know Bro. Hilton and have seen his Masonic working, it will only be necessary to say that his portion of the ceremony on this occasion was performed in that finished and masterly style which especially characterises everything which he undertakes, and a meed of praise must not be with-

held from those who assisted him, viz.:—Bro. Needham, who delivered the address to the Master; Bro. Hebden, who addressed the Wardens; and Bro. Tom Wood, who pronounced the exhortation to the brethren generally. All present were laudatory in their expressions of the way in which Bro. Hebden presented and explained the working tools of the several degrees, and what in some essayists is almost so much unintelligible jargon, he rendered with a precision which was absolutely perfect. The W.M. having appointed his Officers, the investiture was undertaken by Past Masters Hebden, Hall, Needham, and Buckley Carr. They were as follow:—Brothers Fred Hilton I.P.M., H. L. Burgess S.W., E. M. Shepherd J.W., J. A. Vincent P.M. Treasurer, Buckley Carr P.M. Secretary, W. H. Worsley S.D., Geo. Thos. Lee J.D., A. Hebden P.M. Dir. of Cers., G. H. Bishop Organist, T. P. Cooper I.G., A. B. Taylor, L. Hirsch, and J. J. Dean Stewards, and James Hyde Tyler. Before dismissing the subject of the Lodge, I should like to say a word with reference to the exertions which Bro. Hilton has put forth on its behalf. With very commendable patience and zeal he has worked hard, having in view its progress; omitting no opportunity which would conduce to this end, with the result that the Truth Lodge has made rapid strides during his term of office, and the name of Bro. Fred. Hilton has become a power in the Lodge. He has left a heritage of success: may those who follow him be infected with his extraordinary puissance. The banquet which followed was served in the large commercial room of the hotel, and was of that magnificent description which would defy competitors of Bro. Tom Wood to excel, and indeed might tax all their efforts to equal. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Hilton I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master in very appropriate terms, to which Bro. Archdale responded. The next toast was that of the I.P.M. and Installing Master (Brother Hilton), proposed by the Worshipful Master, who fully justified all that the writer has said in a former paragraph. The W.M. took this opportunity of presenting to Bro. Hilton, on behalf of the Officers and members, a beautiful gold jewel in recognition of past services, which the I.P.M. acknowledged. Other toasts followed, the proceedings being varied with songs, &c., from Bros. Thomas, J. D. Smith, Pollitt, and Cooper.

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 1534 (PRESTWICH).

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Chester Bank, on Thursday, the 15th inst. There were present—Bros. Norton S.W., Midgley J.W., Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Wardle P.M. Secretary, Rogerson S.D., Done J.D., Ogden I.G., Maxwell and W. A. Simons Stewards, Hilton I.P.M., Mead P.M. Dir. of Cers., Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D.C.; Past Masters—Bennett, Walkden, S. F. Simons, E. Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Allan, Summersgill, and Reid. Visitor—Bro. Holham J.W. 1055. In the absence of the W.M., through a bereavement, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Mead. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Bro. Albert Summersgill, who expressed a desire to be raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., answered the usual questions in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner, and after having undergone the requisite preparation, was duly raised by Brother Thompson, being assisted by Bro. S. F. Simons, who rendered the traditional history and charge. At the festive board which followed, the usual toasts were submitted and responded to, songs, &c., were given by Bros. Norton, Wardle, Roberts, and the brothers Simons, a very pleasant evening being passed.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No 1773 (PENDLETON).

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 16th inst., Bro. Thos. Threlfall W.M. There were also present Bros. J. L. Smith I.P.M., Thos. T. Sefton S.W., Wm. Mosley J.W., Saml. Satham P.M. P.P.G.T. Chaplain, Jas. Clough Secretary, J. Clarkson S.D., Wm. Harcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Wm. Lambert I.G., W. Allen Smith Steward, J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D., F. Townson P.M., E. Holland P.M., E. Winterbottom P.M., Thomas Kay P.M., Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Rd. Duxbury P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. Handley, Richard Hilton, Walter H. Barrett, P. B. Hayden, Albert Fletcher, J. S. Kitchen, Robert Winstanley, and Jno. Walker. Visitor—Bro. Chas. Edward Borebank 170 and 47. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was occupied with business of a very important nature, amongst other matters being the presentation of Treasurer's report, acceptance of accounts for the financial year just ended, notice of motion from Bro. J. Harrop with reference to finance, &c., the balloting for two joining members, viz., Bros. Albert Fletcher and J. S. Kitchen, and the passing of several resolutions. On the previous Tuesday, a recital of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was given by Mr. John Harwood, a popular Lancashire entertainer. It was in aid of one of the Masonic Charities, and had been promoted and brought to so successful an issue by the efforts of Bros. Townson and Lambert that a sum of £30, realised by the recital, will be handed over to the institution in question. A resolution from the Albert Victor Lodge bearing upon this matter was as follows, having been passed unanimously:—"That the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge, 1773, in meeting assembled, beg to express their hearty thanks to Mr. John Harwood, who so kindly and generously gave a recital of the "Christmas Carol" in the Pendleton Town Hall, on the 13th December 1892, on behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, by means of which the funds of that excellent institution will be greatly benefitted." A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Bros. F. Townson P.M. and W. Lambert I.G., through whose instrumentality the recital was given, and to whose energies and zeal so marked a success resulted. The usual dinner and social board followed. At the latter Bro. Clarkson played a very

appropriate selection from the "Messiah," Bros. Hilton and Roberts sang some amusing songs, and Brother Clough rendered a laughable recitation in the Lancashire dialect.

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Midland Hotel, Aldwick, Manchester, on Monday, the 12th December, Richard Booth W.M. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. John Redman Farrer, who expressed a desire to become a F.C. Freemason, gave the requisite proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. Having been duly prepared, he was again admitted into the Lodge and passed into the second degree. There were present Bros. R. Booth W.M., James Hayes J.W., T. Rostron Treasurer, W. J. Melling Secretary, J. W. Atkinson S.D., R. W. Atkinson J.D., N. Goodman I.G., Henry Dawson P.M. Tyler, William Hoyland P.M. D.C., George E. Wand P.M., Concoillor William Fitzgerald P.M., Charles Bains, Jno. R. Farrer. Visitor: Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). At the festive board which succeeded the Lodge business, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, being followed by that of the newly passed brother, to which Bro. Farrer responded. He thanked the brethren for the good wishes which had been expressed towards him. As yet, he must admit himself to be a comparative stranger amongst them, and unfamiliar with Masonic customs, but he hoped in time to overcome these failings, just as his knowledge of Freemasonry extended. Bro. G. E. Wand P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and explained that he had travelled from Retford, a distance of 65 miles, to be present that evening. He warmly praised the interest which Bro. Booth was taking in his Lodge, and said that under his guidance they ought to prosper, for their Worshipful Master was a credit to Freemasonry. Bro. Booth thanked the brethren for the warmth with which the toast had been received, adding that he had performed his various duties with very great pleasure, and to the utmost of his ability. One thing he promised them, that when his services were required, he should always be at the call of his Lodge. At this stage of the proceedings the W.M. retired, and Bro. Hoyland, who assumed the chair, proposed the toast of the Secretary, giving the latter the credit—in conjunction with Bro. Booth W.M., and Bro. Rostron Treasurer—of having not only resuscitated the Lodge, but restored its prestige. Bro. Melling acknowledged the high compliment which had been paid to him, and made the very gratifying announcement that on this evening the Lodge was in the proud position of being out of debt. No doubt the incoming Officers would do their best to maintain this state of things, and he relied upon them to make the forthcoming Festival of St. John self-supporting. Bro. Hayes J.W. immediately rejoined that he would gladly fall in with the views of the Secretary, was quite prepared to meet them to any reasonable extent, and, as an Officer of the Lodge, placed himself in the hands of the Past Masters. Bro. J. W. Atkinson S.D. said that he willingly fell in with any view advocated by their beloved Secretary, Bro. Melling, and as many of them were the happy possessors of children, it struck him that it would do no harm to give a slight Masonic groundwork to their characters, a training so to speak which should cause them to respect every surrounding connected with the Craft. As a means of drawing these young ones together, he suggested a dance, or some such form of enjoyment, for no doubt many who might take part in a matter of this kind were destined ultimately to occupy positions similar to which he and others then held. Bro. R. W. Atkinson J.D. said he thought the idea put forth by Bro. Melling was a very happy one. He also agreed with the last speaker that it was very desirable to find some form of entertainment for the young ones. If brought together as suggested, their thoughtful minds would be exercised, they would wonder what Freemasonry meant, and in their desire to learn, would try to be admitted as members when they arrived at that period of life which would entitle them to do so. Bro. Rostron Treasurer also spoke. The proceedings were enlivened with songs from Bros. T. Rostron, G. E. Wand P.M., Wm. Hoyland P.M., and Bro. E. Roberts P.M., who gave sketches from his lecture "Wit and Humour."

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., the consecration of the third Mark Master's Lodge in Wiltshire, and the installation of the Earl of Radnor as Provincial Grand Master, took place at Salisbury. The ceremony of consecration of the El'sa de Derham Lodge, No. 443, was performed by Bro. the Earl of Euston D.G.M. of England, the brethren assembling for that purpose at the Council Chamber, at two o'clock. The consecrating Officer was assisted by Bros. Colonel A. B. Cook P.G.M. of Middlesex as Senior Warden, C. Fitzgerald Matier P.G.W. G. Sec. as Junior Warden, Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G.C. as Chaplain, Robert Berridge P.G.W. G.D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, Frank Richardson P.G.W. G.R. as Inner Guard. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac. Bro. the Earl of Euston, having appointed his Officers, proceeded to consecrate the Lodge in the usual form. Prov. Grand Chaplain the Rev. J. A.

Lloyd delivered an address on "The Aim and Object of Mark Masonry," which was most enthusiastically received. The whole consecration was conducted in an impressive manner. The installation of the Earl of Radnor as the Worshipful Master of the El'sa de Derham Lodge, No. 443, was then performed by Bro. Frank Richardson with all the ceremonials of the Order. The W.M. having been installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—

Bro. J. Chandler 178	Senior Warden
H. C. Tombs 401	Junior Warden
F. W. Macdonald 177 443	M.O.
H. House 178	S.O.
J. A. Randall 178	J.O.
Rev. C. W. Brown	Chaplain
F. S. Hancock 178	Registrar
G. M. Wilson 443	Secretary
J. C. Maclean 401	Senior Deacon
Edward Waters 443	Junior Deacon
J. H. Chandler 178	Dir. of Cers.
J. K. Read 443	Sword Bearer
W. S. Bambridge 178	Organist
F. Griffin 443	I.G.
C. R. Barns 178	Tyler

The following brethren were present:—Lord Euston D.G.M., W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Frank Richardson P.G.W. Grand Registrar, A. B. Cook P.G.M. Middlesex, C. Matier P.G.W. G. Sec., R. Berridge P.G.W. G.D., C. W. Radway P.G.D. Eng., J. A. Randall P.M., E. S. Mackrell P.P.C.O. Berks and Oxon, B. Watts P.M., W. S. Bambridge W.M., J. A. Lloyd P.G.C., F. W. Macdonald, F. Griffin, C. Southby, E. H. Major, G. M. Wilson, G. T. E. Blakeley, R. Dear, A. Plummer, E. A. B. Elers, H. C. Tombs P.M., J. H. Read S.D., G. Fullford, J. Chandler P.M., H. Howse P.M., T. Hogard, J.D., J. Rumbold, A. Kemble Inspector of Works, W. C. Browne, W. C. Powning, F. Sutton, A. Barns, E. Waters. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read by Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. G. M. Wilson, from Lord Valentia Prov. G.M. Oxford, R. G. Else P.G.M. Somerset, Rev. Mortimer Heath P.G.M. Dorset, Sir Stafford Northcote P.G.M. Devon, Colonel Long Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Viscount Dungarvan P.G. Senior Warden. The greatest praise is due to Bros. F. W. Macdonald and G. M. Wilson, who worked very assiduously in the inception of the Lodge and in carrying out the whole of the local arrangements. The musical portion of the ceremony was unusually good, and was conducted by Bro. W. S. Bambridge to the entire satisfaction, not only of the Provincial Grand Lodge but of the Grand Officers who were present. At the banquet which followed the Earl of Radnor presided. His lordship's health was proposed by the Earl of Euston in his accustomed genial manner, and heartily drunk. The banquet was admirably served by Bro. F. Sutton. The floral decorations were effectively arranged by Mr. H. W. Ward, gardener at Longford Castle, and Mr. C. Simmonds draped and upholstered the vestibule and the banquetting room.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 34,

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Towell Prov. G.S.O. There were present:—Bros. Geo. S. Smith S.W., G. A. Myers J.W., A. K. Boothroyd M.O., J. M. Veal S.O., J. Walker Secretary, J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.M.O. Treasurer, J. Lawrenson J.D., J. Hardwicke Marsh Registrar of Marks, Julius Arensberg R.W. P.M., Joseph T. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.I.W., Chas. Shaw, James Sharples, James Ormrod, and Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to elect W.M., Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. George Smith was assigned to the former position, Bro. Sinclair was re-elected Treasurer, while Bros. G. A. Myers and A. K. Boothroyd were selected as Auditors. The time-honoured dinner followed, which in its turn was succeeded by the usual festive board, into the proceedings of which were sandwiched various toasts, songs, &c., the whole furnishing a very pleasant evening's enjoyment.

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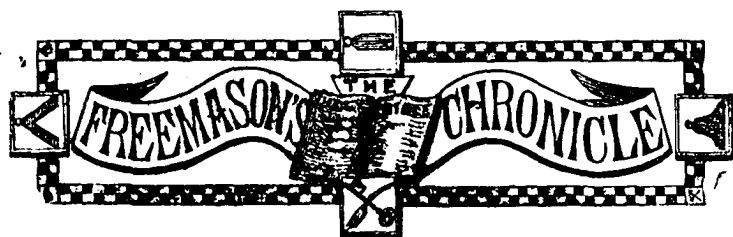
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SATURDAY, 24TH DECEMBER 1892.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

ON Saturday, 3rd inst., the ninth annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Essex was held at Halstead, the Grand Superintendent Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar (Recorder of Colchester) presiding, supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Comps. Rowland Plumbe H., Francis White J., T. J. Ralling S.E., R. G. Kellett P.S., Millner Jutsum Assist. Soj., Andrew Durrant Treasurer, J. J. Cavill Registrar, A. Lucking Dir. of Cers., and A. W. Martin Janitor.

The minutes of the last annual meeting (held at Chingford) having been read and confirmed, letters regretting their inability to attend were read from several distinguished R.A. Companions.

The roll was next called, and the ten Chapters comprising the Province were all found to be represented. The Provincial Grand Scribe E. then read an abstract of the annual returns, which showed the number of Companions on the register to 31st December last to be 220, an increase of 16 on the previous year. There was also an increase in the amount of contributions. The Auditors' report showed a balance in hand of £31 17s 8d.

Comp. John J. C. Turner said before proceeding with the business of this meeting there was one matter which he thought should be at the earliest possible moment brought before Provincial Grand Chapter. Since the last annual meeting a very sad calamity had befallen the family of their beloved Grand Superintendent, and no one had scanned the papers more than the Royal Arch Companions of Essex for news of the condition of the young lady who had been the victim of a madman's violence. Many members of the Provincial Grand Chapter had, as individuals, expressed their sympathy with the Grand Superintendent and his family, but he was sure all would feel that this meeting should not be allowed to pass without their placing upon record their feelings on the subject. He begged to move:—

“That this Provincial Grand Chapter desires to express its sincere regret at the severe injury inflicted upon the daughter of the Grand Superintendent in August last, and earnestly hopes that by the blessing of T.T.A.L.G.M.H. she may in time be completely restored. The members of this Provincial Grand Chapter venture to add an expression of their deep sympathy with the Grand Superintendent in the terrible anxiety through which he has passed.

Comp. Rowland Plumbe seconded, remarking that he fully agreed with every word of the resolution and also with what Comp. Turner had said.

The Grand Superintendent, who was much affected, said he should have a heart of stone if he did not feel deeply the kindness that had prompted the kind terms of the resolution that had just been placed before Provincial Grand Chapter and responded to so unanimously. It was seldom that a calamity like that which had befallen his child occurred in a country like England. He was breaking no confidence when he said that in a letter written by the Queen asking for full details, Her Majesty expressed disbelief in the first intelligence that had appeared in the public papers. The sympathy of all classes from the highest in the land had been universal to both families. For himself he might say that during many hours of terrible suspense—when they did not know from hour to hour what they might expect—his almost only solace had been the generous sympathy of his Brethren and Companions in the Craft and Arch; whilst he also felt he had the kind thoughts of many who did not write, being anxious not to add to the mass of correspondence which

flowed in from all parts of the world. He thanked the Companions present for this recognition of his trouble at this first meeting since the occurrence—if anything were wanting to endear the Companions to him it had been the act they had done in passing this resolution. He felt sure they would be interested to know that the report that morning was slightly better. One of the most distressing features of the case had been that the speech had been affected—not the articulation—but there had been a difficulty in giving expression to the desires of the mind. From the symptoms that morning, however, they had great hope that the full faculty of speech might be restored in a few hours.

After a brief interval the Grand Superintendent again rose, and said he was pleased to congratulate himself and the Provincial Grand Chapter upon the meeting that day. For the reasons that had prompted the resolution just passed, it had been necessary to postpone it till now, and he was not sorry altogether for it, because it enabled him to mention a fact that had occurred within the last few days. At the last meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter they had nine Chapters on the roll. Two days ago one had been added, and, if what he had heard within the last few hours was true, it was very probable that he should be asked to recommend another Charter to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The new Chapter just consecrated was under the presidency of their excellent Companion William Shurmur, whose zeal and competence were undisputed; while the Chapter had been launched with an amount of energy and go which gave good promise of its proving a powerful accession to their roll. With regard to the Province generally, there was every reason to be satisfied with its progress. When the Province was constituted there were four Chapters, with a membership of 110 Companions. The nine Chapters in existence when their returns were made up, which did not include the addition on Thursday, showed that the numbers had doubled—a 100 per cent. in nine years. The figures exhibited a greater proportionate increase in the number of Chapters than members, which showed that the Companions were able to practice the Arch convenient to their dwellings. Their increase had been a sound one, particularly when they considered that the times were not very flourishing, either in business or agriculture. He was glad to know that the work was being most satisfactorily carried on in the Chapters of the Province—the traditions of the Craft were being fully maintained, and, he trusted, this happy state of things would continue. Referring to the Bye-laws that were to be brought forward that day, the Grand Superintendent said the Committee had devoted much time and consideration to them, and, having carefully examined them himself, they were, he considered, quite a model set. The Principals of the Chapters had had a copy sent them for quiet consideration before this meeting, and he had no doubt they had fully digested them. He concluded by expressing his gratitude to The Most High that the Province had been spared any great losses from its ranks, and trusted that at their next meeting, which he proposed to hold at Colchester, they should all meet again in health and strength.

On the motion of Comp. Vero Taylor, seconded by Comp. A. Lucking, the Companions unanimously, for the tenth time, re-elected Comp. Andrew Durrant P.Z. 276 as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Officers for the year were appointed and invested by the Grand Superintendent as under:—

Comp. Millner Jutsum 2154	...	H.
William Shurmur 2374	...	J.
Thos. J. Ralling 51 (tenth year)	...	Scribe E.
R. D. Poppleton 51	...	Scribe N.
W. Gayton, M.D., 214	...	Registrar
J. H. Salter 1024	...	Principal Sojourner
George Graveley 2374	...	1st Assist. Sojourner
R. Jennings 1437	...	2nd Assist. Sojourner
Harris Hills 2154	...	Sword Bearer
R. Haward Ives J. 51	...	Standard Bearer
A. Lucking 1000 (tenth year)	...	Dir. of Cers.
J. Hutley 1024	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
E. H. Inman 2154	...	Assist. Scribe E.
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Comp. Francis White proposed that the Bye-laws, as printed and in the hands of the members of Provincial Grand Chapter, be adopted. This was seconded by Comp. A. Lucking, and unanimously agreed to.

The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and on the motion of the

Grand Superintendent, seconded by Comp. Geo. Cooper, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Colne Valley for the excellent arrangements they had made for the reception of Provincial Grand Chapter.

At the conclusion of the business the Companions dined together at the George Hotel, under the genial presidency of the Grand Superintendent. A most excellent repast was well served by the host of the George, Mr. Turnell.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM SHURMUR CHAPTER, No. 2874.

SINCE the constitution of Provincial Grand Chapter in the Province of Essex in 1883, when there were but four Chapters, Royal Arch Freemasonry has been gradually extending in the county, the formation of the Plume Chapter in July last year bringing up the number to nine. The tenth Chapter was added to the roll on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the Grand Superintendent, Companion Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar (Recorder of Colchester), attended at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, and in antient and solemn form consecrated a Chapter to be attached to the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2874. The Grand Superintendent was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Comps. Rowland Plumbé H., Francis A. White J., Thomas J. Ralling S.E., and Albert Lucking Dir. of Cers. There was a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons to witness the ceremony.

The Grand Superintendent, in opening the proceedings, expressed himself as extremely gratified to see so many present to take part in the consecration of this—the tenth—Chapter on the roll of the Province of Essex. This new Chapter was to be attached to a Lodge which, although it was one of the youngest, was one of the most numerous in the county; a Lodge that had met with unexampled success, and had testified to the genuineness of its Masonic feeling by such efforts and contributions in behalf of the cause of charity as had made it famous throughout the kingdom. The legitimate outcome of its Masonic work was that the Lodge had expressed the laudable desire for a Chapter, and he was pleased when the matter came before him to strongly recommend the petition to the Supreme Grand Chapter, who had received it favourably and granted the necessary charter. The ceremony in which they were about to engage was one of comparatively infrequent occurrence, but, like all the ceremonies of the Craft, was one of great solemnity and calculated to make a deep impression on thinking minds. As regarded the excellent Companions into whose hands they were to entrust the destinies of the new Chapter, he was glad to be able to feel that they were those who had shown by their Masonic career in the Province that they would work with an earnest desire to make it a success, and would exercise wise care in selecting good and worthy brethren to become members. On behalf of the Province he would express a fervent hope that the new Chapter might prove an ornament and accession of strength to Royal Arch Freemasonry in the county.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, the Grand Superintendent inducted Comp. Wm. Shurmur P.Z. 1471 as the first M.E.Z., who in his turn installed Comps. Geo. Graveley and W. Ernest Dring as H. and J. respectively. The Officers for the year were elected and invested, as under:—Comps. James Pinder P.Z. Scribe E., John Byford jun. Scribe N., Nathaniel Fortescue Treasurer, James Speller Soj., W. Stopher Wright and Chas. MacColla Aast. Sojs., Christian Herst Dir. of Cers., J. F. Haskins Prov. G. Org. Organist, John Ives Janitor, B. Johnson, G. P. Pointer, and Wm. Chas. Mann Stewards.

A Committee having been elected to frame Bye-laws, a large number of propositions for exaltation and joining were made, and the baby Chapter showed its vitality by at once voting thirty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the M.E.Z.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Superintendent and other consecrating Officers for their attendance; they were elected honorary members of the Chapter, and were each presented with a handsome founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

The Grand Superintendent, on behalf of himself and the other Provincial Grand Officers, acknowledged the compliment, and the Chapter was duly closed.

Between 80 and 90 Companions afterwards dined together under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., those present including Comps. Richard Clowes P.G. Stand. B. Eng., G. H. Grimwood, E. J. Barron. After dinner the usual toasts were honoured. Comp. E. J. Barron Past Grand Standard Bearer responded to the toast of the Pro Grand Z. and the rest of the Grand Officers, and gave his experience of the great strides which Royal Arch Masonry had made during the 25 years that he had been a Grand Officer. Comp. Philbrick responded to the toast of the Grand Superintendent, which was proposed by the M.E.Z. in terms highly flattering to Comp. Philbrick's energy and sincerity in the cause of Freemasonry.

Comp. Philbrick said it was not only with peculiar pleasure but with great pride to one circumstanced as he was to see an addition to the roll of Royal Arch Chapters at once so numerous, so strong in the quality of the Companions who belonged to it, and so thoroughly Masonic that the very first act when they appointed a Treasurer was to spend his funds in benevolence, and afterwards to take care how those funds came to him by proposing an unexampled strong list of candidates for exaltation and joining. If the Masonic spirit continued to run like that, there was a very distinguished career before the Shurmur Chapter. A Lodge that was started and attained unexampled success and prosperity found its legitimate flower and development in having a Chapter. The Royal Arch was the crown and development of the full career of the

Master Mason. In conclusion Comp. Philbrick thanked the large body of friends for the kind feeling they had extended to him and his family in the almost unprecedented calamity which had fallen on them in the attack made on his daughter, at Bickley, on 3rd August. He added that it had been mentioned to him that there had been no accounts in the newspapers lately about his poor child. He was sorry he could not say as much as he would wish to say; but although, under the blessing of Providence, his daughter's intellect was left absolutely untouched, the power of speech had unfortunately been affected. The family, however, had great hopes that, in the course of a day or two, when the pressure upon the brain was removed, there would be complete restoration.

Comp. Shurmur, in reply to the toast of the Principals of the Chapter (which was proposed by Comp. Philbrick), said it would be the constant aim of the Principals to make this Chapter worthy of the Province of Essex, and worthy of the Grand Superintendent. He referred with regret to the death of one of the founders of the Chapter, and asked the assistance of the Companions in placing one of his children in the Masonic School. The Lodge had 1,500 to 2,000 votes, and these might be utilised in that direction.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent singing by the Celia Quartette Company.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royalty.—We hasten to congratulate Brother W. S. Penley upon the success that has attended his first production, a right good merry English farce, by Mr. Brandon Thomas, entitled "Charley's Aunt," which was received with roars of laughter throughout and greeted with enthusiastic applause at the final fall of the curtain. We have seldom seen an audience laughing so heartily and honestly, and there is little doubt that the piece will be an attraction for a considerable time to come. Two college chums, Jack Chisney and Charley Wykeham, invite two pretty girls to their rooms to meet Donna Lucia D'Alvadorey, Charley's aunt from Brazil, whom he has never seen; but as the lady telegraphs to say that she cannot come for a few days and not being willing to forego their flirtation they persuade Lord Fancourt Babberley, another undergraduate who has a taste for amateur theatricals, to represent the lady. The plot works splendidly until complications arise, and then the fun (for the spectators) begins. Jack's father and Mr. Spettigue finding that Donna Lucia is a millionairess both make propositions of marriage, and the perplexity of the "lady" may be imagined when we state that she is represented by Mr. Penley. The unexpected arrival of the real Lucia causes further amusement, and the eventual unravelling of the tangled threads is capitally worked out so that the story runs merrily along without a hitch. The piece has been thoroughly well rehearsed and is performed in that light touch and go manner so necessary in farces of this description. Mr. Penley has never appeared in a more amusing character, and we should not be surprised if it gained a higher reputation than his immortal curate in "The Private Secretary." Jack and Charley are well represented by Mr. Percy Lyndal and Mr. H. Farmer, while their two sweethearts are prettily portrayed by Miss Nina Bonicault and Miss Kate Gordon. The author gives a manly impersonation of an elderly Indian Colonel, who pairs off with the real Donna Lucia, charmingly sustained by Miss Ada Branson. Mr. Ernest Hendrie plays Mr. Spettigue creditably, and Mr. Cecil Thornbury makes an excellent college tout. The small part of Ella Delahay, with whom Lord Babs finds consolation in the end, has an agreeable representative in Miss Emily Cadmore. If you want a real genuine hearty laugh here is the place to get it.

Royal Aquarium.—Mr. Ritchie, Chairman and Managing Director of the Royal Aquarium, has inaugurated a monster Carnival for Christmas and following four weeks. A really marvellous bill of fare—literally as full as an egg, and all golden yolk. The doors are to be opened at 9 a.m., and at 10.30 a.m. the performances are timed to commence with three quarters of an hour's entertainment by Sandro Vio and Miss Honeywood, entitled "Flashes of Fun," in which some clever conjuring is introduced, and the audience informed "How it is done." Preceding the 10.30 show, early visitors will find plenty of amusement and interest in the Theatrical and International Toy Exhibitions and the humorous pictures—a collection of over two thousand of the most interesting works of nearly all the greatest caricaturists deceased and living. Following the 10.30 conjuring comes African Dell, in a new ventriloquial entertainment, and at 12 noon, a one hour's variety entertainment,—the Dolly Varden danseuses, Zoro and Arno bar acrobats, Mortimer and Cassina, and Akros, who will perform his really marvellous feat of falling head downwards from the Aquarium roof. During an interval for lunch, the grand organ; and at 2 p.m. commences one of the most varied variety shows, supported by an unusually long list of well known and best artistes the Aquarium has ever had. Added to which is Minting, who has been re-engaged, and who has undertaken to carry on his back, and on one wheel, a live representation of a lion up a perpendicular spiral and over a narrow plank bridge, over 80 feet high and 200 feet long, and down a spiral of equal height. Akros, the Continental wonder, is to fall from the Aquarium roof head downwards. Andrew Hail will smash with his head thick flagstones. Prince Ravalli is to bend and break red-hot iron bars with his naked hands and feet, and to enter a cage of living fire. Among the new arrivals are Zalva, El-pana, and Alva, who perform feats of a most wonderful character, carrying two human beings across a single wire nearly 80 feet high. This feat is said to be extraordinarily clever, being performed without the aid of a balancing pole. Also new-comers from the Continent are the

Fernandez Trio of aerial gymnasts—two ladies and a gentleman, who go through a series of trapeze performances not generally undertaken by even the accomplished artistes so generally engaged by the Aquarium management. The comic element is taken charge of by Arthur Lloyd, the Two Macs, Geo. Medley, and a whole host of serio-comics of both sexes, including: Annie King Lloyd and Arthur King Lloyd, the Merry Mariels, Musical Veeys, and Singing Dog, Mortimer and Cassina, and Mono and Mme Rudolph. There are to be performing ponies, dogs, monkeys, goats, in which Professor Lorenzo's carefully and well trained troupe will take part, and the ever to be remembered Boxing Kangaroo—the latter must be seen by all lovers of animals. The Kangaroo at the Aquarium is, without doubt, a most intelligent animal, which really goes through a boxing performance, waiting for his chance, of which the Kangaroo avails himself, striking out and foribly landing heavy blows on his trainer, Professor Landerman, the Australian light weight champion. It is no exaggeration to say that never since the opening of the Aquarium has such an array of talent been engaged as are to appear at Christmas, and the statement is no misnomer "That at no place in the World can so many sights be seen as at the Royal Aquarium."

The glories of the Drury Lane pantomime, which are to be unveiled by Sir Augustus Harris next Monday, will illustrate twelve of the popular nursery stories, which have been amalgamated by himself and Mr. Wilton Jones for this production, viz., "Little Bo-Peep, Little Red Riding Hood, and Hop o' My Thumb." With such a company as the astute manager has brought together any amount of fun may be looked for, while the gorgeous procession of Fairy Tales and the Sports Ballet will be things of beauty and joy for ever so many youngsters home for the holidays. It will also be welcome news to many playgoers that the "early door" system is to be dispensed with.

The only other West End pantomime will be produced by Mr. Oscar Barrett at the New Olympic, and will be founded upon the ever interesting story of "Dick Whittington." Mr. Barrett, who has had many years' experience in pantomimic productions at the Crystal Palace, has engaged a long list of artistes for its representation.

On Boxing Day Mr. Edward Terry will appear in two pieces at his theatre in the Strand. Miss Florence Warden's "Uncle Mike" will be played at two and 7.30 o'clock, while at 9.30 "The Churchwarden" will be revived, with Mr. Terry as Daniel Chuffy.

Very few changes will take place in the bills of the other West End houses. "In Town" will be transferred from the Prince of Wales's to the Gaiety, as it has been found impossible now to produce the contemplated new burlesque at the latter house, "Ma Mie Rosette," who is fully realising the success we predicted for her, will take possession of the Prince of Wales's on Boxing Day, where she will be seen and heard to better advantage.

"Hypatia," Mr. Stuart Ogilvie's much-talked about drama, is to be produced at the Haymarket on Monday, the 2nd January. Mr. Beerbohm Tree has mounted the play with great splendour. The action is laid at Alexandria, at the time of the Emperor Honorius, and in his endeavour to present a picture of the life and manners of the period Mr. Tree has had the invaluable assistance and co-operation of Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., who has designed the scenery and costumes. Dr. Hubert Parry, who so rapidly is taking the very front rank among musicians of the day, has composed the illustrative music. Mr. Tree has cast himself for Issachar, a character developed from the mysterious old Miriam of Kingsley's novel. Hypatia will be played by Miss Julia Neilson, and Ruth by Miss Olga Brandon. The cast includes such sterling actors as Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Kemble, Mr. Fred Terry, and Mr. Charles Hudson.

The Shaftesbury will open early in January with a new comic opera, "La Rosière" by Harry Monkhouse and Jakobowski, of which report speaks highly. The courteous Mr. W. H. Griffiths will be the acting manager.

The new house being built for Mr. Augustin Daly in Cranborne Street, Leicester Square, will, it is expected, be completed by March or April of next year. It is Mr. Daly's present intention to open in April or May of 1893.

The usual New Year's Entertainment to the Old Folks of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take on Wednesday, the 4th January, at Croydon. A special second class saloon carriage will be reserved by the 12.52 a.m. train from Charing Cross, or 1.4 p.m. from Cannon Street, for East Croydon, at a fare of 1s 6d.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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Saturday, 24th December.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

Monday, 26th December.

48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington
1110 Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke
1218 Pr. Alfred, Commercial, Mossley, Manchester
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Palace Hotel, Buxton
1752 Ogmore, Wyndham Arms H., Bridgend, Glam.
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1991 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York
2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
2303 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester

R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 730 Earl of Lathom, Town Hall, Chelmsford
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 27th December.

39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
484 Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ass. on-in-Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
597 St. Cybi, Masonic Hall, Holyhead
624 Abbey, Hall, Union St., Burton-on-Trent
789 Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
954 St. Aubrey, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
970 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hotel, Crews
999 Robert Burns, Albion Hotel, Manchester

1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1052 Callar, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1358 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Millom
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle
1506 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1650 Rose of Ruby, Scarth Mem. Hall, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1834 Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Liverpool
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms Inn, Beilington
1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Foston, Staff.
2001 N. Berth, Rutzen Hotel, Norderth
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
2120 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey
2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H. St. S. viourgate, York.
2358 Mona, M.H., Castletown, Isle of Man.
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.

R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemason's Hall, Bristol
R.A. 823 Evertan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 860 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff
R.A. 1250 Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington
R.A. 1334 Norman, Masonic Hall, Durham
M.M. 148 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
K.T. 110 Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

Wednesday, 28th December.

898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street

86 Loyalty, King's Arms Ho., Prescott, Lancashire
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull
257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
258 Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
341 Wellington, George Hotel, Rye
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
439 Science, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor
580 Harmony, Wharfedale, Orskirk
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
637 United, George Hotel, Chester
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851 Working of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Ropergate, Pontefract
996 Sonde, Masonic Hall, East Dereham

1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1093 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1219 Strangeways, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
1293 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Old Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
1783 Albert Edward, F.H., Huddersfield
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence Ho., Teddington
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
2041 Smith Child, Town Hall, Taunton, Staff.

2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2186 Strigill, Masonic Hall, Nelson St., Chesham
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swinton, nr. Manchester
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.
2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cefn-y-nabonn, S. Wales.
R.A. 225 St. Lukes, F.M.H., Sarny St., Ipswich.
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 750 Friendship, M.H., Whitecliffe, Colchester
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

Thursday, 29th December.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.

111 Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno
203 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dowsbury
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Gray Mare Hotel, Huddersfield
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Basing
312 Virtue & Silence, White Lion, Huddersfield, Staff.
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Salford
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilby, Linc.
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630 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Howden
636 D'Oyley, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Institute, Blyth
710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Totnes
787 Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Belper
807 Cabell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
911 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek

1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1032 Townley Parker, Town Hall, Chorley
1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath
1164 Eliot, Masonic Hall, St. Germans, Cornwall
1166 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Accrington
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd
1630 St. Michael, Queen's Hotel, Coventry
2029 Granite, Narborough Hotel, Narborough
2091 Castleberg, Ashfield Hotel, Sotby
2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.

R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton

Friday, 30th December.

318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Holston
401 Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
415 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
460 Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle under-Lyme
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
566 St. Germain, M.H., Le Crescent, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, M.H., Stow-on-the-Wold

1034 Ecclehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclehill
1074 Underley, Masonic Hall, Kirkby Fensdale
1103 Royal Wharfedale, Masonic Rooms, Osley
1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1739 Carnarvon, Market Hall, S. Ailstone
1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glam.
2078 St. Lawrence, Masonic Hall, Southorpe

R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355 Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Swindon

Saturday, 31st December.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
318 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage
1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 24th December.

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

Monday, 26th December.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Tottenham St., 8
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixton, Devon
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
414 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1319 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 23 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
1537 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30

1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
1633 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1893 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1713 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2039 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7:30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 27th December.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
193 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Cam Sea Town, 8
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
551 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stopney, 8
581 Faith, Old Bear's Head, Manchester
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7

1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1849 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent Mast Brixton, 8
2145 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.

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, 28th December.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8

972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 515 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rasby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30

1682 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1631 Lonsborough, 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
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Thursday, 29th December.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road

890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30

1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1350 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wembley, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1553 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
1602 Sir Hugh Middleton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45
1614 Coven Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
1714 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1930 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
1936 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton

R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 30th December.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
785 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
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1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
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1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7-30
1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
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R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 31st December.

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

The remains of the late Lady Egerton of Tatton were interred at Rostherne, Cheshire, on Thursday afternoon.

SALFORD AND THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.—The ratepayers of Salford on Tuesday decided, by 13,385 votes to 3,032, to lend £1,000,000 to the Manchester Ship Canal Company. A ratepayers' meeting decided against the loan, but this decision has been reversed on a poll being taken, by a majority of 10,353.

The Windsor and Eton Angling Society have just turned another lot of bream into the Thames in the Windsor district. This is the society's second consignment of this species of fish, and it is now hoped that the bream fishing, which has been very poor of recent years in these waters, will be greatly improved.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught has graciously consented to become a patroness of the concert in aid of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children which is to be given by the London Male Voice Club (Männergesangverein), at the Westminster Town Hall, on 6th February 1893.

The Queen, who is lay-impropriator and joint patron of the living of Sompringham-cum-Pointon, Lincolnshire, has, through the Crown Commissioners, promised to contribute £100 towards the erection of a new church in Pointon Fen. Her Majesty has also given the site for the building. Amongst others who have generously contributed to the work are the Earl of Ancaster, the Bishop of Lincoln, and the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham.

Most of the details of the wedding of Princess Marie with the Prince of Roumania have now been arranged. As already announced, the marriage will be celebrated on 10th January. Both the religious services will take place at Sigmaringen. At the first high dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church will officiate. As usual in Germany, there will be no bridesmaids, but Princess Marie will be accompanied by her sisters. The Duke of Edinburgh will give his daughter away, and it is understood that Prince Ferdinand will be attended by his brother. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the German Emperor, it is expected, will be present, and the Queen and the other members of the Royal Family will be officially represented. Prince Alfred of Edinburgh will go from Munich to join the wedding party.

The funeral of the late Earl of Portarlington took place at Came Church, Dorchester, on Wednesday.

Her Majesty has presented to the officers' mess of the Kent Artillery Militia, at Dover, an autograph photographic portrait of herself.

As showing the mildness of the weather up the Thames, anglers, it is stated, have gathered daisies on the banks of the river at Sunbury.

A public library was opened at Hythe on Tuesday, which has been erected at a cost of £5,000, and presented to that town by Mr. Bull, J.P., of Folkestone.

The President and Council of the Royal Academy have elected Mr. Leonard Watts, of South Hampstead, to the Landseer Scholarship, value £40, tenable for two years.

The portrait of Sir Algernon West, late Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, subscribed for by officials of the Department, which was entrusted to Professor Herkomer, R.A., is now finished, and will be presented to Sir Algernon next month.

By command of Her Majesty 500 copies of "The Queen's Letter to the Nation" have been forwarded to the Mayor of Portsmouth (Alderman R. Barnes), who has distributed them among the patients of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital and kindred institutions in the borough.

Sir Edward Birkbeck presided on Wednesday at a meeting of the committee of the National Sea Fisheries Protection Association, when it was decided to convene a conference of representatives of the sea fishing industries shortly after the meeting of Parliament.

The statue in bronze of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, which is to be erected at Hamilton, Ontario, is now at Mr. Wade's studio, The Avenue, 76 Fulham Road. It will be on view until the middle of January, when it will be forwarded to its destination.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg attended a concert given in the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, in aid of the Royal Seamen and Marines' Orphan Home. Prince and Princess Henry subsequently returned to Osborne.

The funeral took place, on the 15th inst., at Derby, of Bro. William Robert Stone, a well-known and highly respected Mason of Derby. The deceased brother had been in the employ of Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, the well-known publishers, for 38 years, having been the manager of one of their principal departments. He had been a Freemason for many years; was Tyler of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of the Derby Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He was also an Outer Guard of the Rose Croix Chapter. The funeral was attended by many of the workmen from Messrs. Bemrose's printing establishment, as well as by many prominent Freemasons.

Lord Rayleigh has subscribed £100 towards establishing an engineering laboratory for the University of Cambridge.

The Queen, according to the most recent arrangements, is expected to leave Windsor Castle for the Villa Palmieri, at Florence, on Thursday, 16th March. Her Majesty will remain several weeks upon the Continent.

The Greenwich Hospital pension of £25 a year for carpenters, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Samuel Bartlett, has been conferred on Mr. Henry Palmer, superannuated carpenter Royal Navy.

The Countess of Mar and Kellie made what she described as her first appearance as a public speaker in opening a bazaar and juvenile sale at Alloa on behalf of a local charity, on Monday.

Princess May has forwarded a contribution, with a choice parcel of toys and garments, to Mr. John Kirk, Secretary of the Ragged School Union, for the benefit of the poor children of the affiliated Ragged School Missions of London.

St. Thomas's Day was chosen for the consecration of the Rev. W. Bird Hornby as Bishop of the Church of England in Nyassaland. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's Cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury being assisted by the Bishops of London, Ely, St. Albans, Argyll, Central Africa (Dr. Smythies), Bishop Wilkinson, and Bishop Macrorie, formerly of Maritzburg. The mandate directing the consecration was signed by the Queen and countersigned by Lord Rosebery.

A BISHOP AN ODDFELLOW.—At Lichfield, on Wednesday, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Principal of the Lichfield Theological College, Major Darwin, M.P., and a number of other gentlemen were initiated members of the Brunswick Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. The ceremony took place in the ordinary lodge room at the King's Head, and was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master of the Order, Mr. Charles Graham, of Burton-on-Trent. The Bishop and Major Darwin made short speeches in acknowledgment of their election.

The Queen, on hearing of the decease of Sir Richard Owen, sent the following telegram, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, to the Rev. Richard Owen, eldest grandson of the deceased, and the other members of the family at Sheen Lodge: "Osborne, 18th December.—The Queen is much grieved to learn the sad news of Sir Richard Owen's death, and commands me to express her sincere condolence.—PONSONBY." The Prince of Wales forwarded the following message to her Royal Highness Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, and her Royal Highness conveyed it to Sir Richard's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Owen: "Marlborough House.—Will you kindly express in my name my deepest sympathy with Sir Richard Owen's daughter-in-law at the loss of her distinguished father, such an old and valued friend of mine?—ALBERT EDWARD."

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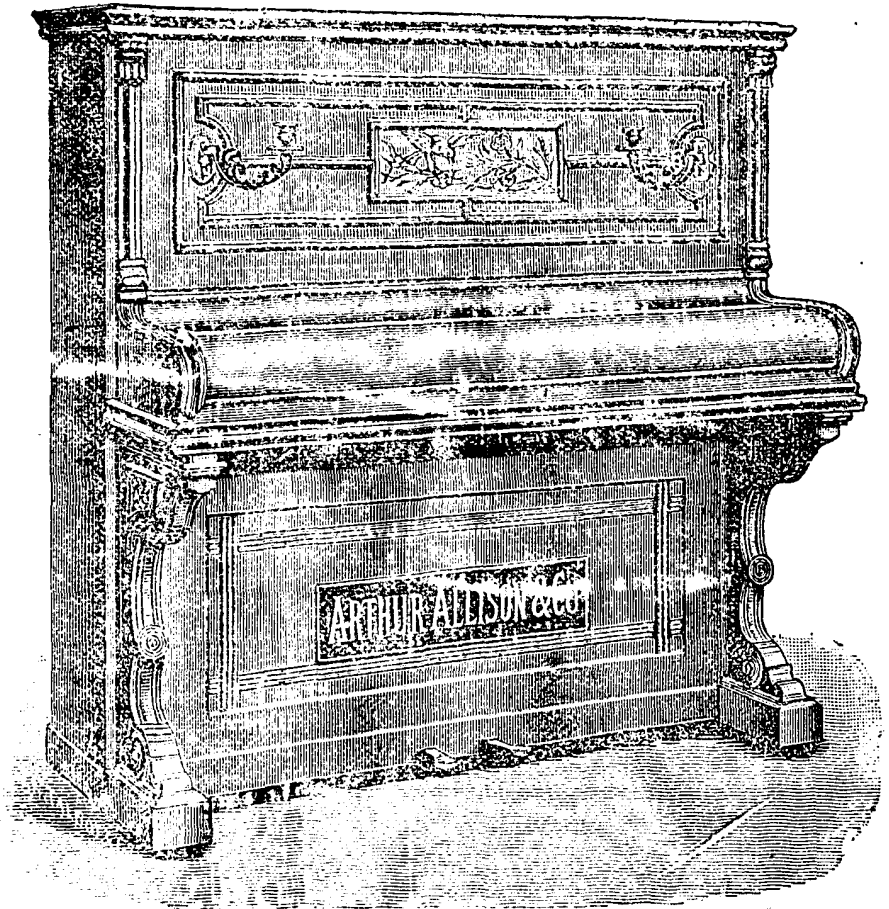
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