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LODGES AND THEIR AMENITIES.

THE remarks we felt constrained to offer last week, as to Lodges of Instruction and their powers of attraction, have elicited opinions from some valued friends and correspondents, who confirm us in the idea that an appreciable falling off is generally noted. For this falling off several reasons have been assigned, the most potent of which is the difficulty experienced in finding suitable quarters where the brethren may assemble in comfort without incurring an extravagant outlay. It has been urged also that our regular Lodge meetings are different altogether in their social characteristics to those they presented some twenty or thirty years ago, and while we are discussing this, as a second proposition, we may as well treat it from the same standpoint. In the first place we are prepared to admit that the spirit of kinship is not fostered in our Lodges to the extent it was in the days gone by. This evil is promulgated by the indiscriminate admission of candidates; the family party, so to speak, has become too large, and the members are not so well acquainted with each other as when the roll of membership did not cover so wide a sheet. Another factor that goes a long way to disturb the social amenities of our Lodges is the scramble that is continually taking place to get into office, and to crowd the breast with paltry adornments for services supposed to have been rendered. Brethren now-a-days, it is urged, are not content to work up to the Master's chair step by step, they must be "pitchforked" or they will try some other Lodge where they can secure preferment at a much earlier date. What care they what the number or status of their Mother Lodge may be, they have but one idea, that is to secure the coveted title of Past Master. And what is the result? Why the creation of mushroom Lodges, that wane if they do not become extinguished within their first decade.

With respect to what has been urged by another of our correspondents, that the members of our Fraternity at the present day are not sufficiently in touch the one with the other, we feel we cannot do better than lay before our readers this gentleman's own expressed views. He urges that there is too much sentiment imported into our Lodges. It has always been an Englishman's privilege when he meets an acquaintance to make the inquiry,—Well, how goes business? If such a question is asked at a Lodge meeting your present day Mason declares you are trading on Freemasonry, and the repetition of such a query often elicits a senseless, if not an impertinent remark, from some thoughtless blockhead who never had a second idea to offer. This perhaps is a strong way of putting it, but the objection stands, and when it is urged that anything that tends to restrict friendly intercourse and mutual sympathy is tolerated, we should do all in our power to get an alteration brought about. Again, one strong

reason for the lack of interest displayed at our meetings is the break-neck pace at which life is carried on at the present day. In the Metropolis, for instance, how many men there are whose residence is some ten, twelve or more miles away from the locality where their business is conducted. Married men spend more of their leisure time in their respective domestic circles than was their wont in the olden days. The inducement to stay out is a strong one when we know we shall spend the evening with long and tried friends, in whose gossip we feel an interest. Judge then our horror when, at great inconvenience we have withstood the enticements of those at home, to hear from the Worshipful Master that as a long musical programme is before the Lodge a request that conversation be restricted. What care we for the talented artistes that have been engaged; we came for our quips and our quiddits, and we leave disgusted that we have been debarred these, to our mind, necessary adjuncts to our enjoyment. We care not for elaborate musical entertainments at our Lodge, we can have plenty of that sort of thing at home without having to spend an hour this bitter weather over a railway journey in the small hours of the morning.

In dealing with the subject, however, we must not overlook the strong point so often brought forward to prove the stability of our Institution in that so many of our members have stood hard and fast by it for so many years. We readily concede the fact that there are many brethren who have upheld the principles of Freemasonry and advocated its principles for periods ranging from thirty to fifty years; ay, even more. This in the opinion of many confirms the idea that interest in Lodge work is not waning; but inasmuch as it is universally agreed that one swallow does not make a summer, we would ask will the Masons of to-day, in the years to come, display the same amount of interest? What we desire to impress upon our readers is, the desirability of exercising proper caution as to whom they may introduce into their companionship. Numerical strength does not denote power, the trained warriors, though few in number, can readily hold their own when they are opposed by an unruly and disorganised rabble. Let us therefore look to the training of our young members; those who are systematically inactive or lazy will soon declare themselves, and Freemasonry will offer few charms for such to continue association with it. They will retire from active participation in Lodge work, and we are inclined to believe the Craft will benefit by such inactivity.

Another piece of advice we have been asked to advance is that more "stage management" should be enforced by the Lodges and Lodges of Instruction in working out the various ceremonies of the Order. We are inclined to favour this proposition. Any of our readers who have been privileged to attend meetings of our Lodges where the Military element predominates, must have been more or less struck with the

regularity and precision that prevails. The work is carried out without a hitch, and the impressiveness of the ritual is materially enhanced. What can be more unsatisfactory to the educated Mason than to see the work done in a loose and slovenly fashion; the Deacons quite unequal to their duties, and the entire proceedings losing their features of interest through want of adequate preparation on the part of those to whom has been entrusted the responsibility of conducting the business?

In concluding our remarks for to-day we would urge that the greatest caution should be displayed by the Worshipful Masters as to whom they may entrust with the control of any Lodge of Instruction that may apply for sanction to work under their warrant. When permission has been given we maintain the parent Lodge should exercise an efficient control over the conduct of those who have undertaken the responsibility. We know this is done in many cases, and with infinite advantage to all concerned. Where the Lodge of Instruction is kept well up to the mark, and the members of the parent Lodge display an interest in its well-doing, the result will soon make itself apparent, and we shall have less cause to complain of unsatisfactory displays in the working of the ceremonies.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

A MEETING of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at Crewe, on Saturday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of passing a resolution of sympathy with the Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Provincial Grand Master, in the sad bereavement he has sustained by the lamented death of Lady Egerton. Sir H. Lloyd Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided. Sir Horatio Lloyd said he had thought it right to issue the circular which had been read to the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. That day twelve months ago they had an especial Lodge, and he came from Tatton with Lord Egerton on a joyous occasion to carry a resolution of congratulation to the Duke of Clarence on his approaching marriage. When they left Tatton, Lady Egerton of Tatton, whose death they lamented that day, was in the best of spirits and the best of health, so far as they could judge. They knew how sadly that event in the Masonic career terminated, but he scarcely expected that they would on the anniversary of that day meet to condole with Lord Egerton on the loss he had so grievously sustained. In moving the resolution he thought it would be a subject of consolation to His Lordship to think that he was not forgotten in that extremity. The resolution set forth the regret and sympathy felt by the Masons of the Province at the death of Lady Egerton, and the sincere wish that he might be sustained and comforted in his severe affliction. Brother Thornburn P.G.S.W. seconded, and it was carried.

At the quarterly meeting of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145, at Colchester, on Thursday, 12th inst., Bro. H. J. Skingley J.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.G. Standard Bearer England, &c., was re-elected Treasurer.

Mr. Dampier Palmer, M.P. for Gravesend, has been proposed as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the initiation will take place at the next meeting of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, to be held on the 20th proximo.

The second annual ball of the St. Oswald's Lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Pontefract. There was a large and distinguished gathering of members of the Craft, including several from neighbouring Lodges. Music was supplied by Mr. Haydn Fisher's band, and the affair was in every respect a thorough success.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. D. T. TURNPENNY.

AT a private meeting for Masonic instruction, held on Friday, the 13th inst., at Lawrence Lane, Cheapside, E.C., the opportunity was taken of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Turnpenny W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, in recognition of the assistance he has rendered to many of his brethren, in their desire to secure a knowledge of the ritual and ceremonies. There were about a dozen brethren present, and Bro. Past Master Taylor, acting as their spokesman, and also speaking for a few others who were unable to attend, said he was deputed by the subscribers to the testimonial to tender their hearty thanks to Bro. Turnpenny for his liberality and great consideration in allowing the use of his offices for their weekly meetings for Masonic instruction. Those meetings had enabled the Officers of the Belgrave Lodge and others to improve themselves, and they had derived both pleasure and profit from the assemblies. They desired Bro. Turnpenny to accept a small token of their esteem, in the form of a silver snuff box, which he would find suitably inscribed, while they had further expressed their indebtedness on vellum, with the signatures of the subscribers attached, so that Bro. Turnpenny would be able to refer in future days to the actual expression of satisfaction of his friends, as evinced by their own handwriting. The subscribers one and all expressed the hope that Bro. Turnpenny would live for many years to take a pinch out of the box, and in so doing remember those who now desire to express their thanks for many happy hours spent together under his roof. Brother Taylor then handed the gifts to Brother Turnpenny, who was taken wholly by surprise, and for the moment was quite unable to find words to express his gratification. Having tendered his thanks he said that what he had done for Freemasonry and for its members was out of pure love for the work, and he never expected such kindness as had been shown him. He had always felt that the brethren who had been present at the meetings in that room were true friends in Freemasonry, and he was pleased to think that those who had done him the honour and favour of attending had not gone empty away, for in helping him in the ceremonies they had helped to perfect themselves, and had not only imparted knowledge but also gained some. He recognised that he had some good men and true about him and was delighted at being able to do a little to add to their Masonic enjoyment. He assured them he should ever use their handsome present with pleasurable feelings, and hoped the brethren who had thus honoured him would often meet together and help him pass the box around. The box bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Brother W. D. T. TURNPENNY
With all good wishes
and fraternal regards,
from a few old chums of No. 3.
January 1893.

The engrossed vellum was as follows, and bore the accompanying signatures:—

January 1893.

TO BROTHER W. D. T. TURNPENNY W.M.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We the undersigned have much pleasure in presenting you with the accompanying snuff box as a token of our great regard and esteem. Trusting you may live many years to enjoy a pinch from the same.

With our united fraternal good wishes, we subscribe ourselves,
Your Brothers and Old Chums of No. 3,

T. S. TAYLOR	HY. HEXTER
JAS. H. BRAND	C. DORESA
R. W. BENNS	S. G. SOUTHCOMBE
AUGUSTUS F. LEECH	FRED KEDGE
S. E. WILLIAMS	A. RUSSELL
A. J. HEXTER	H. MOSS.
HENRY LULMAN	

After these proceedings the W.D.T.T. Masonic Benevolent Association was formally inaugurated, a large number of shares in this, the latest of the useful adjuncts to the Institutions, being taken up. Bro. C. Dorese (1 Clyde Street, Redcliffe Gardens, S.W.) is acting as Secretary to this Association, and he will be pleased to give any information desired in regard to it.

The Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday night, at Freemasons' Hall. The attendance was not so large as usual. Brother James Brett presided, and was supported by Bros. Cottebrune and S. V. Abraham as Vice-Presidents. The list of petitioners was a comparatively light one, there being only twenty-one cases on it. Nineteen of these were relieved. The recommendations and grants were of £40, £30, £20, £15, and £10. There were eight of the first sum, seven of the second, two of the third, and one each of the fourth and fifth,—a total of £595.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The article on the above subject in your last issue is one that must appeal most forcibly to all right-minded Masons, as there can be but little doubt the interest taken in the Lodge is materially enhanced by the lessons learned in Lodges of Instruction. When a brother knows how the various ceremonies should be conducted, he naturally follows the working of the W.M. with greater attention, and thus gradually prepares himself for those duties to which every true Mason aspires. I see no just cause why refreshments should be prescribed at Instruction Lodges; on the contrary, I consider it forms an important factor in promoting harmonious working, and no brother, however zealous for the cause, need fear that the ceremonies are less revered in consequence. Of course an intelligent Preceptor—one who can be both courteous in address and firm in principle—is of the utmost importance; and here I maintain the duty of the Past Master comes in. We frequently hear that when a man "has passed through the chair" he considers himself relegated to the fossils of the Lodge. If that be so he only has himself to blame, for there is plenty for a Past Master to do should he desire to make himself useful. I might considerably enlarge on this topic, but refrain in consideration of your space. You ask for a remedy. Here is one that could not fail to remove the evil if honestly carried out. Let every W.M. resolutely refuse to appoint any brother as an Officer unless he has good ground for believing that he is properly qualified for the duties. I am aware that such a course would need the exercise of considerable moral courage, and might subject the Master to some unpopularity among the unthinking; but it would have a beneficial effect upon the brethren, who would be incited to make themselves competent by attending Lodges of Instruction.

Yours fraternally,

London, 18th January 1893.

W.M.

Bro. Dr. Chas. Forshaw, LL.D., having sent a copy of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to the Prince of Wales, containing his Sonnet "In Memoriam," has received the following reply:—

Sandringham, Norfolk.

General Sir Dighton Probyn presents his compliments to Dr. Chas. Forshaw, and writes to acknowledge the receipt of his letter of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which, as requested, he (Sir Dighton Probyn) will not fail to lay before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

17th January 1893.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. C. E. Keyser G.J.D., Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. E. Letchworth G. Sec., James Brett P.G.P., Henry Mason, John Barnett, Isaac Dixon, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, A. Mullord, R. Griggs, J. Newton, W. H. Hubbert, T. B. Purchas P.G.A.D.C., C. Kempton, A. Durrant, E. Terry P.G. Treasurer, S. V. Abraham P.G.P., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Hugh Cotter, E. M. Money, C. H. Webb, J. P. Fitzgerald, V. F. S. d'Archy Brennan, W. Belchamber, J. Harrison, Alfred Moore, John Laskin, Hugh H. Hobbs, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of three male and three widow annuitants, of one widow half annuitant, who was a candidate, and of one male and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, as well as that of the Finance Committee. The applications of two widows of lately deceased annuitants for half their late husband's annuities were granted. The Committee then dealt with the petitions of 10 men—including the one deferred from the December meeting—and 7 widows, with the result that all the former, with five of the latter were accepted, and their names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next, while those of the two remaining widows were deferred for further information. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 33.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295, 1214,
2417 (E.C.), 761 (S.C.)

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LET US BE "TRUE AND TRUSTY!"

Now we have crossed the threshold of the year
We pause to think of days that were before;
Whether of gladness they hold bounteous store,
Or if they be tinged with sorrow's dismal tear.
'Tis well we see not all that will appear;
'Tis good we are not prophets, as of yore,
Who could, by God's most mystic learned love,
Foretell who soon would lay on Death's grim bier.
Let us be ready for whatever befall—
Our days are mostly hewn by our own hands;
Our Architect will never hear us call
For Him to take us to those Batter Lands,
When earthly life is ended, but He'll heed;
Let us be "True and Trusty," then we're saved indeed.

Winder House, Bradford,
18th January 1893.

NEVER SLIGHT A HAILING BROTHER.

By BRO. ROB MORRIS.

Never slight a hailing Brother—
Be it *Blue* or *Grey* he wear;
Never ask his creed or country
So he's faithful to the Square;
Only know he's true and faithful
To the solemn vow he swore
And then a generous hand extend him.
As in peaceful days of yore.
Sad the strife, and fearful, Brother,
Almost hopeless seems the end;
Some have felt its utmost horror,
In the loss of home and friend;
Yet the fire and shot have left us
Even stronger than we were—
And oh! this day Freemasons conquer,
Faithful, faithful to the Square.
When sweet peace shall bless us, Brother,
And the fire and shot have ceased,
Then we'll strive not to remember
All the cruel things that passed;
But there's one thing we'll forget not,
While a memory we bear;
It is the sacred tie so cherished
By the Brothers of the square.

—Keystone.

MASONIC BALLS.

ON the 13th inst. this annual event took place at the Town Hall, Dewsbury, and was a brilliant success. The hon. Secretaries, Bro. Sam Shaw and Bro. Lewis Lee, assisted by a committee consisting of Bros. T. B. Fox P.M., W. D. Quarumby P.M., E. Leo P.M., J. L. Fox W.M., A. Harrison W.M., J. R. Vaux, T. L. Chadwick, Chaley Fox, J. Tweedale, H. Hill, directed the arrangements to the satisfaction of all. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, the music being supplied by Robinson's band, Cleckheaton. During the night supper was excellently served by Mrs. Bailey, of the Lodge, Long Causeway, in the Mayor's Reception Rooms, which were engaged for the occasion. Dancing was kept up with vigour until three o'clock in the morning.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., the annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at Doncaster Mansion House. The handsome suite of rooms was beautifully decorated. The gathering was under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, and by a special dispensation the brethren were permitted to wear their Masonic clothing. Bro. J. H. Pawson officiated as M.C. and Secretary, and was assisted by Bros. F. Webb, F. D. Walker, H. T. Bellerby, F. Rand, and W. S. Peacock. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, the band being supplied by Mr. S. Wilson. The card contained eighteen dances.

THE 44th annual ball of the Western Division of Lancashire in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on the 10th inst., in the Town Hall, Liverpool, and turned out to be a most brilliant gathering, and is likely to prove as successful financially as any of its predecessors. The guests, to the number of 700, were received by the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, and dancing was indulged in to the evident enjoyment of the vast company till the early hours of the morning. A large staff of Stewards, headed by Brother A. J. J. Bamford, looked after the general arrangements most efficiently, and Brother John Edwards proved an able and energetic Secretary, while Brother E. Collier Jones again worthily filled the office of Treasurer.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ETON LODGE, No. 2458.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Christopher Hotel, Eton, a Lodge was consecrated, to be known as the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Buckinghamshire and Past Grand Chaplain of England, assisted by Bro. J. E. Bowen Provincial Grand Secretary for Bucks as S.W., and Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott Grand Deacon of England as J.W., and Bro. Chapman W.M. of the Runnymede Lodge as I.G., in the presence of the founders and several distinguished Freemasons. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., when the ceremony was performed in a most efficient and impressive manner, after which Bro. Brownrigg installed Bro. Samuel Osborn as first Master of the Lodge, Bro. Ernest Flower as S.W., and Bro. Alfred Skinner as J.W. The W.M., in thanking the consecrating Officers for their kind services, in the name of the founders presented each with a very handsome founder's jewel, and elected them honorary members of the Lodge. At 5 p.m. the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Page, host of the Christopher Hotel, had prepared a splendid menu, after which the usual toasts were given, the consecrating Officer impressing upon the W.M. and brethren the necessity of being careful that no one should be admitted a member of their Lodge whom they could not entertain in their own homes, by so doing they would ensure a pledge of that brotherhood which should at all times characterise Freemasons, and as the Lodge was starting under such favourable auspices, the aim of the brethren should be to maintain and improve their position. The W.M., in thanking the Officers for their kind assistance, said it would be his aim, and he was sure he might speak for the founders, to make their Lodge a credit to Freemasonry. Several other toasts were given, which were followed by some excellent songs and recitations from the brethren present. Bro. Ruffell, Organist of Kingston Parish Church, who the W.M. has appointed Organist of the Lodge, had charge of the musical arrangements and presided at the piano. The brethren returned to London, by the 8.35 train from Windsor, in the saloon carriage the South Western Railway had provided for them for the day. Thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable day, all wishing that the motto of Eton may be applied to their Lodge, viz.:—"Floriat Etona." Long live the Eton Lodge. The following are the Founders and Officers:—Bros. Samuel Osborn W.M., Ernest Flower S.W., Alfred Skinner J.W., W. B. Fendick I.P.M., R. P. J. Laundry Treasurer, Alfred H. Bevan S.D., W. H. Hanham J.D., James Corp A.D.C., R. Dixon Smith I.G., Edward Everard Assistant Steward, Frank Perkins, H. R. S. Pullman, G. C. Lever, H. W. Chowles, C. Capel Smith Steward, J. S. Ruffell Organist, Herbert Squier, W. H. Faircloth, E. L. Berry, and Hill Smith.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THE installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Routhy's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Brother Warren W.M. presided. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W., Gover P.P.G.S., Lord P.P.G.T., Jew P.P.G.T., Twose P.P.G.T., Aitken-Davies P.P.G.S. of Works, Roseveare, Littleton P.P.G.J.D., Cooper P.P.G.J.D., Pike P.P.G.O., Pitcher P.P.G.P., Dyke P.P.G.O. Cornwall, Hicks 70, Court 223, Penberthy, Harris 230, Milford, Rook, Macey, Lose, Nicholson 1847, Leonard, Allsford, Carter 202, Sweet 1212, Rendle P.P.G.S.B., Parker 156, Cameron 1205, Heathcote 108, Thomas 189. Bro. Lethbridge presented a photograph of himself to the W.M. on proposing his health in memory of their long career together in Lodge. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon presented the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge with a handsome clock bearing a record of Bro. Robert's services during his year of office. Bro. Lethbridge also presented a photo of himself to the Secretary, Bro. Radmore, as a mark of his esteem and friendship for many years. During the toasts Bros. Roseveare, White, Williams, Leonard, Twose, Penberthy, and other brethren sang songs and gave recitations.

BELGRAVE LODGE, No. 749.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. W. D. T. Turnpenny the Worshipful Master. The chief business of the day was the admission of Mr. E. H. Pearce and Mr. R. Harman as initiates, the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner by the Master, who appeared to make a great impression on the new members. The company present included Bros. J. H. Brand S.W., Frederick Kedge J.W., Henry Garrod P.M. P.G.P. Secretary; Augustus F. Leech, T. Weeks, J. Coltart, W. C. Hall, G. S. Elliott, and E. A. Austin Past Masters; R. W. Beuns S.D., C. Doresa J.D., J. W. Hobbs P.M. Dir. of Cers., T. E. Williams I.G., A. J. Hexter, H. Hexter, G. Richter, C. H. Crabb, A. Rathbone, F. Calvert, J. G. Southcombe, Henry Cole, W. Kedge, G. Geogan, H. A. Turnbull, H. E. Pearce, R. Harman, W. Elliott, and the following visitors:—Bros. T. A. Taylor P.M., D. McNish I.G. 1962, E. Rutherford, A. J. Lane 704, G. F. Smith P.M. 15, W. W. Morgan jun. 177, A. Russell 749. At the conclusion of the day's business the brethren sat down to banquet together, after which the customary toasts were honoured. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Austin) proposed the toast of the Master, complimenting him on his work, and feeling assured the Lodge would progress under his direction. He was one who could be relied on to do all that lay in his power during his term of office, having the interest of the Lodge thoroughly at

heart. In reply, Bro. Turnpenny tendered his thanks. It was a very pleasurable duty to him to have the opportunity of proving his regard for Freemasonry in general, and the Belgrave Lodge in particular. He felt if the members would work shoulder to shoulder together they would place the Lodge in as prosperous a position as ever it occupied. He next proposed the toast of the Initiates, a toast they were always pleased to honour in their Lodge, and the two newly-admitted members suitably responded. With the toast of the Past Masters was coupled the names of Bro. Coltart and Bro. Hobbs, the former of whom referred to his admission into the Lodge, twenty-seven years back, and hoped the initiates of that day would have as pleasurable an experience in the Lodge as they had had. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Morgan and Berry, and after their acknowledgments the toast of the Charities was honoured, reference being made to the Stewardship undertaken by the Master on behalf of the Boys' School, and in connection with which we understand a substantial amount has already been subscribed. The remaining toasts included the Officers of the Lodge and the Musical Brethren, to whose efforts, said the Master, was due much of the success of the gathering, this particularly being the case with regard to Professor H. Leipold and Professor Smith, both of the Guildhall School of Music, the latter officiating both in Lodge and at the festive board.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE annual ball promoted by the Officers and brethren of this Lodge in aid of the Masonic Charities was held on Tuesday night, the 10th inst., in the Mechanics' Hall, Otley. There was a numerous and fashionable attendance, and the members of the Craft appeared in Masonic regalia. Under the able management of Bro. A. Walker P.M. P.G.S.D., the hall was elaborately decorated. The introduction of a series of shadow dances was a most enjoyable feature, and the ball throughout was a grand success. Bro. W. E. Turner discharged the duties of M.C., and Mr. H. Fall's band supplied the music. Close upon 200 guests were present.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THIS Lodge held its installation banquet on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when about seventy members and visitors were present. Bro. Davis W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers. Among those present were Bros. Heath P.P.G.R., Pearce P.G. Pursuivant, Tresise P.G. Steward; P.M.'s Black, Wood, Jeffery, Stephens; Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W. and Chaplain, Crosley and Allingham 954, Doney and Netting 1071, Stanton 893, Vanstone 1099, Leonard 1212, Wilton S.W. and Condy J.W. 893, Meadows S.W. and Rawling J.W. 1071. The usual toasts were given. Bros. Heath and Pearce replied for the Earl of Mount Edgumbe and the Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall, and the Rev. Dr. Lemon for Viscount Ebrington and the Provincial Grand Officers of Devon. The Treasurer, in replying to the toast of his health, reported that there was a substantial balance in hand. A pleasant musical programme was gone through by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Tresise, Black, Netting, Greet, Simonds, Wright, Clements, Rawlings, Horrocks, and Williams.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THIS Lodge, held its annual meeting on the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when Bro. G. Gurney W.M. elect was installed. Bros. J. R. Lord, W. H. Mayne, H. Barter, and P. G. L. Pearce, were the installing Officers. The Officers invested were:—Bros. A. Parkhouse I.P.M., H. T. C. Tucker S.W., S. A. Maitland J.W., J. Kinton Bond Chaplain, J. R. Lord Treasurer, P. G. L. Pearce Secretary, J. Bishop S.D., F. A. James J.D., A. Moore D.C. J. Buchan A.D.C., W. Willoughby Organist, C. H. F. Menhinick I.G., A. H. Mouniford, C. J. Park, J. Brooks, and Captain T. Reynolds Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler. A life governor's certificate of the Devon Educational Fund was presented to Brother A. Parkhouse I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters at the installation included:—Bros. J. Kinton Bond, B. R. P. Elliott, R. A. Penrose, A. J. Rider, T. R. E. Olver, W. H. Hamblyn, and T. S. Eyre 1247; N. R. Hammett P.P.G.P., J. O. Allington, H. Rogers, J. Gidley, W. H. Williams, S. J. Page, J. Parkhouse P.P.G.J.D., W. Thomas, P. B. Clemens P.P.G.O., and T. W. Soper.

GOOCH LODGE, No. 1295.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Old Swindon, on Friday, the 13th inst., was invested with more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master for Wilts., Bro. the Earl of Radnor. The occasions on which the Provincial Grand Master of the district has visited Lodges under similar circumstances have in the past been few and far between, and there was an unusually large gathering of visiting brethren, almost every Lodge in the Province being represented. The W.M. elect was Bro. A. E. Whity, who was installed by the Earl of Radnor; and afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. P. Goddard S.W., J. G. Toomer J.W., J. Chandler P.M. Treasurer, G. M. Butterworth Secretary, E. H. Pritchett S.D., F. G. Wride J.D., J. A. Y. Matthews I.G., E. Bishop Dir. of Cers. What was in many respects the most interesting feature of the meeting then took place, Bro. John Chandler being made the recipient of a very gratifying token of the friendly feeling entertained towards him by his fellow Masons. It is worthy of note that Brother

Chandler has been a member of the Lodge for nearly 40 years, for 25 of which he has occupied the important position of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. It may be stated that he was initiated by the late Sir (then Mr.) Daniel Gooch, whose brother, Bro. William Gooch, is still a member of the Lodge. The testimonial took the form of a beautifully illuminated address, profusely decorated with the emblems and symbols of the Order, and a set of handsome silver epergnes in a massive oak case. The text of the address was as follows:—

PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE.

To Bro. and Ex. Comp. John Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.P.G.H. Prov. G. Dir. Cers. Wilts P.M. 355 P.Z. 355, &c., &c.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER AND EX. COMP.,—We, the Ancient Free and Accepted and also Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Wilts, desire to express to you our high appreciation of your admirable and lengthened services in various offices in both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and particularly as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, for upwards of a quarter of a century.

We would especially record your readiness at all times to undertake any ceremony either in Lodge or Chapter, where aid was needed, which has much conduced to helping and strengthening young Masonic Institutions in Wiltshire.

We tender you our best acknowledgments and hearty good wishes, and request your acceptance of the accompanying silver epergnes as a sincere mark of our appreciation of your unflagging interest in Freemasonry in all its branches and of our regard and esteem for yourself personally.

Whilst recognising that you have passed the allotted space of man's life we pray the Great Architect of the Universe that He may be pleased to spare you to continue your good work amongst us. We also pray that He may shed around you His beneficent and glorious light, and guide you in peace and happiness through the rest of your pilgrimage, and at last place you as a living stone in His House, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

RADNOR P.G.M.,
Grand Superintendent Wilts, on behalf of the Province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE:—

F. W. MACDONALD P.G.S.W.
F. H. GOLDNEY P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.S.W. Prov. G. Treas.
JAMES SPARKS P.G.J.W.
HARRY BEVIR Prov. G. Sec.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER:—

M. E. POWNING Prov. G. H.
H. C. TOMBS P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.H. Prov. G.S.E.
HARRY BEVIR Prov. G.J.
GEO. LL. PALMER Prov. G. Treas.

Swindon, 6th January 1893.

The largest of the epergnes, which had three branches, bore the following inscription, engraved round the base:—

Presented to
W. Bro. JOHN CHANDLER P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G.H. and Provincial Grand
Director of Ceremonies of Wilts,
by the Freemasons of the Province of Wiltshire.
6th January 1893.

The presentation was made in enlogistic terms by Lord Radnor, who referred especially to Bro. Chandler's services to Freemasonry, and spoke of the general esteem in which he was held. Bro. Chandler feelingly acknowledged the gift, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. A banquet subsequently took place at the Goddard Arms Hotel, and was largely attended.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Charles Tweedy was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. C. Backhouse, in the presence of a very large attendance of Past Masters and brethren. The newly-appointed W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James Ward I.P.M., Naylor S.W., Charlton J.W. and Treasurer, T. Russell P.M. Secretary, N. Russell S.D., Warstell J.D., Broderick I.G., Robinson Dir. of Cers., Clarkson Organist, Palliser Charity Representative, Hourici and Atlay Stewards, Wilkinson O.G. for the twenty-first time. The newly-elected Master presented an American organ to the Lodge. Afterwards the annual banquet was held. A presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made by Bro. Robinson to Bro. Ward I.P.M.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John, in connection with this Lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, on Friday, 6th inst., Bro. W. Dyson Fryer W.M. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was shortly afterwards formed, Bro. Jas. Laidlaw P.M. P.P.G.J.D. assuming the Senior Warden's chair, Bro. Councillor John Bradshaw P.M. occupying that of Junior Warden. Bro. John G. Bromley P.M. presented Bro. Cyril H. Beever W.M. elect to the Installing Master (Bro. Fryer) to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Then followed a treat which will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Bro. Fryer, who had only recently left a bed of sickness, in an impressively subdued and essentially characteristic manner, performed the ceremony of installation. To say that his auditors were spell-bound would not adequately express the intense eagerness with which each word—well-weighed before being uttered—was listened to. The sombre draperies, the clean, airy, and commodious room, the fine furniture and belongings of the Lodge (admirable in every detail), the hanging charters, portraits, and decorations, which lent a mural charm around, the tasteful dresses of the very numerous brethren, Provincial and Craft, all in perfect harmony and in accordance with the esoteric surroundings, these tended to create a delightfully bewildering and profound scene which will not easily be forgotten. When the period arrived for the newly-elected Worshipful Master to present his I.P.M. (Brother Fryer) with a Past Master's jewel, and to express on behalf of the brethren the high appreciation of the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M., both in and out of Lodge, the enthusiasm which the act evoked was unbounded. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Fryer on his busy and successful year of office, during which the number of members had considerably increased. He stated that a sum of £160 had also been raised for the Masonic Charities, whilst the comfort of the Lodge had been consulted by removing into more commodious and comfortable quarters. Bro. Fryer responded, as follows:—"I desire to thank you, and I do so from the bottom of my heart, for your kindness in presenting me with this jewel as a mark of your appreciation of my humble services during my official year. When I entered upon the duties of office my natural diffidence in some degree impeded me, for I hold a very high standard as to the services required at the Architect Lodge. Your cordiality and fraternal kindness, however, soon excited my enthusiasm, and instead of finding my labours perplexing, I have, on the other hand, proved them to be a pleasure, and I deem it an honour to preside at our meetings. Brethren, I repeat the expression of my gratitude for your conference on me of this emblem, which marks your approval of my conduct. I shall wear it with pride, and whenever I look upon it vivid recollections of your kindly faces will arise, and cause me to seek your hospitable companionship as frequently as possible." Bro. Beever W.M. performed the duty of investiture, and Bro. W. T. Hesketh P.M. D. of C. addressed the Officers, in aptly chosen and appropriate language. Bro. Bradshaw delivered the address to the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Hy. Nall P.M. called the attention of the brethren generally to the value of contentment. The following is a list of the Officers appointed, viz.:—Bros. W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., James Morrison jun. S.W., Alfred Pickford jun. J.W., Henry Nall P.M. Treasurer, John G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Thos. A. Holland S.D., Charles Rawle J.D., W. Thomas Hesketh P.M. Director of Ceremonies, William C. Flint Inner Guard, William Moulton Organist, Jas. A. Carse, Lewis Kirkham, A. Redlearn, A. W. Bennett, I. R. E. Birkett, and E. M. Beebe Stewards, John Bradshaw P.M. Charity Representative. A proposition was made by Bro. Fryer, which received an immediate seconder in Bro. Nall, and was passed unanimously, that a donation of twenty guineas—which amount constitutes the Lodge a Vice-President—be made to the West Lancashire Educational Institution. The usual banquet followed, and it would be unfair if the writer did not utter a few words commendatory of the admirable manner in which it was served by the stewardess of the hall (Mrs. Langford). There was a copious supply of viands, every detail was perfect, the dishes were served quickly and hot, while the waitresses were affable and courteous. Loyal and Masonic toasts were introduced by the W.M. in their accredited order. Bro. Beever was especially felicitous in his allusions to the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, and his alliterative and humorous reference to the Duke of York, wherein he expressed a hope,—which he felt would be shared by all brethren present,—that when the merry month of May arrives he "may marry May," deserves mention. The toast of the Provincial Officers was responded to by Bros. Laidlaw, Lambert, Newton, and Thomas. Bro. Lambert stated that he was commissioned by Bro. Goodacre Provincial Grand Secretary (who had left at an early hour), to express his gratification at the admirable manner in which Bro. Fryer had installed his successor: nothing he had ever seen having surpassed it. Bro. Fryer might indeed highly prize an *éloge* like this, coming as it did from such an exalted quarter. Bro. Lambert also adverted to a pleasing custom in connection with the Architect Lodge, viz., that after payment of Grand Lodge dues, all the initiation money was devoted to Charity. Bro. Newton said that he came from the town which had given birth to a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor. Next year Bro. Mellor will attain his jubilee in Masonry, and in honour of this circumstance, his co-worker, Bro. Col. Nicholas Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master, has appointed Ashton as the place whereat Provincial Grand Lodge will meet, and he expected that the requisite honour would be paid to him by brethren of his Province. Bro. Thomas said that the Architect Lodge had in Bro. Beever elected one of the most estimable of men into the chair of K.S. He spoke of his own connection with the Minnehaha Lodge, and said that Brother Beever was a co-founder, and occupied at the present time an office of importance therein. Though unostentatious in every degree, Bro. Beever had proved himself to be a Deacon *par excellence*. The next toast was that of the Worshipful Master, introduced by Bro. Fryer, who said that he undertook the duty with great alacrity. As loyal and true-hearted Englishmen and Masons, it behoves us to put the right man in the right place, and the requisites are manifold. Our choice must be one skilled in the noble science; he must be large-hearted, clear-sighted, and loveable; his character must be unspotted; his life irreproachable. He must be courteous, hospitable, and energetic. Brethren, we have the embodiment of all these qualities in Bro. Beever our W.M., whose career in Masonry has been phenomenal, whose popularity is indisputable. It is therefore with the greatest pleasure that I propose his health. I hope that you will do full justice to this toast, and drink it with all the enthusiasm that our Architect Lodge can exhibit. The Worshipful Master, in responding said:—"To be W.M.

of the Architect Lodge is an honour which is only equalled by its responsibility. This evening we complete our 21st year. Hitherto you have only been boys, I am your first man, in fact I am the Adam of the Lodge. Its present flourishing condition must be very gratifying to its architects and builders, I mean the Past Masters. I wish to mention one matter which I think is of great importance. The brethren of East and West Lancashire have been especially raged by their respective Provincial Grand Masters to exercise caution in proposing candidates for Freemasonry, and *a propos* of this subject, I cannot do better than quote the words of the late Dr. Oliver, who was in his time a great authority on Masonry. He writes:—"Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation; one false step may be fatal. If you introduce a disreputable person, confusion will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of your Lodge. If you have a good Lodge, keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial. Brother Beaver exhorted the brethren to treasure these words, remarking that they were wise and weighty, and ought to be pasted in every Mason's hat, and printed on every Lodge summons. I am well aware, he continued, that this caution is not needed in the case of the Architect Lodge, but I think it is my duty as your W.M. to mention the matter, for undoubtedly the wholesale manufacture of Masons would bring the Craft into disrepute. He thanked Bros. Nell and John Tiller Past Masters, his proposer and seconder, and said that he had never regretted joining the Architect Lodge. He anticipated plenty of work during his year of Mastership, for he possessed a splendid set of Officers who were all anxious to be put through their paces. Brother Beaver concluded a very admirable speech by hoping that the brethren might continue to practise charity, maintain harmony, and endeavour to live in unity and love. The toast which followed was that of the I.P.M., proposed by Bro. Beaver. He said they had had a most excellent W.M. during the past year, and the brethren must have admired the plucky manner in which Bro. Fryer, in spite of illness, had attended to his duties. He trusted that he was now thoroughly restored to health, and that he might for many a long day be a stranger to sickness. Continuing, he said:—Your Mastership will be a landmark in the history of our Lodge, by reason of the removal, which was effected from Withington to these very commodious premises. It is not pleasant to break with old associations, but I think it was a wise step to remove to Chorlton, and our thanks are due to you and to those brethren who took so much trouble in arranging the matter. Bro. Fryer, you and I are bachelors; most of our predecessors, and to all appearances, most of our successors have been, and will be married brethren, in fact we may flatter ourselves that we form a sort of oasis in a desert of matrimony. Some fit and serious brother may remark that an oasis is green, but I do not think there is much green about us. We are blue, true blue, and I dare say we cherish the hope that in the sweet by and bye, towards the sunset of life, the blue may deepen into purple. But let me warn you that we may possibly have a picnic this year, and picnics are dangerous to bachelors. Once more let me congratulate you, Bro. Fryer, upon the completion of a very successful year of office, and compliment you for the tact and discretion which you have shown in conducting the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Fryer, in a brief response, reverted to the removal of the Lodge, saying that it was a step in the right direction to have left Withington for Chorlton, where they now had the use of rooms built expressly for Masonic purposes. He was glad that they had not forgotten the Charities, and in subscribing £120 had generously thought of the old folks. In proposing the toast of the Visiting Brethren, the W.M. said visitors may always be sure of a hearty greeting from the brethren of the Architect Lodge. Man is a sociable animal, and likes to meet his friends, and visitors are both useful and ornamental. They look well in their full war paint, and their presence in a Lodge is useful as a reminder to the Officers that their work is being criticised, and they are therefore put on their mettle. In conclusion Bro. Beaver said, and the pleasant way in which he spoke divested his remarks of any tinge of sarcasm, we like to be told at our social board that our work in Lodge is the best the visitors have ever seen, and we also like to hear them invite us *en bloc* to their next Lodge meetings. Other toasts followed, which received suitable rejoinders. That of the Masonic Charities was responded to by the Autous of the Lodge (Bro. Nell), who made a powerful speech on behalf of the indigent poor, ending with a summation of the various amounts allocated to each Institution. With regard to the Architect Lodge, he said that in 1891 they had contributed about £150, of which amount £130 had gone to the Boys' School, and in 1892 another £150 had been contributed, £120 of which went to the Benevolent Institution for Old Folks. He further said that in each year the balance had been sent to the local Charities. The proceedings were pleasantly diversified by songs, recitations, &c., from the following:—Bros. John Studd P.M., Thomas Shorrocks P.M., W. T. Hesketh Past Master, Henry Hall P.M., Fred Hilton P.M., M. Thomas P.M., C. Harrop, and O. Rushton. The brethren present in Lodge and at the banquet were as follows:—Cyril H. Beaver W.M., W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., James Morrison S.W., A. Pickford J.W., Henry Nall P.M. Treasurer, John G. Bromley P.M. Secretary, Thomas A. Holland S.D., Charles Rawle J.D., W. T. Hesketh P.M. D. of C., William C. Flint I.G., William Moulton Organist, James A. Carse, L. R. Kirkham, A. Redfearn, A. W. Bennett, L. R. E. Birkett and E. M. Beebee Stewards, James Laidlaw P.M. P.P.G.D., William Rushton, John M. Crone, Duobair Murray P.M., Hugh W. Bloomer, R. Kaster, Sam. Tiller, R. T. Dawson, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors.—W. Goodacre P.M. P.G.S.D. Provincial Grand Secretary, John Studd P.M. 163 P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire, James John Lambert P.M. 1387 P.P.G.R., Walter Newton P.M. 268 1322 J.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire 830, M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. East Lancashire 2363, Fred Hilton I.P.M. 1453, James Hertz Dalglish P.M. Sec. 1147, J. Rundt Wayshaw P.M. 2091, Thomas Shorrocks P.M. 204, W. E. Dawson P.M. 633, James W. Berra W.M. 2109, F. S. Bedford W.M. 1387, Fred Stretch W.M. 2359, F. Batty W.M. 2231 and 2076,

Joel Mitchell W.M. 300, F. W. Wollaston W.M. 2363, Charles J. Bygrave W.M. 2091, William W. D. Firth 633, W. Brabner S.W. 2363, Percy E. Land J.W. 1496, John R. R. Jeffery S.D. 1149, William Martin 3, Scoon 3, Perth 3, Thomas Ferneley Organist 1887, Thos. B. Grimshaw 1140, J. Ingham 287, Henry Cooper 1387, Thomas Griffiths P.M. 615, C. Harrop 2363.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE first meeting under the presidency of Brother James Archdale W.M. was held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on Saturday, 7th January, and the Worshipful Master could point with pride to the variety of work which his circular announced. A quartette of Masonic ceremonies, which comprised two initiations, a passing, and a raising, was a good beginning, and necessarily the Lodge was opened at the early hour of 2.45 p.m., Bro. Archdale occupying the principal chair, Bro. Thomas Hy. Hall P.M. that of S.W., and Bro. E. M. Shepherd that of J.W. There were also present Bros. Fred Hilton I.P.M., Buckley Carr P.M. Sec., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Dir. of Cers., W. H. Worsley S.D., James Hyde Tyler; Past Masters J. H. Needham, G. H. Needle, and Jas. Wadsworth; Bros. John J. Dean, Ralph Welsh, Edwin Parkin, Geo. Thomas Lee, Leop. Hirsch, G. Humphreys, Thos. Wood W.M. 1345, Thos. P. Cooper, Gaskill Hogg; Visitors—Bros. William Drabble W.M. 1459, H. Fitzsimmons I.G. 1018, A. Stanley 204, W. H. Browne 1131, and Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). As showing the interest which some brethren evince in the welfare of their Lodge, it is worthy of record that Bro. Leop. Hirsch had absolutely travelled from Hamburg to be present at the ceremonies. The proceedings were commenced by the singing of a hymn by the brethren, after which the minutes of the annual meeting were presented for confirmation, and the ceremony of initiating Mr. Arthur Leech performed, the whole of it, down to the presentation of the working tools, being undertaken by the W.M., and for a first attempt in this direction I am bound to admit (says our Manchester representative) that it was an extremely creditable achievement. The second ceremony, that of initiating Mr. Sydney Ralph Muller, was accomplished by Bro. Alfred Hebden, and was first taken down to the point where Bro. Archdale had discontinued, so as to give Bro. Leech an opportunity of being re-admitted into the Lodge for the purpose of having presented to him, in conjunction with Bro. Muller, the working tools of an E.A., and also of hearing an admirable rendition of the ancient charge. Bro. Hebden now put the usual questions to Bro. Ralph Welsh, and the latter brother having proved his competence by the manner in which he answered the interrogatories, retired for the necessary preparation, and upon being re-admitted, was passed into the degree of a F.C. by Brother Hall, who in the meantime had assumed the principal chair. This ceremony over, Bro. Hull in turn questioned Bro. G. Harry Bishop, who had expressed his willingness to make a further advance into Masonic knowledge, and his answers being satisfactory he was sent to the Tyler for preparation, being afterwards raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Brother Buckley Carr P.M. The ceremony over, Bro. Archdale W.M. resumed the chair, various communications were read and commented upon, hearty good wishes were expressed by visiting brethren, the name of a new candidate (that of Mr. Sydney Drew) was submitted by Bro. Worsley S.D., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony, so as to enable the brethren to adjourn to a *récherché* *ter* provided by that prince of caterers Bro. Tom Wood, which had been in anticipatory progress for some length of time. At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were introduced. Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, saying he was honoured by being included in the toast of the Provincial Officers. At the present time he stood alone in that position, but hoped that the day was not far distant when he might have comrades from the Truth Lodge as Provincial Officers. Brother Worsley proposed the toast of the newly initiated brethren, reminding them of the beautiful language which they had heard, and enumerating some of the excellent precepts which had that day been laid down for their future guidance. He suggested to them that every Mason ought to cherish the golden ambition of working up so as to occupy the chair of K.S., to which remarks Bros. Leech and Muller replied. The W.M. proposed the toast of the newly passed brother, while Bro. Hebden complimented the newly raised brother upon the attention which he had given to the various ceremonies during his progress through them, thus giving proof of the manner in which he intended to conduct himself; he would undoubtedly make a good man and a good Mason. Bros. Welsh and Bishop were shortly afterwards afforded the opportunity of responding. Bro. Hilton, in proposing the toast of the W.M., conferred a very high compliment upon Bro. Archdale. He reverted to his recent election and installation, and said that the fact of his having performed his first ceremony so satisfactorily reflected great credit upon him, and was the best possible guarantee that he had carried out his promise to do his duty. To-night he had indeed fulfilled the highest expectations which had been formed of him, for which sentiments the Worshipful Master afterwards expressed his thanks. Bro. Archdale, in proposing the toast of the visiting brethren, said he considered it to be one of the most important toasts which was submitted at the festive board. He paid a very flattering tribute to the quality of his visitors, who had materially enhanced the pleasure of the evening by their vocal and ritative powers. In responding, Brothers Fitzsimmons, Stanley, and Browne were unanimous in praise of the working of the Lodge of Truth. Brother Edward Roberts said that, in the first instance, he must acquit himself of a duty which had been imposed upon him by Bro. Drabble, the Worshipful Master of the Ashbury Lodge, who had been compelled to leave at an early hour, to fulfil a prior engagement. Bro. Drabble had, however, requested him (Bro. Roberts) to give a very hearty invitation to the brethren of the Truth Lodge who were then

present, and to say that he should be happy to meet some of them as his guests. Bro. Roberts promised to be as brief as possible in his remarks, having resolved never to make long speeches where short ones would suffice. His presence at the Lodge of Truth that day was no doubt due to his connection with one of the Masonic organs, and probably it might be expected that in such a capacity, he ought to criticise their work. But let him assure his auditors that what they had just accomplished (and this was uttered without intending any fulsome compliment) was entirely beyond the pale of criticism,—it was absolutely perfect, and defied adverse comment. But what else could be expected from an army of Past Masters like Brothers Hebden, Hall, Carr, and Hilton? He (Bro. Roberts) had had the pleasure of being present at Bro. Hebden's installation. It was many years ago, and he remembered that on that occasion he had formed a most charming opinion of his abilities, which he had never had cause to alter, and which Bro. Hebden's subsequent attainments had fully justified. The Past Masters, and such active Past Masters as those sitting around him, were the backbone of a Lodge, and had always to be relied upon in times of emergency. No institution could flourish if its main supporters were to withdraw their sympathy and leave it, and the success of a Masonic Lodge was undoubtedly synchronized by the frequent attendance and interest manifested in it by the Past Masters. He expressed his thanks for their kind invitation, and also for the very cordial manner in which the toast of the visiting Brethren had been received. Other toasts followed, and in his response to one of them Bro. Worsley said that he was glad to hear the visitors speak so well of the working in the Truth Lodge. The members had made up their minds to do their best, to put their shoulders to the wheel, and make the year of the W.M. a very great success. During the evening, the following brethren were frequently called upon to render songs, recitations, &c., viz.:—Bros. Hilton, Cooper, Fitzsimmons, Carr, Bishop, Worsley, and E. Roberts.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

BROTHER Alfred de Botton W.M. may be congratulated upon having had to encounter, in the shape of an initiation and a passing, a heavy bill for his first meeting of the above Lodge, held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. He, however, prepared for a successful performance of the same by summoning his Officers to a meeting of instruction, which was held immediately preceding the Lodge meeting. Upon the commencement of Lodge business, and after the reading of the minutes of the annual meeting, Mr. Walter Marshall was balloted for and ultimately initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. George Board P.M., while Bro. Alexander Kirkwood, who had given proofs of his proficiency in a former degree, was passed into that of a F.C. by Bro. John Fisher I.P.M., both ceremonies being admirably performed. Bros. Mark Hart and S. Kramrich were also balloted for as joining members, the names of both brethren having proved acceptable to the members present. The lacuna between the Instruction and Lodge meetings was filled by a most excellent tea, provided in that popular manner for which the Hotel Company are justly noted in this part of the country, the remaining portion of the evening being spent in a festive manner. There were present Bros. Alfred de Botton W.M., John Fisher I.P.M., George Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., Leon Levy Secretary, Alfred Smith J.D., J. K. Heywood I.G., Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., S. Frankenstein P.M., E. Nathan P.M., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., A. Kirkwood, B. Steel, and Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. Richard Booth W.M. There were also present:—Bros. James Hayes J.W., Wm. Rostron Treasurer, W. J. Melling Secretary, J. W. Atkinson S.D., R. W. Atkinson J.D., W. Goodman I.G., Councillor Wm. Fitzgerald P.M., George E. Wund P.M., Wm. Hoyland P.M. D.C., John R. Farrer, Chas. Payne, Wm. Hyde, James Lowe, George Fox, T. C. Lilley; Visitors:—Bros. C. Swainson J.W. 361, John S. Law I.P.M. 1357 2363, W. H. Harrell Secretary 2341, and Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the name of Mr. Wm. Hy. Dando was successfully submitted to the ballot, and that gentleman was duly initiated by Bro. Melling, the latter being assisted in the duty by Bro. J. W. Atkinson, who delivered the ancient charge to the candidate. Bro. J. Redman Farrer having intimated his desire to become a M.M., the necessary test was applied to him, which proving satisfactory, he was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Melling. It had been arranged that Bro. Hoyland should perform one of the ceremonies, but he was unable to do so on account of illness; the additional work therefore fell upon Bro. Melling, who unhesitatingly accepted the extra task and acquitted himself in his usual successful manner. When Bro. Booth came into office last March, he found a heavy deficit in front of him, but with a manfulness and self-abnegation which did him infinite credit, he resolved even at the risk of losing his popularity amongst his brethren to cut the Gordian knot by relinquishing refreshments, with the result (stated in our report of the last meeting) that the Lodge is now out of debt. On this occasion, therefore, the W.M. could cheerfully ask his Officers and brethren to accompany him to an excellent dinner, which had been prepared by the host, Bro. Geo. Fox. The remainder of the evening was passed in the orthodox Masonic manner, Bros. W. H. Harrell and E. Roberts contributing to the enjoyment by recitations of a humorous description.

ROYAL ARCH.

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KING EDWIN CHAPTER, No. 660.

ON Tuesday night, the 10th inst., the annual gathering of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, when the three Principals were duly installed, as follows:—Comps. A. W. Walker M.E.Z., R. G. Lucas H., the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman J. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. John Marshall. The M.E.Z. afterwards invested the Officers, as follow:—Comps. W. R. Metcalfe I.P.Z., W. J. Marshall S.E., T. M. Goldie S.N., A. W. Walker Treasurer, R. J. Smithson Principal Sojourner, S. Tinsley and F. W. W. Tunstall Assistant Sojourners, John Marshall Dir. of Cer., J. W. Marshall Organist, W. Stockdale Janitor.

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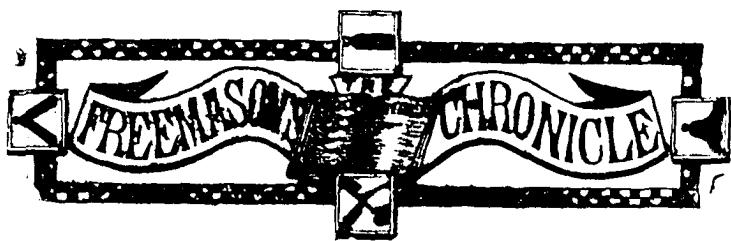
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HOW TO OVERCOME APATHY.

Light on Matters Appertaining to the Craft.—Meetings of Lodges must be made both Pleasant and Attractive to the Members. An Oration before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in California, October 1892, by Bro. Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Orator.

ONE of the duties of my office is to address you "on matters appertaining to the Craft." That is a very wide text; under it the origin, history, rise, progress, glories, advantages and beauties of Freemasonry have already been fully dilated upon. I will not attempt to throw light upon fields already swept by the brilliant search-lights of the master minds of those who have preceded me, but content myself with calling your attention to a few practical matters which have come under my observation during the many years I have been a member of the Order.

I have been frequently struck with the light attendance at Lodge meetings. Only on very rare and extraordinary occasions do a majority of the members meet at any session. As a general thing, from a seventh to a tenth of those on the roll put in an appearance, and often only just enough to open the Lodge. I have turned over in my mind many a time the question, "What is the cause of this, and what remedy, if any, is there for it?"

When, by the gracious pleasure of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I was installed in this office, I concluded to make an effort to answer the riddle. My first step was to get a consensus of the opinions of all the Masters in the State, and for that purpose I addressed them a circular inquiring the total membership of each Lodge; an estimate of the average attendance during the year; whether the attendance was increasing or decreasing; if increasing or decreasing, what was the cause; requesting each to give me what, in his opinion, would awaken renewed interest in the meetings and attract the members thereto. In reply I received a large number of very interesting letters. From them it appeared the average attendance in the country was much larger than in the city—running about one-third, though in numerous instances that attendance required the member to travel many miles, frequently at considerable expense, and often accompanied by the loss of a day's work.

Some correspondents attributed the falling off of attendance to the decrease in business in their locality and removal of members; others that business was so brisk there was no time to attend; others lack of interest, the reason for which they did not understand; others because the Officers were not up in their parts, and the manner in which they conferred the degrees was not in accordance with the ritual, or entertaining to the hearers; others lack of interest because the Officers of the Grand Lodge never visited their localities; others because the dues were too too high—they were kept at a standard ruling in the golden days, and in effect debarred membership, and also prevented members of Eastern Lodges, located here, from dimitting and joining in California; others because the principles of Masonry were not properly observed outside as well as inside the Lodge; others because other societies were more attractive—they had socials and parties and friendly gatherings, which we have not; by the rules of the Grand Lodge entertainments were practically prohibited—if any of the members of a Lodge desired to get up a little social, they had to put their hands in their own pockets for it, hence it became an unequal burthen on the members; the large majority were in favour of frequently having coffee and cakes and a nice spread; many thought there should be literary entertainments and

subjects of discussion to attract the members; a great many appreciated the fact that apathy was spreading over the Lodges, but the cause they could not tell and hoped I would solve it.

Some of my correspondents, I think, touched the keynote of the trouble. Our Order has been lauded in song and story; eloquent tongues have pictured its beauties and advantages; it has become a great factor in the world's moral existence; it has gradually spread over the earth and become a power in every land, until at last its greatness is dangerous to itself. When an Order becomes so large that it is universally recognised as one of great influence, immediately it attracts those who seek admittance, not to be guided by its precepts and teach its moral code, but mainly to use its supposed influence for their own selfish purposes and trade upon it for their own personal gains. Look around you, and I am confident you will be able to name many who, after they enter its folds, never study or practise the principles of the Order, but, on the contrary, violate them every week of their lives. Who is to blame for this? I answer: The Lodges bring it partially about by the loose way in which they admit members.

In the olden times it was a difficult thing to get into a Lodge. A man had to be long and favourably known to all the members before he could hope for an affirmative answer to his application. It was un-Masonic for any man to solicit his petition. His standing in the country, his moral character, his business, his family ties and social relations, had to be all known and thoroughly understood by every member before a vote was taken on his application. His appreciation of a moral and upright life, his belief that the teachings of the Order had a favourable effect upon some friend induced him to go and do likewise. He had to be an applicant of his own free will and accord; or, in other words, by the voluntary and unaided action of his own inclination. How is it now?

In many Lodges, when the finances run low, or when the Officers think they ought to excel their predecessors, by initiating more members than they did, or that frequent initiations will stir up an interest in the Lodge, petitions, from any quarter, are but lightly scanned, and almost sure of a favourable consideration. The members are asked to drum up candidates. They go out in the highways and byways, and persuade those of whom they know comparatively little to join. When successful, the petition is presented, and a committee appointed. Perhaps only one of that committee really acts, the others, relying upon his judgment, report favourably. The application comes to a ballot. Out of the many members how many personally know the stranger? How many know his family history? How many know how he stands in his trade or calling amongst those who are similarly engaged? How many know whether or not he belongs to any church, or what his religious proclivities are? How many know what his real moral character is? How many know whether he is married or single; if married, what kind of a husband or father is he? How many know whether he is a careful and prudent man, or an improvident, or reckless one? How many know whether they would like him for their daily associate and friend? How many know whether or not he is free from bodily or mental disease, or has within hereditary taints which will end in his lingering destruction, and make him in all probability a barthen on the Lodge? How many know whether or not he is a man they would like to introduce to their wife, or their sons, or their daughters, and have them look up to him as an example? Not one, perhaps, in that whole Lodge. And yet they stand ready to vote to make that stranger of whom they are so densely ignorant, what? To make him, next to a member's wife, mother or child, the most intimate companion and associate a man can have on earth. They stand ready to obligate themselves to receive and cherish him as a brother; to confide to, and trust him with the dearest secrets of life; to wait on him in sickness; to soothe him in sorrow, and help him in distress; to cherish, protect and defend his good name, and take care of his wife and family, should the Supreme Being call him away. They stand ready to obligate that stranger to do the same thing towards themselves and all the members of the Lodge, and yet, for aught they know, he is entirely ignorant as to who a large majority of the members are. In all probability there may be amongst them several with whom it would be impossible for him to keep up the relations his obligations will require. When he comes to be

initiated, not infrequently members say: "If I had known that was the man I would not have voted for him." Does an addition of that kind add to the strength of the Lodge? Does it add to the glory of Masonry? You must—I must—answer both questions in the negative. This practice, if pursued, will turn the bands, stronger than triple steel, which bind this Order together, to a rope of sand.

Are you a man of family? Have you a marriageable son or daughter? If a daughter, and some one seeks her hand, what do you do? Do you not find out thoroughly what manner of man he is? Who his family are; how he was raised—who are his associates? Is he sound, bodily and mentally? What kind of an education has he? What are his religious principles? What is his moral standing? Is he an honourable man every way? What are his business capacities? What is his ability to take care of your daughter? Is it probable he can appreciate her in her youth, and love and cherish her in her old days? Will he be always true and steadfast in his promises to love, cherish and protect her? Is he of such a temperament and disposition that they will be likely to agree? Is he a man you would be willing to adopt and cherish as your son? If he does not fulfil all these requisites, you decline his offer. If these precautions are adopted before you accept a son-in-law, why should you not be equally careful about permitting a man to become a member of that other family—your Lodge—whose members are bound to you, and you to them, by ties which are next in rank to those of flesh and blood?

It is frequently an argument for admission, "He is a rich man and will pay his dues promptly." The man who only pays his dues, and does nothing more to advance the Order, is a positive detriment instead of an advantage. The prosperity of the Order depends far more upon the example of its members than the prompt payment of the paltry sum necessary to defray its expenses. This Order can only advance by having on its rolls those alone who preach and practise its precepts in their daily lives. Men who in the Lodge laud all its doctrines, and outside forget them, are like the church members who, on Sunday, repeat the Ten Commandments with zealous joy, and on the week days pave their way to prosperity and pleasure by trampling them under foot. The one retards the cause of Masonry, and the other brings religion into contempt.

What is the chief cause, you ask, which has brought this condition of things about? The answer appears plain to me. Because we have of late years been drifting away from the ideas and principles upon which this Order was founded. The sages who created the Institution had an object to accomplish. It was the moral and social good of mankind. They had pursued the same line of thought as the Athenian philosopher. They realised that the greatest study of mankind is man. They had mastered the subject and concluded the only true way to advance mankind was to cultivate and enlarge his moral and social nature. They collected and formulated a system of ethics and morals, the grandest the world has ever produced. Of what use was the system which defined man's duty in respect to himself and the rights of others? Of what avail rules of right conduct and guides for private and social duties, unless there were subjects to act upon? They would alone be idle theories, mere abstract propositions, and their worth or use as undemonstrable as the proposition of astronomers of the present day, as to whether or not any of the brilliant spheres which surround us are, or are not, inhabited. So they came to the conclusion to found an Order with a social system for a basis, and their principles of ethics and morals as the rule and guide of conduct.

When the old patriarchal system came into existence, it had not any human design about it, as we understand that term—it came naturally into being by the force of circumstances. The man who founded a family was the head of it. There were no laws or rules for his guidance—he made his own. In the slow course of time families increased and became clans and tribes, and clans and tribes increased and became nations. The family rules gradually enlarged to suit the necessities of the occasion, and became systems of laws. But, as the families grew to tribes, and tribes to nations, the ties of affinity became weaker and weaker, and men became strangers to each other. The bonds of kindred, affection and association, which made them respect the rights of relations and friends, disappeared; they were only held in restraint by the cold rules of law; the rules of morals and ethics were pushed aside. To

correct this was the object of the founders of our Order. Their aim was to create a tie as strong, if not stronger, than that of blood and kin, and make it in all respects its equivalent, and as lasting, no matter how large the Order, or where it spread, and add to it, with renewed force and vigor, the ameliorating and elevating influences of the moral and social relations.

Was it possible to make a bond as strong as that of blood and kin? What is popularly known as the bond of blood and kin is a mere idea. When you analyze the relation which most strongly binds men together, you find it arises because they are congenial in disposition, have a common purpose in life, have grown up in constant association, have received their thoughts, ideas and education from a common source, breathed the same air, enjoyed the same pleasures, and wept over the same sorrows. And so, from day to day, from year to year, their thoughts, feelings and sentiments have gradually grown, mingled and intertwined together. When they look back in life, every page, whether bright or dark, is filled with the familiar form of their associate. Each has become insensibly interested in everything affecting the other; hears with satisfaction of his success, listens with pleasure to his praise, feels sad at his sorrows, and, when he is traduced, rushes with indignation to his defence. Example after example shows you can take two boys or girls of even disposition, bring them up together as constant associates, and they will be bound as firmly to each other through life as if the ties of blood and kin existed.

The founders of our Order fully appreciated that a common purpose to observe, a similarity of disposition and constant association, were what principally created lasting friendships; and upon friendship, as the main foundation-stone, must the Order they contemplated be founded. And so, what I may call a family society, with the Master as the representative of the father and head, was organised. Into its circle none but congenial spirits were permitted to enter. They brought men together whose interests in life were, as nearly as possible, mutual; whose society was pleasant to each other, and who, from frequent intercourse, from interchange of views and sentiments, from a fostering of social relations, gradually grew to like and respect each other, and feel a common interest in each other's welfare. As in a family, at the dinner-table, the questions of interest to the little community were talked over, and plans were laid for the future, so around the social board in the Lodge-room, in close commune, they discussed the matters of interest to the Society, the prospects of each member and his hopes for the future. They all understand that nothing so rapidly draws men together as to sit down at the social board and have a friendly chat. There, in an hour or so, men get better acquainted with each other than they possibly could in the cold, worldly intercourse of the year; and so in the Lodge-room, every meeting was a little social festival which made its members nearer and dearer to each other. They carefully provided officers charged with the duty of furnishing refreshments to the brethren. The novitiate, who was entering its portals, had the formal part of each degree conferred upon him in ceremonious style; then the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, which call was not an ideality, but a reality. Around the family table, while mingling with the members of the Lodge in social accord and partaking of its repast, he had explained and illustrated to him, in a pleasant and intelligent way, the mysteries of the degree he was receiving; and there he drank in, in a lasting and agreeable manner, the theories and ideas which were to guide him in his future life. (These olden explanations have in the Lodge-room of to-day crystallised down to what we call lectures and charges.) He became immediately on friendly terms with all the members and they with him, and the foundation was laid between them for an enduring friendship. Under this system the Order grew rapidly and spread over the earth. Its teachings were illustrated in the daily conduct of its members.

In England, I am informed by a bright and intelligent member of one of the wealthiest Lodges in London, this plan of Lodge proceeding is still practised. They meet but once a month; at every meeting there is a banquet prepared by the Stewards, which office, by the way, was principally created for that purpose. When the Lodge is called from labour to refreshment it is not an idle ceremony, but means what is announced. The members sit around the

tables, and there all the business and affairs of the Lodge are discussed and transacted. Annually a collection is taken up for charitable purposes. At the last annual dinner the subscriptions were over one hundred thousand dollars.* He assured me amongst its members the strongest personal friendship exists; the well-being of every one of them is cherished and guarded by the others with the kindest care.

On our continent, in the slow progress of time, moralists of a higher plane have gradually taken possession of the Order. Under their guidance the social feature has gradually and slowly been expunged. No more are social dinners or festivals permitted at the expense of the Lodge. No more do the Stewards perform their olden duty; they go through a recital of what their duties are, but the main duty, which brought them into existence, is now considered but rudimentary and useless, and when the Lodge is called from labour to refreshment, the word "refreshment" is a misnomer.

The idealists have declared the moral principles are too pure to be mingled or debased by fellowship with the sentiments of the stomach. They do not believe the feast of reason or flow of soul, brought into play around the dining table, is anything but an indication of the gratification of the animal part, and, they cry, cannot at all tend to uphold, cement or strengthen any idea of morality. They declare the funds of the Lodge shall not be used for Lodge expenses, if such expenses include any refreshments, however frugal those refreshments may be; that such things have generally a demoralizing effect, and should not be favoured, but if countenanced at all, the members alone who desire them must pay the caterer. They believe a recitation of the tenets and principles of the Order, as found in the ritual, and the grand descriptive and explanatory addresses, should have attractive force enough to draw men from pursuits of pleasure or business to listen to their repetition fifty-two times a year, and that, too, though these same men may have heard the same thing over a hundred times, delivered with all the grace and charm which an eloquent and instructive speaker could give it. They in effect declare all that is necessary to make men fast friends is to bring them together in the Lodge-room, while the sublime principles of our Order are being annunciated, for the gratification of the hearers and the mystification of the candidate. Is this not asking too much of human nature? Is it not expecting too much of the average mortal?

Suppose we were to select a speaker in all respects the equal of Beecher or Spurgeon, two of the most eloquent divines who have appeared on the earth during the present century, and such speaker should announce he had selected three of the best considered sermons which had ever been written, and those sermons he would deliver at a given place, once a week every week during the year, on condition that only the same audience should be permitted to attend on each and every occasion. After the first two or three deliveries how many do you suppose would be in the audience? Would it not materially diminish, and before the year was over would not the sparseness of the attendance put you in mind of the average attendance at an ordinary Lodge meeting? Yet on this plan are the Lodges being conducted to-day. At each meeting the usual routine of opening the Lodge is gone through with, a degree is conferred, and then in the same routine way, the Lodge is closed and the members are dismissed. Each member can almost repeat by heart exactly what will be said and done before he goes there. There is nothing new, nothing novel, nothing interesting, except a repetition of the morals and dogmas of the Order, all of which he had heard oftener and is more familiar with than he is with his catechism.

Perhaps between the opening and the closing a member from some other Lodge is introduced. How is he received? Welcomed by the Master, who says he is glad to see him; hopes that he will honour them with a visit as often as he remains in the city and requests that he be seated with the brethren. That done, the business goes on. The stranger does take a seat and there he remains until the close. Perhaps one or two members may speak to him—only that and nothing more; when the end comes he walks out into the darkness and the world, know-

ing as little about the members of the Lodge as any stranger he meets upon the street. This, I say, is the usual manner in which strangers are received.

—Voice of Masonry.

(To be continued).

Obituary.

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BRO. CHARLES COOKE.

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Brother Charles Cooke, P.M. and W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1857; he was also S.W. of the new Epsom Lodge, Ebbisham, one of its founders, and a liberal contributor to the furniture, &c. Brother Cooke was also a P.Z. and a member of one or more Chapters.

BRO. PETER BALL.

On Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, were laid at rest the remains of a well-known member of the Fraternity, Bro. Peter Ball, at the age of seventy-seven years, who was for many years Prov. Grand Tyler of West Lancashire, and Tyler to the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, for over thirty years. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was covered with beautiful wreaths. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Bro. Joseph Croxton.

The installation meeting in connection with the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, was held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Merthyr. The brethren were honoured with the presence of the D.P.G.M., Brother Marmaduke Tennant, and there was a large attendance. Bro. Duncan Macdonald was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being performed by Brother G. F. Harris.

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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, 21st January.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
 1361 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.
 1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 142 St. Thomas, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 1572 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
 M.M. 261 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
 2036 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
 2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham
 R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Monday, 23rd January.

- 1 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 222 St. Andrews, Albion Aldersgate Street
 902 Burgyn, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 906 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1828 Shepherd's Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 M.M. 5 Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
 48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead
 91 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1752 Ogmire, Wyndham Arms H., Bridgend, Glam.
 1861 Claremont, Masonic Hall, Croydon
 1891 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York
 2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester
 2429 Research, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 R.A. 189 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, E. Stonehouse
 R.A. 210 Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 331 Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1222 Inkerman, M.H., Weston-Super-Mare
 R.A. 1237 Enfield, George Hotel, Enfield
 R.A. 2074 St. Clair, F.M.H., Llandport
 M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

Tuesday, 24th January.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 46 Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 92 Moira, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
 1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
 1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
 1411 Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New Road.
 1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
 2424 St. Stephen's, Green Man Assembly Rooms, Dartmouth Row, Lewisham.
 R.A. 21 Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1275 Star, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Capton
 253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby
 954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
 1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1390 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Millom
 1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1678 Medway, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
 1834 Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., Llandport
 2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
 2325 Albert Victor, F.M.H. St. Saviourgate, York.
 2406 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.
 R.A. 47 Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94 De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland
 R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 R.A. 199 Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak, Dover
 R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 900 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff
 R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 262 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114 Prudent, Masonic Hall, Leeds

Wednesday, 25th January.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 104 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
 888 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar.
 1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
 1036 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
 1300 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
 1610 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

- 1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1769 Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818 Clapham, Criterion, Piccadilly
 2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich
 2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Coltharbour Lane, Brixton.
 2416 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2455 St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross
 R.A. 13 Union Waterloo, New M.H., Plumstead
 R.A. 435 Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
 R.A. 704 Camden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 753 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's, St. John's Wood
 R.A. 1269 Stanhope, M.H., Camberwell
 R.A. 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

- 32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86 Loyalty, King's Arms H., Prescott, Lancashire
 117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Shrewsbury
 163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hall
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
 461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, Newton Moor
 651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing
 996 Soudes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham

- 1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester
 1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrow
 1219 Strangeways, Old Boar's Head, Manchester
 1243 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge
 1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
 1633 Avon, Old Wheatheat Hotel, Manchester
 1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Camberley
 1723 St. George, Masonic Hall, Bolton
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
 1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church
 1783 Albert Edward, F.H., Huddersfield
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Somerset
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton
 1984 Earl of Clarendon, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland
 2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
 2044 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall, Staff.
 2149 Gordon, M.H., Chopside, 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, Cadoxton, S. Wales.
 2435 Wineslet, Bell Hotel, Wincleson
 2444 Noel, St. James's Hall, Kingston-on-Thames
 2448 Bradshaw, Masonic Hall, Broadstairs.

- R.A. 236 Zetland, M.H., Duncombe Street, York
 R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
 R.A. 750 Friendship, M.H., Whitecliffe, Colchester
 R.A. 1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
 R.A. 1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
 R.A. 2109 Prince Edward, Ass. Hall, Heaton Moor
 M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham
 M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle
 M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 24 Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Rochester
 M.M. 373 Ikeston, Rutland House, Ikeston
 K.T. Alpess, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 16 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

Thursday, 26th January.

- General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.
 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
 34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
 66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
 706 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
 871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford
 1523 St. Mary Magdalen, Regent M.H., Air St., W.
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.
 1974 St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester Road, West Kensington
 2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
 2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 2319 Scots, Scottish Corporation Hall, Fleet Street
 2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inn's of Court Hotel, Highbury
 R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 538 Vane, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
 R.A. 879 Southwark, Bridge House H., Southwark
 R.C. 97 Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78 Imperial George, Assorted Arms, Middleton
 111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 116 Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 292 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport
 295 Three Grand Principles, M.H., Dursley
 214 Hope and Unity, White Hart, Brentwood
 275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
 276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Cuckfield
 283 Amity, Grey Mare Hotel, Huddersfield
 286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Basing
 332 Virtue & Silence, White Lion, Huddersfield, Suff.
 337 Candour, New M.H., Uppermill, Salford
 346 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Backhouse
 318 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
 493 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilby, Linc.
 590 La Cessare, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 630 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Howden

- 636 D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Mornoth
 659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Institute, Blyth
 710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, Totnes
 734 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
 787 Beauregard, Lion Hotel, Belper
 807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich
 904 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham
 935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
 1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
 1032 Towndley 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
 1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hall, High Wycombe
 1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Accrington
 1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
 1630 St. Michael, Queen's Hotel, Coventry
 1626 Hoyspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
 1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
 2017 Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 2023 Granite, Netherborough Hotel, Netherborough
 2091 Castleberg, Ashfield Hotel, Sella
 2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.
 2101 Bramston Beach, Masonic Hall, Godalming.
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Evesham
 2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffordshire.
 2215 Anfield, Sandon Hotel, Anfield, Lancashire
 2263 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
 2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Waverley.
 2387 Manchester Dramatic, F.M.H., Manchester

- R.A. 57 Hammer, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129 Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266 Napthali, Masonic Hall, Heywood
 R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Teignmouth
 R.A. 421 De Burgh, 31 Donnan St. Gateshead
 R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
 R.A. 1042 Excelsior, M.H., St. George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 1098 Prince of Wales, Temple Hall, Tolegar
 R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 K.T. 8 Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

Friday, 27th January.

- Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 3
 60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tiv., W.C.
 197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
 1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 2000 Earl of Mornington, Holborn Restaurant
 2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H., W.C.
 R.A. 1339 Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., W.C.
 K.T. 26 Faith and Fidelity, Cannon St. Hotel, E.C.

- 64 Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Helston
 445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
 566 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
 712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
 785 Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 951 Prince of Wales, M.H., St. John-on-the-Wold
 1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
 1303 Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Granville Street, Newcastle
 1822 St. Quentin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glam.
 2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Salford
 2431 Kingsley, Masonic Hall, Northampton
 R.A. 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
 R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
 R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, 11th Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945 Abbey, Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkcaldy
 K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
 K.T. 128 Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden Square

Saturday, 28th January.

- 1679 Henry Muggersidge, Anderton's, Fleet Street
 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
 R.A. 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

- 308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
 336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Mapple
 1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1597 Musgrave, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 21st January.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nantwich Junction, 730
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
 193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
 1283 Fusbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Finsbury, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 23rd January.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
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 392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7:30
 2182 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,
 Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 24th January.

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 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound
 Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 581 Old Boar'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
 1044 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
 1448 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cook 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.
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, 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, 25th January.

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
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Bargoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford
 Row, W.C., 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
 ford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
 S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Crenston, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
 New Road, 8
 1983 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 26th January.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 283 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.,
 1158 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, Commer-
 cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledn, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30

1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7:45
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 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
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Friday, 27th January.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
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 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1391 Kennington, Two Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
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 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
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 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,
 Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 28th January.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
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 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

On Thursday evening, the 12th inst., an invitation ball was given by the brethren of the Honour and Friendship Lodge, in the Corn Exchange, Blandford, in aid of the Masonic Charities. A large company, numbering over 130, responded to the invitation, and dancing was indulged in with spirit to the strains of Zanatti's band, from Bournemouth.

There was buried, at Paisley, on the 17th inst., a brother who, from the fact of his having been for seventy-eight years a Freemason, may be claimed to have been one of the oldest of the Order in Scotland. Bro. Wm. Pollock, who died on Saturday, 14th inst., was born in 1795, and in 1814 joined, in Skeoch, County Antrim, Lodge No. 342—"Drumtulloch Blues."

"Call Night" at the four Inns of Court next week will affect thirty-four gentlemen at the Inner, twenty-four at the Middle Temple, ten at Lincoln's Inn, and seven at Gray's.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663, took place on Friday night, 13th inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Eye.

Last year there was no Freemason's ball at Matlock, owing to the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. It was indefinitely postponed. The 9th February is fixed for this year's function, to be held at the New Bath Hotel.

On the 12th inst., the annual meeting of the Zetland Lodge, No. 561, was held in the Masonic Hall, Guisburgh, when Bro. William Richardson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A banquet was held in the evening at the Buck Hotel.

On the 12th inst., Bro. Dr. Lawrence I.P.M. of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, was presented by Bro. T. M. Barron Dir. of Cers. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the brethren of that Lodge, in recognition of the services he had rendered the Lodge.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to open the Art Exhibition of Works of Past and Present Students of the Royal Female School of Art, at the galleries of the Institute of Painters in Watercolours, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 30th inst.; and also, on the same day, to distribute the prizes to the successful students of the school.

The annual festival of the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, was held in the Masonic Hall, Middlesborough, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. W. Percy Cochrane was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. subsequently appointed his Officers. Bro. Dr. Glen the Immediate Past Master was presented with a handsome jewel. The brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting-room of the Masonic Hall, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts being honoured. The toast of the Visiting Brethren was responded to by Bros. J. M. Meek and S. Bousfield, of Darlington.

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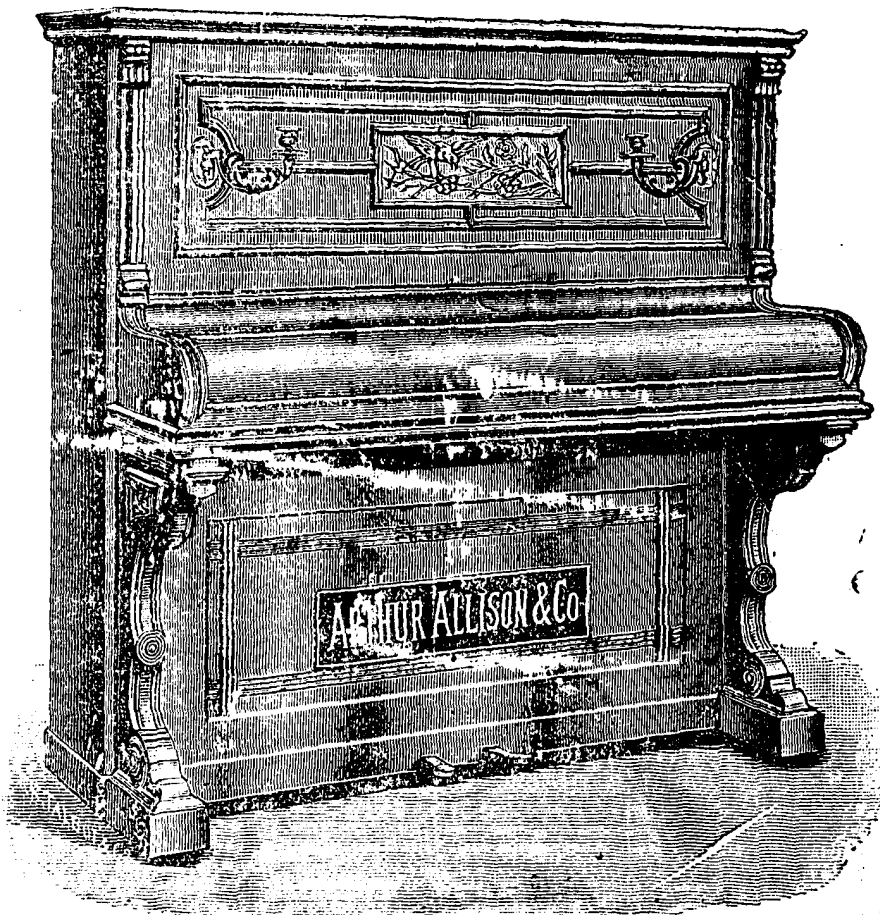
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