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TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS.

UNDER the above heading we, in our issue of the 12th November last, No. 931, thought fit to remark upon a case of non-admission to a Provincial Lodge meeting of a well-known member of the Craft, a Past Master, a Past Preceptor, and a Secretary of a prominent Metropolitan Lodge. He had presented himself in the ordinary manner for examination and "proof," and had been informed that such proof was "all right." He had with him extraneous evidence of the several positions he had held in the Craft, to which fact, however, although it would certainly have furnished corroboration of his statements as a member of the Order, we repeat, we do not attach great importance. Against his indubitable qualifications for admission it could only be advanced that he had not his certificate of membership with him.

As we said in our leader the above details were then *ex parte*, and we expressed willingness to receive any counter statement, at the same time urging that if the particulars we had received were correct the refusal to admit was a "step too far" on the part of the authorities in the Lodge, and that they had not read the lesson "to be cautious" aright.

We have now a letter from "A FREEMASON OF THE WEST," dated County Town, Cornwall, 20th January 1893 (more than two months after our article appeared), and this communication we published in our last week's issue. The writer informs us that time and trouble would have been saved had we referred to the Book of Constitutions, Article 150, and if we, after such reference, still had any doubt as to the proper interpretation thereof the Grand Secretary would certainly have "soothed our feelings," whatever that extraordinary expression may mean. In a second paragraph of the same letter the details of the case as recorded by us are admitted to be correct, with a perfectly unnecessary observation that the aggrieved brother has not the credit given to him of a "Masonic knowledge of everything." Who does know everything? and what is a *Masonic* knowledge? It is also said by the writer, "he would do well to study the Book of Constitutions." Has the writer himself done so? Let us see:—

Article 150. "No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known to or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the Brethren present, *or* (italics are ours) until he has produced the certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, and has given satisfactory proof that he is the Brother named in the certificate, *or* other proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge. Every visitor during his presence in the Lodge is subject to its bye-laws."

Article 151. "It is within the power of the Master of every Private Lodge to refuse admission to any visitor whose presence he has reason to believe will

disturb the harmony of the Lodge, or to any visitor of known bad character."

Now it is not contended that the applicant did *not* satisfy the first portion of Article 150 by due submission to examination as provided for by both rules and ritual, or that he did not fully convince his examiner or examiners that he was, to use their own words, "all right," thus making quite unnecessary either of the following alternative requirements. He had undergone the requisite "trial and probation" (act of proof) in the form expressly provided for the purpose, and when properly called upon; and the result having given satisfaction his qualifications as a Visitor were all sufficient and unimpeachable. The refusal of his admission could then only be authorised under either of the two reservations contained in Article 151, one of which is so serious, in regard to the imputation conveyed, that the insulted brother would be fairly within his right if he appealed in justice to himself to the Board of General Purposes against the decision of the Lodge.

It may be that the Lodge in question is an exception to the numerous Lodges in West Cornwall, which are generally credited with a full observance of West-country welcome and hospitality to strangers. We hope it is; but of this we know nothing. Like the "aggrieved brother" we cannot be credited with a knowledge of everything. As to the suggestion that the sufferer from want of ordinary courtesy and brotherly kindness in West Cornwall could find "talent and hospitality" such as he is accustomed to in London in "West Barbary," we are not good at conundrums. Our Masonic Calendar, we are pleased to see, is silent as to *that* Provincial Grand Lodge, if there be any such, and we cannot take the trouble to search out its locality. Surely nothing "barbarous" could be found in Masonic Cornwall, unless the case we refer to represents Masonry as practised in a district entirely unknown to our genial brotherhood.

TEN MINUTES WITH THYSELF.

OR THOUGHTS IN THE CHAMBER OF REFLECTION.

DID you ever see the burr of a chestnut tree, still clinging to the limb, after the nuts had fallen? Did you ever note the sancer of an acorn still attached to the stem, when the life bearing capsule had long left it? Did you ever note a last year's birds' nest, swaying in the breeze when the occupants had long ago deserted it. Did the echo of a song, long ago sung, ever come to you in a ghostly breathing, when a singer was dust? Has some memory of the past ever visited you, when the opportunities of life were holding out hands filled with golden possibilities, and you failed to grasp them? Have you ever, in the silent watches of the night, when tossing upon a sleepless pillow, been interviewed by the grim warden of conscience, who with keys and lantern in hand, has invited

you to banish sleep and accompany him down to the gloomy caves of memory? Did you ever consent to a retrospect of the past, and aside with that solemn custodian, peruse the pages in the book of memory? Did you ever stand with beating heart and listen, as conscience turned the rusty key in the long closed door of the "skeleton closet" and heard the words grate in the long unused lock? Did you ever gaze, with half averted eye, upon the contents of that closet, as the door swung open and displayed the treasured relics of folly and blunders marking your past life? Did you ever take each up, piece by piece, and read the story of that long past time, in the souvenirs you clasp? Did you ever turn away from the Pandora box of your own treasured follies, after vainly seeking at the bottom for Hope? Did you again return to the mill of your (now) existence, where the ruthless hand of time still turns the crank, grinding out your minutes, hours, days, months, years? Did you ever glance into the hopper of that mill, and realise that your grist would soon be ground? Did you ever honestly take a look in your mirror, and note that the once fair, brown, or black locks, were changing to gray with the accumulated snows of years; that crow-feet were traced about the eyes; that the grinders were becoming fewer in number; that the pillars of the house now trembled; that they that look out of the windows were becoming darkened? Did you ever—with Cardinal Wolsey—sum up all in the sad sad refrain.

"I have lived long enough; my way of life,
Is fallen into the sere and yellow leaf;
And that which should accompany old age—
As honour, love, obedience, troops of friends,
I must not look to have."

It is a brave man who can thus coolly retrospect his past. It does not of necessity follow that that past must be punctuated by actual crime. This sin of omission is even greater than that of commission—and which regret can never condone. When a man has lived out his day of usefulness, opportunity never returns to obviate the consequences of a mistake. Life's battle is not fought without grievous woundings. When we are at first marching to the field to meet the enemy the regimentals are new, the arms bright and the hope of victory strong. We return from the conflict, mutilated, with armour dented and broken, but possibly with victory perched upon our ragged banners. Then all is well and it matters little what the condition of the soldier be if he can but say: "I have fought the fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith." But if, on the contrary, life, in retrospection, shows but a succession of defeats, then it is that man is but a superfluous incumbrance and the quicker he falls to the rear of oblivion the better.

Now this retrospection is not the result of a bilious disposition, nor a "blue" coloured spleen. It is simply what all should honestly do, in summing up life's endeavour. Rest assured, however much we may seek to ignore the fact, a man's life is too long when he outlives his character, his health, and his estate. It is then that he finds similitudes in the metaphors used in our opening interrogations. He is a scissoring that has lost its rivet; a watch with a broken main-spring; a hilt from which the blade has been broken, a steamless engine; a rudderless ship; a windless organ; a headless drum; a letter stampless. All through the endless range of metaphor and similitude he can find for himself a synonym. The thesaurus of life surrounds him with things which portray to him the fact, he is a derailed on the ocean of time. His song is found with Byron, who at thirty-five could voice his disappointment in saying:—

"I'm in the sere and yellow leaf—
The love, the hope of life is gone;
The worm, the canker and the grief,
Are mine alone;"

and more bitter still he finds his portrait in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, verses 1 to 7, while with the writer thereof he can truthfully exclaim, "vanity of vanities; all is vanity." Now, all this has been produced by hearing a man say—what is said by thousands—"We have only one life to live, so let us enjoy it." But ah! when the enjoyment is past and the harvest is gathered, what shall it be? Never were truer words uttered than these: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Let us but add to this gloomy retrospection one gleam of encouragement in saying; fruitless is sorrow for having done amiss, if it issue not in a resolution to do so no more.

—American Tyler.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

THERE is a narrow and a broad view of the literature designated as Masonic. By the first named estimate the literature of Freemasonry is supposed to include only the rituals and lectures of the Craft degrees, the history of the institution, and whatever record there may be of the expression of its outward life in respect to numerical and financial growth, the administration of its Charities, and other matters of related interest. In the common and limited survey of Masonic literature these are the topics which fix attention, and concerning which the judgment of Masonic writers is sought by the average Craftsman. By broadening the lines a little there comes into view much that has been written relating to the ceremonies of Freemasonry, the meaning of symbols and practices connected with such ceremonies, with descriptions of ancient rites supposed to have a relation more or less intimate with the modern Craft system.

It is in a broader range of observation, however, that the ampler field of Masonic literature is revealed. In the justly extended sweep of vision it is seen that what is technical, bearing upon the work of the degrees, the enactment of a varied and beautiful ceremonial, and the precise lessons thereby taught, constitutes but a small part of the literature to which the name Masonic can be properly applied. The Monitor or hand-book of the Craft has its value, as does any authoritative description of ritual, forms of procedure, &c., but these aids at the best constitute only a primer for the use of brethren who would become well versed in Masonic lore. Beyond these first things—the elementary teaching regarding work, ceremonies, emblems,—and beyond the historic statements showing the rise and progress of Freemasonry, both as a system and as an organization, stretches the inviting fields of a literature identified with the institution in ways apparent to every close observer—every intelligent student.

We only repeat what has been stated in substance over and over again, when we say that the literature of Freemasonry includes its separate departments of science, philosophy, sociology, ethics, and religion. It works along some peculiar lines in explaining these great subjects, and puts its own stamp upon certain principles and truths which are connected therewith. In history and biography its literature reaches over to many events and characters besides those enumerated under its own distinctive titles, while there is a sense in which it adapts the history of humanity to itself and utilizes the constantly changing phases of human thought and feeling in their correspondence to some truth shown or lessons taught by the Masonic System.

The connections of Masonic literature are still more broadly inclusive, for, incidentally, it maintains an interest in all the researches of wisdom—in all the accumulations of learning and truth. It goes backward along an inviting way to study classic myths and impressive symbols of nature and life. It gathers up the threads of tradition and reliable annals as they connect the world of the present with the distant past, as they point the way—often an obscure one—among ancient peoples, civilizations and institutions, to the most distant sources of intellectual and moral productiveness. Nothing less than this is the range of Masonic literature to the quickened vision of thoughtful Craftsmen.

We have been led to the setting forth of these truisms for two reasons: First, to suggest to the ardent brother, who has just entered the Fraternity, that he should not expect to find in a single volume all there is of Masonic lore, or think to compass by a few hours study the height and depth, the length and breadth of Freemasonry, as shown in the publications bearing its name, or directly related to its ceremonial and principles. To grasp and assimilate the literature of the institution is the work of years. In the second place we desire to express our thought that in gathering a Masonic library, whether for individual or Lodge use, a provision should be made for other works besides those that are specifically designated as relating to the Fraternity. There are standard books dealing with questions bearing upon related life—the humanities and the Charities shown by civilized man—which belong to every such well selected stock of Masonic literature. Chivalry, romance, patriotism, friendship, piety, have been discoursed upon by great writers in all ages, and something that these authors have written on such themes should be included in every Masonic library. Only thus will the collection represent the extent of Freemasonry in its character and principles.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE installation of Brother Walter Brooke as W.M. attracted an unusually large number of brethren at the anniversary meeting, on Friday, the 13th ultimo. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. F. W. W. Gross, and the Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. S. Gross I.P.M., A. W. Cobbold S.W., George E. Walker J.W., the Rev. H. Saunders Chaplain, George Booth Treasurer and Secretary, F. W. Hopson Organist, George Booth jun. S.D., R. J. Carthew J.D., W. Miles I.G., E. Smith Dir. of Cers., W. T. Thornton, A. S. Betts, and I. H. Harrison Stewards, G. Hall Tyler. At the installation banquet which followed, at the Bull Hotel, Bro. W. Miles provided a menu worthy of his famous hostelry, the wines and waiting being equally satisfactory. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., remarking that every Mason must admit the great interest evinced by their Grand Master in all connected with the Craft. He next proposed the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, expressing his opinion that all Masons hailed with pleasure the promotion of the Earl of Lathom. In giving the toast of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Honniker, and the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past, the Worshipful Master spoke with regret as to the Provincial Grand Master's inability to be present that evening. He would not, however, enlarge upon his lordship's qualifications, because every Mason in the Province knew how ably he performed his Masonic duties. With regard to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he deplored his removal, as a resident, from their midst, pointing out the usefulness of the rev. gentleman in connection with charitable objects. Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, in submitting the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, Brother Brooke, assured the brethren that as seconder of Bro. Brooke's initiation into the Craft he had since watched his career with extreme interest, and found him a thoroughly good Mason in every respect, and he predicted that he would ultimately gain the higher ranks of a Prov. Grand Officer. The Worshipful Master, in response, acknowledged with grateful thanks the honour conferred upon him by the brethren placing him in the proud position of W.M. of a Lodge so ancient as No. 81. He had always, he said, taken the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and had passed through all offices except Senior Deacon, having gone from Junior Deacon to Secretary, and from Secretary to Junior Warden. He thanked Bro. Phillips for the eulogistic way in which he had proposed the toast, and especially for having in the first instance seconded his proposal for initiation. He regretted the absence of Bro. A. S. Gross, who proposed him, through illness. The other toasts were the Charities, the Visitors, the Installing Master, the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, the Treasurer and the Secretary, the Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

THE Festival of St. John was observed at Penzance on Wednesday, 25th ult., by the brethren of this Lodge. At the Lodge meeting in the afternoon Brother Matthews was installed as W.M., the ceremony of installation being performed by Bros. Shakerley and Wedlake. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Cornish S.W., Rowe J.W., Small Treasurer, Sampson Secretary, W. Colenso Chaplain, Chirgwin S.D., Pearce Couch J.D., R. Colenso Assistant Secretary, Cornish I.G., Loan Organist, Walters Dir. of Cers., Symons Senior Steward, Antill Junior Steward, Rogers Tyler. Bro. Shakerley was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year. It was unanimously decided to contribute £5 5s to the Wheal Owles Relief Fund. The annual dinner was held at the Western Hotel, an excellent repast being served by the host, Bro. Mitchell. About sixty sat down to dinner. The company included several visitors, among whom were the following Worshipful Masters:—Bros. W. Viall 1544, J. O. Eva 318, and J. D. Wilkinson 450.

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 130.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday afternoon, the 12th ult., when Brother Penny the S.W. of the past year was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Tilling the outgoing Master. There was a numerous attendance, although many brethren sent apologies for absence, owing to illness or other causes, these including the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Le Feuvre, and Brother J. Lemon, Mayor of Southampton, who is Senior Warden of the Province. The Masters and Past Masters present were Brothers Matthews, Payne, Tilling, Sharpe, Jellicoe, Thomas, Miles, Lees, Osborne, Clarke, and Smith, all of 130, Dacombe W.M. 359, Hewett W.M. 394, Lashmore, Candy P.M., Card P.M. 586, Dixon W.M. 1112, and Martin W.M. 1461. The other Visitors included the Rev. F. J. Ashmall and Captain Edwards, R.N. At the conclusion of the ceremony hearty thanks were accorded to Brother Tilling, both for his services as Installing Master and as the occupant of the chair for the past year, a P.M.'s jewel being at the same time voted him from the Lodge funds. The following are the Lodge Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Tilling I.P.M., Abraham S.W., Collins J.W., Lees

Treasurer, Cole Secretary, Hogge S.D., Leach J.D., Clarke Dir. of Cers., Burnett I.G., Wells Organist, Sharp Steward, and Vane Tyler. The installation banquet was afterwards served, a *récherché* repast being placed on the tables, under the superintendence of the Director of Ceremonies. The newly installed W.M. presided. The usual programme of Masonic toasts was gone through, the several Visitors in responding wishing the Worshipful Master a successful year of office. Captain Edwards related some interesting experiences of Masonry in various parts of the world.

UNITY LODGE, No. 132.

THE annual assembly for the installation of the Worshipful Master and the investment of Officers took place at the White Hart Hotel, Ringwood, on Thursday, the 12th ult., when there was a large gathering of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Brother Phillips was duly installed as Worshipful Master, and the following were appointed Officers:—Brothers Morse I.P.M., Wilkes S.W., Lane J.W., Hicks Treasurer, Ward Secretary, Minty Senior Deacon, Caterell J.D., Farrance Dir. of Cers., Fisher I.G., Macklin Organist, Hibbs and Wooff Stewards, and Bursey Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Brother Atkins. An elegant banquet was provided by Mrs. Jensen, of the White Hart Hotel. The newly installed Worshipful Master presided, and the usual round of Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, hearty good wishes being on all hands expressed towards Brother Phillips that his year of office should be a happy and successful one.

ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 9th ult., when the new building, which has been erected on the site of the old Lodge, was used for the first time. Bro. Pincock was installed W.M. by the I.P.M., Bro. Groves. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Hyams S.W., Bishop J.W., Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., Chaplain, Pring Treasurer, Horam Secretary, Wavell Director of Ceremonies, George S.D., Smith J.D., Jones Organist, F. Pincock I.G., Pring Steward, Knell Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Brother Groves for his able services in the chair during the past year. At the banquet which followed covers were laid for 64, the company including several Visitors from other Lodges. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE festivities connected with the installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held on the 13th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, were somewhat marred by the news that Bro. Alfred Piper, the Worshipful Master elect had suffered an irreparable loss by the death of his only son, which occurred on the 11th ult. The members and visitors present were unanimous in their expressions of sympathy with Bro. Piper, who was reluctantly compelled to abstain from presiding at the banquet table. The members present included Bros. E. A. G. Smith W.M., Alfred Piper S.W., T. B. Goodfellow I.P.M.; Past Masters Bros. W. J. Ferguson, N. Salmon, R. Harvey, H. N. Price, E. White, P. Pierrepont, W. M. Foxcroft, J. Barnett J.W., George Everett P.G. Treasurer, Thomas Morris Secretary, W. E. Wigmore S.D., George Gardner P.M. P.P.G.S.B. J.D., T. H. Hobbs I.G., T. N. Morris I.G., R. B. Hopkins Organist, James Stephens P.M. Steward, and many others. Visitors—Bros. James Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary R.M.B.I., J. M. McLeod Secretary R.M.I.B., L. H. Walker 2157, W. T. Buxton P.M. 2308, J. J. Cook D.C. 1185, C. Grimes 2426, A. Wood I.G. 2426, F. M. Newton I.P.M. 90, George V. Wood W.M. 1608, E. A. Hire P.P.G.S.B. Kent, G. S. Wilks S.D. 125, H. E. Poole 2030, Walter Martin P.M. 879, J. Ranson 1349, J. B. Whitworth 1150, A. A. Davies S.W. 2426, A. J. Millington J.W. 1227, W. C. Ferris, W. G. Edwards 2264, J. D. Wilkinson P.M. 879, W. Harris I.P.M. 1662, H. Murrell S.W. 30, G. Gaspard 1687, R. P. Atkin P.M. 55, W. Smith 1624, H. Davies 1685, and W. W. Lee W.M. 2381. The Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. At the request of Brother E. Smith W.M. the chair was taken by Brother W. J. Ferguson, who installed Brother Alfred Piper as Worshipful Master in the presence of a numerous attended Board of Installed Masters. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. John Barrett S.W., W. E. Wigmore J.W., George Everett Treasurer, Thomas Morris Secretary, G. Gardner S.D., T. H. Hobbs J.D., T. N. Morris I.G., R. B. Hopkins Organist, James Stephens D.C., Andrews A.D.C., H. N. Price and J. Anley jun. Stewards, and A. Walkley P.M. Tyler. The W.M. presented Brother E. A. G. Smith with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge, and the gift was acknowledged. On the proposition of Brother George Everett, the usual sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Boys' School; the sum was ordered to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will serve as Steward. The Lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were given, under the presidency of Brother Ferguson. Brother James Terry, who acknowledged for the Grand Officers, thanked Brother Everett for his kindness in permitting him the privilege of responding. In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the other Grand Officers, notably the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, had important duties to perform, and how well they discharged them those who attended the last Grand Lodge meeting could judge. They regarded it as an evidence of the interest they took in the well-being and welfare of the Craft, that no time was too great to devote to Grand Lodge. For himself, as a Grand Officer occupying a humble position, he had to thank them for the compliment paid him in conjunction with the other Grand Officers. Bro. E. A. G. Smith said it was with a very sad feeling he approached the toast of the W.M. They had known Bro. Piper for

some time, and were sure he would render good suit and service to the Lodge. He was confident it would be a source of consolation to their W.M. in his present great distress to know the brethren sympathised with him in his absence, and, for the information of those who were unaware of the cause of that absence he must tell them that only two days previously Bro. Piper lost his only son. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, in replying to the toast on behalf of the W.M., expressed the thanks of Bro. Piper for the sympathy shown. He trusted that after a little time had passed the W.M. would be able to take the chair and discharge his duties without thinking so seriously of the calamitous event which had initiated him into the chair of the Lodge. It was a sad thing for Bro. Piper to lose the greatest hope he had in life, and to be installed into the greatest hope he had in Masonry, all within the space of two days. He trusted the W.M. would have so much work to do when occupying the chair that he would never have the chance of thinking of the time when he was installed into it. The Masonic Charities was next given by Brother Ferguson. Bro. J. M. McLeod said it was a very pleasing duty to respond for the toast in this Lodge, knowing as he did of what they were capable, and how generously they supported the Charities, and the valuable assistance given by the members in the management of the Institution he represented. They were all gratified at the large amount of support rendered to the Institutions during the past year, the total amount of £90,000 having been subscribed. A large portion of that money had been invested to add to the permanent income, and they were warranted in again coming forward to appeal for the good work. In addition to the large amount subscribed to the Institutions they heard every day of increased amounts being given to various Provincial organisations, and in London in many Lodges they knew of many acts of Masonic Charity. All these various forms of charity showed clearly that there was a great deal in their Order that warranted them in meeting and enjoying themselves. The Worshipful Master, for whom he felt great sorrow, had kindly consented to act as Steward for the Boys' School Festival. Although the management of that Institution had to thank the brethren for liberal support, they appealed for further support, in order that it might have a funded property on equality with the others. The Boys' Institution had no large sum of money granted to them, and he found that in 1838 a capitation grant was made for every Mason registered in the books of Grand Lodge. In 1838 the Grand Lodge commuted that sum for £184 per annum. At that time there were but 400 Lodges, but now, having 2,000 Lodges on the roll, the time had fairly arrived when he could appeal to Bro. Everett, as one of the highest Officers, and to Bro. J. Terry, who was never jealous of any other Institution, to give their attention to this matter, and see that a proportionate amount was granted. The boys have hitherto had to leave school at fifteen, but there must occasionally be one or two boys with exceptional ability, and it was therefore decided to form a superior class. It was the latest idea of progressive education, and he hoped those brethren who could would go down to the School and see for themselves the good work being done. Brothers W. W. Lee, Hire, Wilks, and Walter Martin responded for the Visitors. Brother James Stephens proposed the Installing and Past Masters, and said that whatever he lacked in words he made up in the earnestness of his feelings. He only regretted most deeply the circumstances which had forced the honour upon him. He had been a member of the Lodge for eight years, and from the earliest days he visited it he found that Brother Ferguson was the general utility man. On the programme it was announced that the Immediate Past Master was to work the installation ceremony, but that brother had had a severe bereavement of late, and was not equal to the occasion. Brother Ferguson was called upon suddenly, and no Past Master could have performed the ceremony in a more perfect manner. Brother Ferguson responded, and said he trusted he had been enabled to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of Brother Piper and the members. Bro. E. White then gave the Treasurer and Secretary, for which Bros. Everett and Morris replied. The Officers and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The following artistes assisted in a good musical programme: Madame Riechelmann, Miss Foxcroft, Mr. W. P. Richards, and Brother W. H. Eccleston.

INDEFATIGABLE LODGE, No. 237.

THERE was a large gathering of members and visitors on Monday afternoon, the 9th ult., to witness the installation, as Worshipful Master, of Brother Thomas H. Morgan. Brother Morgan was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. W. Evans the Immediate Past Master, and then the new Worshipful Master installed the following as his Officers for the year:—Brothers William Evans I.P.M., Dangerfield S.W., Thomas J.W., Simons Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Gibbs S.D., J. T. Davies J.D., McKim Director of Ceremonies, Rev. A. A. Matthews Chaplain, Bill Organist, John Ivor Evans I.G., H. G. Davies and C. H. Evans Stewards, Bullerwell Tyler. In the evening nearly 100 assembled at the Royal Hotel, Swansea, where an excellently served banquet was provided.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

THE installation festival of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., when Brother Ryland was installed as Master for the ensuing year, with the customary formalities. The ceremony was ably performed by Brother J. Waghorne I.P.M. assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. B. V. Vassar-Smith, the Baron de Ferrières P.G.D., Bro. Forth, and Past Masters of the Lodge. There was a large attendance, including the Masters of several other Lodges in the Province. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. J. Waghorne I.P.M., Rea S.W., Major E. W. Brereton

J.W., Rev. C. V. Childe Chaplain, Balcomb Treasurer, Lawrence Secretary, Felton Director of Ceremonies, Norman Steward, Williams S.D., H. Waghorne J.D., Baker, M.A., I.G., Cooper Organist.

UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

AT the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., Brother Wake was installed as Worshipful Master. The installation ceremony was impressively conducted by Brother R. C. Else Provincial Grand Deacon of England, and he was afterwards accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Brother Wake, the newly-appointed W.M., whose predecessor, the Rev. Hulme, rector of Staple Fitzpaine, was unable to attend, through indisposition. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Brothers Rev. Hume I.P.M., Chaffin S.W., Hammett J.W., Lewis Chaplain, Showers Treasurer, Barrett Secretary, Hartnell S.D., Potter J.D., Roberts Director of Ceremonies, E. Goodman I.G., Baker Organist, Kite, Maynard, Cotching, French, and A. E. Goodman Stewards, Tidbury Tyler. There was a large number of brethren present, including visitors from Minehead, Wellington, Langport, Chard, Ilminster, Bridgwater, Exeter and Walton Lodges. The customary banquet followed.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

THE above Lodge held the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. John Livesey Butler was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the installation ceremony, which was performed in a perfect manner by Brother José Ricard P.M., the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Charles Norminton I.P.M., James Beaumont S.W., George Suddick J.W., Dr. Smythe P.G.C. England P.S.W. West Yorks Chaplain, C. L. Mason Past Master Treasurer, G. Hainsworth Secretary, W. W. Park S.D., L. Kettlewell J.D., W. Cockerlyne Organist, W. H. Hewson P.M. D.C., F. H. Lawson I.G., Dr. E. A. White and F. Hinchcliffe Stewards, J. H. Newton Tyler. After the Lodge was closed the customary banquet took place, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Upwards of one hundred brethren were present in the Lodge and at the banquet. Among those who signed the attendance book were the following:—Bros. Henry Smith 302 D.P.G.M., H. G. E. Green 1019 Provincial Grand Secretary, W. H. Cowper 602 1848 P.P.G.R. North and East Riding, J. C. Malcolm 306 P.P.G.R., Kenworthy Blakey, F.G.S., 1214, Charles F. Forshaw, LL.D., 1214, Charles Booth 1648, James Crocker 1648, Robert Abbott 2069, J. W. Blackburn 1042, Tudor Trevor 2069, A. T. Bacon 1211, W. H. H. Casson 448, A. Dennison 448, C. Grant 458, H. Marsh 1221, J. M. Bottomley 602, T. Hargreaves 495, H. Columbine 1221, L. Lee 827, C. A. Braim 289, J. B. Mays 1042, G. Dyall 636, J. W. Wood 1221, R. Baker 455, F. G. Dimery 2069, J. Lee 408, C. Carker 236, S. H. Cliffe 1221.

UNITED BRETHREN LODGE, No. 346.

THE Festival of St. John the Evangelist was kept on Thursday, the 26th ult., by this Lodge. The following Officers were installed by the retiring W.M. Brother Duckworth:—Brothers Colclough as W.M., Parkinson S.W., McMyn J.W., Yates S.D., Higham J.D., Walsh I.G., Wallbank and Sobade Stewards, Blackshaw Tyler. The ceremony of investiture was performed by Brother Lamb. Mr. Leslie T. Shawcross was made a member of the Order.

MERSEY LODGE, No. 477.

THE installation of Brother Robert Robinson W.M. elect, took place on Thursday, the 12th ult., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton Street, Birkenhead. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Brother R. Robinson Worshipful Master elect, was presented for installation by Brothers Grundy, and Woolley, the installation ceremony being performed by Brother Jones. The newly installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Brothers Moorehouse I.P.M., Jones P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Scarlett S.W., Smith J.W., Hopkinson P.M. Treasurer, Kemp Secretary, Saunders S.D., McLeavy J.D., Morris I.G., Williams Organist, Woods S.S., W. H. Jones J.S., and Haltaway Tyler. Allusion having been made to the sad bereavement recently sustained by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Egerton, in the death of Lady Egerton, the sympathy of the Lodge found appropriate expression in a formal vote of condolence, a copy of which was directed to be transmitted to his lordship. Brother Councillor Enoch Evans P.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s gold jewel to Brother Moorehouse I.P.M., for his services in the chair during the year. After the installation, dinner was served, Brother Robinson W.M. presiding. Brothers Mountfield 1609, Brown 241, Kershaw 2335, and Lance enlivened the proceedings with their musical efforts.

ETRUSCAN LODGE, No. 546.

THE re-installation of Bro. Wood as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Longton, on Thursday, the 12th ult., in the presence of upwards of forty brethren. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Ward, assisted by Bros. Blair, Kent, and Mear. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hodson S.W., Walters J.W., Blair Treasurer, Webberley Secretary, Brickle S.D., Stone J.D., Kent Dir. of Cera., Bromley I.G., Bonghey Organist, J. S. Bonghey and Frewer Stewards, Warren Tyler. After the business of the Lodge had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a

sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Bennion. The Loyal toasts were drunk and the rulers in the Craft, both in Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, were honoured. Bros. Prince, Taylor, Tunnell, and Ingamells responded for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Webberley proposed the health of the Installing Master, and Bro. Ward responded. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Griffiths, and Bro. Kent submitted the toast of the Visiting Brethren, on whose behalf Bros. Brandon, Faram, Farmer, and Jones responded. Bro. Prince proposed the Masonic Charities, and in the course of his remarks said there were at the present time in the Masonic School for Girls 263, in the Boys' School 268, and in the Benevolent Institution 431—192 men, each of whom received £40 per annum, and 241 widows, each of whom received £32 per annum. He observed that the annual income was about £50,000, and he believed that the funds were now carefully and judiciously administered. Bro. Greatbach, in responding, specially commended the Charities to the attention of the younger brethren. Last year was an exceptional year, when they raised £90,000 for the three great Masonic Charities, though the annual income generally was about £50,000 in round numbers. Besides that, there were votes for charitable purposes in Provincial Grand Lodges and private Lodges to the extent of at least £10,000 a year. He advocated the extension of efforts in the Provinces to make provision for those who were unable to obtain the advantage of the central Institutions owing to the excess of candidates. Several other toasts were drunk. During the evening vocal music was contributed by brethren, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 603.

ON Tuesday evening, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bath Street, Clackheaton, Bro. S. Halliday was installed Worshipful Master. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Allan Haigh S.W., Samuel Law J.W., J. Clough S.D., Allen Holmes J.D., R. B. Hartley I.G., F. Hirst Tyler, Henry Waddington Secretary, Sydney Mortimer Treasurer, George Blackburn I.P.M., Thornton and White Stewards.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 671.

BROTHER D. WILLIAM REES was installed, on Monday, the 9th ult., as Worshipful Master, at the Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelly. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a distinguished company, was performed by Bro. Roderick. The Officers for this year are:—Bros. D. W. Rees W.M., Bowne I.P.M., J. D. Thomas S.W., Griffith J.W., Rev. W. L. Rees Chaplain, Phillips Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Read Director of Ceremonies, J. Williams S.D., Davies J.D., Edmunds I.G., D. R. Williams Organist, Gale Steward, Thomas Tyler. In the evening the installation banquet was held at the Masonic Rooms, Thomas Arms Hotel, Miss Hutchings catering in her usual satisfactory manner. Songs were rendered by Brothers Jenkins, D. R. Williams, H. Rees, Rev. T. R. Walters, Rev. W. Ll. Rees, Jones, and Samuel.

LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THE anniversary festival of the Lodge of Repose was celebrated in very successful fashion at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult. The Lodge was opened at a quarter past five, the attendance of brethren from Derby and other Lodges in the Province being unusually large. Bro. Eaton W.M. took the chair, and, after some preliminary business had been disposed of, proceeded, with the assistance of Brother Thomas Oldham I.P.M., to install his successor, Brother Draper Welch Bardill. The ceremony was impressively performed, and subsequently Brother Bardill, the newly installed Worshipful Master, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. A. Eaton I.P.M., Brown S.W., Harry Slater J.W., Raymond Slater Treasurer, Huggins Secretary, Rowan S.D., Frost J.D., Gilman Director of Ceremonies, Thompson Organist, William Eaton I.G., S. Bennett, Hingley, W. Bennett, and Smith Stewards, Day Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren present, to the number of seventy, adjourned to the lower room, where the annual banquet was served. The repast, which was of the most recherché character, was presided over by Brother Bardill, and subsequently the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with the customary honours. The health of the new Master was submitted by Brother Brown, and drunk with much cordiality. Reference was made to Brother Bardill's zeal for the best interests of the Order and his many excellent personal qualities, and a wish that he might have a bright and prosperous year of office was warmly endorsed. In acknowledging the toast, Brother Bardill expressed a hope that the Lodge would exert itself on behalf of the Charities of the Fraternity, and intimated his intention of working on behalf of the Boys' School. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Dodd, and afforded the greatest enjoyment, the festival in all its features being eminently successful.

CRAVEN LODGE, No. 810.

ON Friday evening, 27th ult., the members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at their Lodge room in the Victoria Buildings, Skipton, the Installing Master being Bro. John Thrope. Bro. J. H. Hartley was installed W.M., and he invested the following Officers:—Bros. J. W. Broughton S.W., S. Thornton J.W., the Rev. G. W. Patten Chaplain, G. Robinson Treasurer, T. Davis Secretary, W. E. Lindley S.D., R. Johnstone J.D., T. Gill I.G., J. Ellison O.G., W. E. Lindley and M. R. Knowles Stewards, J. Thrope Charity Member. The banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, was held at the Devonshire Hotel. Visiting brethren were present from Keighley, Ilkley, and Nelson.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1039.

THE annual festival was held at the George Hotel, Lichfield, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Haynes and the I.P.M., Bro. Cox, and the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were given in an impressive manner by Bro. Wood. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Cox I.P.M., Lloyd S.W., Monnsden J.W., Perkins Treasurer, Gladman Secretary, Moore S.D., Garmstone J.D., Ashmall Dir. of Cers., Parker Organist, Buckley I.G., Asker and Eyles Stewards, Bullock Tyler, Trigg Charity Steward. After the ceremony about fifty sat down to the banquet. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Parker, Brown, Harper, Fredericks, and Harrison.

SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.

THE brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John at their Lodge room, at Shirley, on Monday, the 9th ult., when Bro. Dixon was installed as W.M. for the year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. of the Province. The Board of Installed Masters included the D.P.G.M. and Bros. Telling W.M. 130, Dacombe W.M. 359, Hewett W.M. 394, Lashmore P.M. 394, Martin W.M. 1461, and Mayoss, Sharp, Mortimer, Greenslade, Chamberlain, Pearce, and Harfield, all of 1112. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. invested the following as Officers for the year:—Bros. Harfield P.M. I.P.M. (for Bro. Robertson, who has removed from the neighbourhood), Rev. Norton S.W., Stride J.W., Sharp Treasurer, Mortimer Secretary, Fletcher S.D., Ashworth J.D., Pearce P.M. D.C., Ashby I.G., Sheppard Steward, and Vane Tyler. The subsequent business included the presentation to Bro. Harfield of a Past Master's jewel, specially manufactured, bearing on gold bars the name and number of the Lodge, and on the back the following inscription:—

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Bro. Harfield suitably acknowledged the gift, and said that owing to the removal of Brother Robertson to the neighbourhood of Oxford he had had to fulfil the duties of the Master's chair virtually for two years, but it had been a great pleasure to him to render what service he was able to the Shirley Lodge. At the post-prandial proceedings the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, responding for Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, said that by a resolution recently passed, the Grand Master would have more collars at his disposal, and this would be extended to the Provincial Grand Lodges, so that the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight would in future have a greater number of honours to bestow than had hitherto been the case.

SCARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1214.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Lodge Room, Bank Chambers, Batley, on Tuesday evening last. The Worshipful Master Bro. J. H. Evans P.P.G.O. in the chair, and Bro. J. H. Bromley S.W., T. Kenworthy Blakey, F.G.S., P.M. S.W., Chas. F. F. Shaw, L.L.D., S.D., James Davis J.D., George Cliffe Gamble Inner Guard. There were also present Brothers Thomas Cantrill P.M. Secretary, Major Hemingway, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Fawcett G.M. Charity Steward, Crichtley, J.P., P.M., Oldroyd P.M. Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother W. Smyth P.M. P.P.G.D.

EARL OF DURHAM LODGE, No. 1274.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday evening, the 11th ult., when Brother Dr. Francis the W.M.-elect was duly installed into the Master's chair, in a very impressive manner by Brother William Clarke, the retiring Worshipful Master. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. McLean S.W., Moore J.W., Rev. Crookhall Chaplain, Legge Treasurer, Lamb Secretary, Maxwell S.D., Bamlett J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., Shepherd Organist, F. Bolam S.S., J. W. Bolam J.S., Lynn Tyler. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to Brother Lamb's, the King's Head Hotel, where the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, the musical portion being well rendered by Bros. Nutton, Legge, Elsdon, Cuthbertson, and Moore. The menu, which was of a very high order, reflected great credit on the host and hostess, and was very highly appreciated by the brethren.

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on 19th January, Bro. Willoughby Briggs W.M. There were also present—Bros. W. H. Norton S.W., Wm. B. Midgley J.W., Jno. W. Thompson P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, John Wardle Secretary, E. S. Done J.D., Ed. W. Ogden I.G., Walter M. Simons Steward, Edward Hilton I.P.M.; Past Masters—John Walkden, A. E. Tysoe, F. S. Simons, R. Hothersall P.P.D.D.C., E. P. Mead, Edward Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and Albert Summersgill. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Thomas Henry Sommersgill was balloted for, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., who was assisted by Bro. W. H. Norton

S.W., and W. B. Midgley J.W. The former gave the charge in the N.E., Bro. Norton explained the working tools, and Bro. Midgley rendered the Ancient Charge. The ceremony was admirably performed, and reflected great credit upon all the Officers who took part in it. Bro. Walkden proposed the name of a candidate for Masonic honours, viz., Mr. H. B. Fawcett, which gentleman will probably be balloted for at the next meeting of the Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Hothersall, a sum of £1 1s was voted out of the Lodge funds to the George Mellor Testimonial fund, while other sums were promised by various brethren then present. At the festive board which followed the supper, the usual Loyal and Maronic toasts were honoured, after which that of the newly-initiated brother was proposed by Bro. Hothersall, to which Bro. Sommersgill did ample justice in his reply. Bro. Tysse proposed the toast of the Charity Representative (Bro. S. F. Simons), and commended him for the public spirit he always displayed in the Lodge, and the interest which he evinced in the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother Simons, in reply, said that the toast took him by surprise. He admired the Masonic method of giving donations, they were not ostentatiously talked about and unduly vaunted. Bro. Simons paraphrased the words of Pope by saying that "Masons do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame." He promised his auditors that so long as he had an opportunity of doing anything for the Charities he would not be found wanting. Other toasts followed, in one of which Bro. Norton mentioned the names of five new Life Governors to the Benevolent Institution, viz., Brothers Briggs W.M., Midgley J.W., Maxwell, W. M. Simons, and Albert Sommersgill, thus making a list of nineteen who are now subscribing members. The proceedings were diversified by songs, &c., given by Past Masters F. S. Simons, Ed. Roberts, and others.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.

It has often been argued that the most enjoyable meetings of our Lodges are those which mark the close of a Master's term of office, when, it would seem, a feeling of perfect freedom prevails, and any restraint or nervousness on the ruler's part is removed with the knowledge that his work is done, and his responsibilities as actual head of the Lodge are virtually at an end. Such was the case at the meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, 25th ult., when Bro. Moore occupied the chair for the closing meeting of his year of office, and presided over one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Moore was supported by his two Wardens, Brothers Innes and Hunter, with Bros. Clemow P.M. Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Walter Welleman I.P.M., F. Farrington P.M., W. Farrington P.M. Organist, Buck S.D., W. H. Welleman J.D., Rendell I.G., W. E. Farrington Dir. of Cers., Sichel Steward, Gilbert Tyler. There were also present the following visitors:—Bros. Taylor Worshipful Master, 913, Phillips Junior Warden 2157, Gaze Past Master 1768, Simpson P.M., W. W. Morgan jun. 177. The Lodge having been regularly opened was advanced, and Brothers Peck, Gilbert, and W. von Hafen were raised, after which Mr. F. Sloper, a candidate for initiation, was regularly admitted, the ceremonies being faultlessly performed by the Master, who was well supported in the work by the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. Innes, the present Senior Warden, was elected as Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Clemow re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Brother Gilbert to that of Tyler. Bros. Gill and Cobb were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee, and thus the formal business of the meeting was concluded. Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. Welleman, the Immediate Past Master, rose. He said he remembered how, two years before, he had been elected to the chair, and had looked around to see whom he might best rely on to support him in the work. Their present Master (Bro. Moore) then filled the office of Inner Guard, but he recognised him as capable of far better work, and eventually appointed him to the senior post, with results which the members of the Lodge were able to judge of. He had not only filled the duties of Senior Warden with satisfaction, but had succeeded to the more responsible duties of Master, and had won fresh honours for himself in that office. Looking back on the work of the year, it could truly be said that Brother Moore had carried out the duties most satisfactorily. He had not only performed the work in a splendid manner—a mere machine could repeat the words of the ceremonies—but had introduced such a spirit of cordiality and goodfellowship into the meetings as to make every one enjoy them. He now had the pleasure of proposing that the best thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Brother Moore on his retirement, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him at the next meeting. It was a pleasure to him to make this proposition, but at the same time a pain, as it marked the end of one of the most successful Masterships known in connection with the St. Dunstan's Lodge. The proposition was seconded by the Treasurer, and carried unanimously. The business was then concluded, and the company adjourned to banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured. Bro. Welleman proposed the health of the Master, referring to his (the speaker's) remarks in Lodge, and saying that Brother Moore had fully realised the expectations he had formed as to his capabilities. The best testimonial they could offer him was to tell him he had made the Lodge one of the happiest in the City of London, and had done this without any apparent difficulty on his part. Though he would not again occupy the chair at their meetings, except under exceptional circumstances, he would dwell in their hearts as a really good Master, and one who had made it a pleasure to belong to the Lodge. In reply, the Master assured them that his term of office had been a most enjoyable one. It was very difficult to be modest when one heard such remarks as those that had fallen from the Immediate Past Master, and they must excuse him if he displayed but little modesty just then. The position he had occupied during the year was not without its anxieties, and though he regretted leaving the chair, he did so with an amount of pleasure, feeling that his retirement would mean the advancement of the other

Officers, who all seemed to him able and willing to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. The other toasts included the Initiate, responded to by the newly-admitted member in gratifying terms, the Visitors, acknowledged by Brothers Taylor, Gaze, and Simpson, the Past Masters, special reference being made to the work of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, in proposing which the Master took the opportunity of wishing the W.M. elect a happy and prosperous term of office. Among those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Bros. Welleman, Bull, Sloper, and others.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual ball at the De Grey Rooms, York, on the 20th ult., and the proceeds of the gathering are to be devoted to the Educational Fund of the Province of North and East Yorkshire. The preliminary arrangements had been carried out by a committee, composed of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. H. Shonksmith, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge. A portion of the ball room was neatly furnished as a drawing-room by Bro. W. Bean, and the entrance hall and staircase were decorated with plants and shrubs by Mr. J. Key, of Bootham. The Lodge and Royal Arch banners were also utilised in adorning the entrance hall and ball-room. The party numbered upwards of seventy. Bros. W. B. Dyson P.M., J. L. Spetch S.W., and J. Smith J.D., officiated as M.C.'s, and were assisted by several members of the committee in the capacity of Stewards. During the interval in the programme the guests adjourned for supper, which was provided by Mr. Byran, of the rooms. Mr. O. Toe's band supplied the music, and the proceedings continued up to a late hour.

HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418.

THE annual meeting took place on Thursday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields. It being the first year of the Lodge a large number of brethren were present. Brother Mabane presided, and in very appropriate terms alluded to the success of the Lodge, and as a mark of his appreciation of the good feeling which existed, he presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of a full complement of the Officers. Brother William Dalziel W.M. elect was then installed by Brother Moffett P.M., the ceremony being conducted in a very impressive manner. Brother Dalziel afterwards invested the following as Officers for the year:—Brothers Mabane I.P.M., Bell S.W., Toomer J.W., Geary Chaplain, Graham Secretary, C. F. Sutcliffe Treasurer, Nelson S.D., Young J.D., Moffett Director of Ceremonies, Winstone Organist, Sutherland I.G., Wood and Crosby Stewards, Potter Tyler. After the transaction of other business of the Lodge Bro. Dalziel, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. Mabane with a handsome Founder's and P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The musical portion of the ceremony, which was very finely rendered, was provided by the South Shields Masonic Choir, assisted by Bros. Leatham, Welch and Campion, of Durham Cathedral. Brother Winstone officiated at the organ. The annual festival was afterwards held, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. C. Happs the new W.M. presiding.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—Held at the King's Arms, John Street, W.C., on Thursday, 2nd instant. Present Brothers H. Baldwin Worshipful Master, F. Lewis Senior Warden, A. Bannister Junior Warden, Bonghey, Stone, Reeves, C. Reeves, Andrews, Rashleigh, Cowland, Juby, Hood, Johnstone, and Bean. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The Lodge was then called off, and in the interval between labour and refreshment the second ballot meeting of the Benevolent Institution was held, when fortune favoured Brother Andrews, a new member of the Association, who is going up as Steward of the Boys' Institution, representing the Honour Oak Lodge, of which he is the present Worshipful Master. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and did full honour to the viands set before them. The usual Masonic toasts were received with acclamation, and after the due performance of a full musical programme, comprising sentimental and nautical songs, by Brothers Bannister, Juby, and Hood, and a humorous selection by Mr. Alfred Brown, the brethren were called from refreshment to labour. After the enrolment of some new members, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

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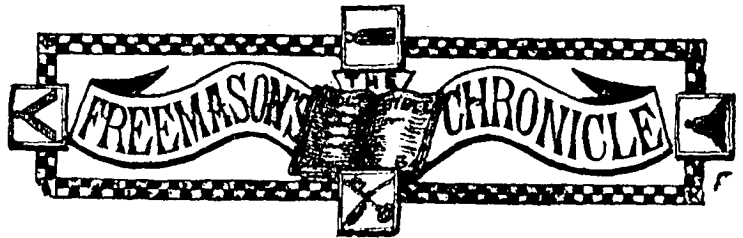
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SATURDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 1893.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. W. W. B. Beach J. as M.E.Z., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent Essex as H., and the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Grand Superintendent Cheshire as J. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the November convocation, Lord A. S. Churchill was invested as Scribe N., and took his seat accordingly. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was then taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report was published by us last week. Comp. Robert Grey moved and Comp. Frank Richardson seconded the different recommendations down to the refusal of the application of the Royal Albert Edward Chapter, No. 604, New Zealand, to retain possession of its Charter. These having been carried, Comp. Beach moved that the first recommendation with regard to the six additional Grand Officers in Supreme Grand Chapter be adopted, and Comp. Philbrick having seconded it, the recommendation was carried. With respect to the recommended additions in Provincial and District Grand Chapters, Comp. Beach said he suggested that this be referred back to the Committee, as it was thought not to be fair that the additions should be dependent on the number of Lodges in a Province or District; it should rather be dependent on the number of Chapters. Comp. Philbrick, who took the same view, seconded the motion, which was carried. A discussion

afterwards arose, initiated by Comp. Beach, with reference to the exclusion of Companions from Chapters during the opening ceremony. This led to a suggestion that the ritual of the Royal Arch should be revised, which was objected to by Comp. Thomas Fenn, who upheld the present system of opening Chapters as carrying out the object for which it was designed—the greater dignity of the Installed Principals. The subject, however, dropped, and the Grand Chapter was closed.

ROYAL ARK MASONRY.

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LECHMERE LODGE, No. 59.

A GAIN it is our pleasing duty to record a most successful meeting of Royal Ark Masons, attached to the Lechmere Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 59, at Worcester. Only four months ago we reported a meeting of the same Lodge, when about twenty M.M.M. hailing from Dudley were elevated to this Chapter. Now a similar number, hailing from Birmingham, anxious to take the degree journeyed to Worcester on Friday, the 27th ult., when a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge was opened. Among the brethren of the Worcester Lodge to greet the visitors on their arrival were the Right Worshipful Brother A. F. Godson, M.P. (the Provincial Grand Mark Master), and the following Past Commanders:—Brothers Major W. B. Williamson, T. Lamb Smith, R. C. Smith Carington, Henry Rowe, and Murray Haynes (representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), besides several brethren from Dudley. The candidates in attendance were as follows:—Brothers Rev. Trevor Parkins, B.A., Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Warwickshire; Felix Jones P.M. 174 P.P.G.W., William P. Hoskins Senior Deacon 174, Samuel Jenkins Worshipful Master 318 P.P.G.D. Staffordshire, Lloyd Owen W.M. Howe Lodge, T.L., Grand Steward Provincial Grand Treasurer, Robert Barton Morgan P.M. 115 P.P.G.S.W. Chaplain 115, Thomas Rowbotham W.M. 430 S.O. 115 P.P.G. Supt. Works, Edward Mallard P.M. 430 W.M. 115 P.G. Regr. of Marks, William Hillman P.M. 115 P.P.G.M.O., Walter Glover 430 J.W. 115 P.G.J.O., Howard Jennings Registrar of Marks 115 P.G. Steward, Frederick Edward Wattis Secretary 115 D.C. 430 Birmingham, John Alfred Dexter S.O. 430 S.D. 174 P.G.I.G., Thomas Henry Pearce S.D. 430, Walter Herbert Rollason Steward 115, Jabez Attwood M.O. 115 P.G. Standard Bearer, Arthur George Boys 430, William George Smith J.D. 174, Joseph Candelent P.M. 318. The above named brethren will be the founders of a new Lodge at Birmingham. The Lodge room presented a very animated appearance. It is handsomely furnished, and many banners are displayed round the room. The Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Abraham Green the W.C., and after the confirmation of the minutes and other routine business, the candidates were prepared and admitted. The ceremony of elevation was performed by Bro. Murray Haynes P.C.N. Afterwards Brother Abraham Green resumed the chair, and a Board of six installed Commanders was formed. Thereupon Bro. Thomas Frederick Bland the W.C.N. elect was presented to be enthroned, and a dispensation for that purpose from Grand Lodge having been read by the Scribe and ordered to be entered on the minutes, the ceremony of enthronement was performed by Bro. Abraham Green in a very able manner. Upon the re-admission of the brethren the W.C.N. was saluted in ancient form, and a procession formed. The W.C.N. then appointed and invested his new Officers for the year, and after the transaction of other business the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The Prov. G.M.M.M. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., in responding for the present and past members of the Royal Ark Council, expressed his pleasure in witnessing the continual increase of members taking this degree, and heartily welcomed the brethren from Warwickshire and Staffordshire who had attended at Worcester in order to qualify themselves to petition for a Royal Ark Lodge to be held at Birmingham. Bro. Edward Mallard responded for the newly-elevated brethren, and explained the earnest desire of the Mark Masons in his Province of Warwickshire to extend the working of this beautiful degree. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the banquet was superb, the wines unequalled, and every one present had a happy time. We shall look forward with pleasure to the consecration of the new Lodge in Birmingham early in the spring.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE financial statement of this Charity which will be presented to the meeting of the Court of Governors at an early date shows that the balance last year was £638. The receipts from the hall were £452; and from donations and subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters, &c., £1065, which, with lesser items, gave a total of £1633, while the income from interest account was £767. The sum of £300 had been paid on account of mortgage on the Masonic Hall, the gross total income for the year reaching £3339. A sum of £1572 had been paid during 1892 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation, and £211 as one year's proportion of the cost of nine presentations to certain institutions where the children are fully maintained, clothed, and educated.

DEVON AND CORNWALL FREEMASONS' CLUB.

THE fifth annual meeting of shareholders in the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was held on Monday, 30th ult., at the club. Brother J. R. Lord, Chairman of Directors, presided, and the other Directors present were Bros. J. B. Gover, W. Allsford, D. Cross, J. W. Cornish, C. H. Cooper, J. Wallis, J. Leonard, B. H. Littleton, and A. Roberts. There was also a large attendance of shareholders. The directors reported a steady increase for the year and a larger income than heretofore. They had been able to spend a considerable sum in decorating the Lodge-rooms, which had given satisfaction to the brethren; had paid a dividend of 3 per cent. on the preference shares, and recommended a dividend of 3 per cent. on the ordinary shares, carrying forward a substantial balance. They were perfectly satisfied with the admirable management of Bro. S. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, and their staff, and also with Brother Phillips' arrangements for the Lodges and entertainments. The directors who retired by rotation were Bros. R. Cawsey, C. H. Cooper, J. W. Cornish, and C. S. Stebbing. Brother Cawsey did not seek re-election, and the directors nominated for the vacancy in the directorate Bro. John Goad S.W. 70. The only amendment on the report came from Bro. Gibbons, who at first thought that a dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares might be recommended. He pointed out that there was sufficient money in hand to pay that dividend, and still leave a substantial balance. Bro. Harvey supported the amendment, believing that a 5 per cent. dividend would result in a large number of the unallotted shares being taken up. The Chairman explained that the matter had been fully considered by the directors, and although the club and hall were both doing admirably well, they thought it more prudent to divide three per cent. than to give a larger dividend. This view was taken by several shareholders, and Bro. Gibbons eventually withdrew his amendment and the report was adopted. Bro. Gibbons was re-elected auditor. On the motion of Bro. J. Kinton Bond, seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Bros. Cooper, Cornish, and Stebbing were re-elected directors, and on the nomination of the Chairman, Bro. J. Goad was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Cawsey. Bro. J. Kinton Bond, in proposing a vote of thanks to the directors, heartily congratulated them on the success of their efforts during the past year, and on the excellent position into which they had brought the company. It seemed to be prospering in all its departments. The comfort and the convenience of Lodges, as well as of individual members, were always consulted, and the result was that the brethren generally took a warm personal interest in the club. Brother S. Jew seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The auditors were thanked for their services, on the motion of Brother Harvey, seconded by Brother P. Clemens. A similar compliment was paid to the Secretary, Brother W. H. Dillon, on the motion of Brother C. Mutton, seconded by Brother Captain Reynolds, both of whom bore testimony to the zeal and energy which Brother Dillon always displayed in the discharge of duties which required both tact and discretion. Brother D. Cross moved a cordial vote of thanks to the club Steward, Brother S. Harvey, and also to Mrs. Harvey, for the thoroughly excellent manner in which they discharged their responsible duties. It was, he said, impossible to thank them too highly for the personal interest they took in the club. They devoted their whole time to it, and he knew that the members generally had a very high appreciation of their courtesy and attention at all times. The shareholders, he knew, would agree with him that a great deal of the success of the club was due to Brother and Mrs. Harvey for their excellent management. They enjoyed the full confidence of the directors, and he was sure, also, that they enjoyed the confidence of the shareholders and members at large. Brother Stanbury seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and Brother S. Harvey briefly returned thanks. On the motion of Bro. J. Rendle, seconded by Brother Maitland, the Chairman was thanked for presiding. Before the meeting separated, Brother Dr. Lemon asked the Chairman's acceptance of a very handsome aneroid barometer and thermometer, to be hung in the hall of the club. The Chairman, on behalf of the members generally, thanked Dr. Lemon for this further manifestation of his great interest in Freemasonry, and assured him that the gift would be highly valued by the members at large. The barometer bears two silver gilt plates, upon one of which is the inscription:—"Plymouth Freemasons' Club," and on the other, "Presented by W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon P.P.G.J.W., &c., 1893."

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

THE annual meeting of this committee was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the chairman (Bro. Beesley P.M. 823) presiding over a numerous gathering. The annual report presented by Bro. J. H. Tyson P.M. 1182, Honorary Treasurer, stated that the accounts of the past year showed total receipts of £803 2s 2d, and payments £895 16s 6d, or £92 14s 4d more than the receipts. The mortgage on the hall had been reduced to £2200, and the interest paid out in the year reduced to £90. The amount for repairs and alterations was £143 15s 11d, against £58 10s 5d in the previous year, much having in this respect been done that it was expected will avoid outlay again, and attention thus given to other urgent matters. The changes made by instructions of the hall committee indicate that considerable saving will result, there being so far a saving of about £27 in wages and a few pounds in gas. The amount of the house account was increased, but £10 of the increase was for telephone rent, towards which £5 had been received from the club. The report was adopted. Bro. D. Jackson P.M. 673 was unanimously elected Chairman of the House Committee, Bros. W. B. Sweetman P.M. 1505 Vice-Chairman, J. H. Tyson was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and T. J. Jarman P.M. 1325 Hon. Secretary. A committee of 21 members was subsequently elected, and the proceedings closed with the usual vote of thanks.

A NEW LAW REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYED.

DORSET and Somerset—as well as the whole of England—having discovered that certain “skilled labour” does not keep pace with the times, the question has seriously arisen, “What is the cause of this apparent retrogression?” But before proceeding to endeavour to answer this question we must aver that the Bristol labour riots, and similar upheavals, do not touch the root of the disease. The fact of the matter is that, before the Renaissance period, Englishmen, as a nation, did not engage to any large extent in the pursuit of what is designated skilled labour; but, with the Renaissance Girth, though no longer wearing the badge of serfdom, found himself uncared for by his master and mistress, who heretofore treated him as their adopted son in the ranks of servitude. Then began a new labour development in England; but in those days the members of skilled vocations belonged to Trade Guilds—as may be gathered from the Albury MS. relating to the Amalgamated Guild of Freemasons and Masons, tracing the origin of the Freemasonic Guild (or “Society”) from the trade associations existing previously to Edward III., when many became partially (and subsequently fully) incorporated by charter—the belonging to an ancient corporation conferring (other things being equal) a respectability on its members whilst custom so evolved became embodied into law, receiving modifications varying with the changing state of society; yet, without entering into the subject as to what period Freemasonry ceased to be Operative and became purely Symbolical and Speculative, there is no reason to doubt the description often given of the workmen under King Solomon; but it is presumable that Solomon did little more than improve the organisation he found in existence. The bodies of men we call Lodges were presided over by master-workers—the Lodges themselves consisted of journeymen, and probably also of apprentices. In Germany, perhaps, the old organisation is still more perfect than elsewhere in the west, as it has not been the practice in later times to admit into them “non-tradesmen,” i.e.: men who have not been apprenticed to the particular trade. In the Middle ages no tradesman could set up as a master in his craft and take apprentices who had not himself been an apprentice—not being a freeman of the place in which he wrought; not being such freeman he was called a “freemaster,” and could carry on his trade, as such, without the power to take apprentices: but apprentices having wrought for a specified time were required to travel for five years as journeymen to perfect themselves in their “Craft” [kraft means “power;” *handwerk*: “manual power” or “ability.”] The journeyman on his arrival in any place applied to the corresponding affiliated guild of his Craft in such place, where he obtained information of some Master who required his services, and having wrought under him for a given time, the employer being satisfied with him, communicated to him the *Kennzeichen* or word of recognition of the place as a proof of his having wrought there; this *Kennzeichen* was usually some object which would not attract general observation, such as the idea of the sculptor which induced him to carve a bird’s nest behind the statue of Roland (the palladium of Bremen) and a small mouse on the sculpture which surrounds the apse of the Cathedral of Lübeck—and, on his return, his knowledge of these *Kennzeichen* was considered as evidence of his having wrought faithfully in the place to which they referred; but before the ceremony of his passing as a free Craftsman he had to pass an examination as to his competency and deposit his *Masterwork* in the Guildhall which must be deemed satisfactory by the Court of the Guild. These journeymen in travelling from place to place received assistance on their way; this they called *fechten* (fighting); hence our term “to fight your way.” The members of all the companies of trades were sworn by indenture to keep secret the art of their “craft or mystery.” Their feasts were usually held twice in the year (Christmastide and Midsummer) on the festivals of St. John, who in this way came to be considered the protecting saint or patron of all guilds, and furnishes a key to a present custom which is significant; the Officers were styled Wardens; they had a beadle to summon them and a Chaplain to pray for them. Applying all this to our own times we are well aware we cannot revert to the past in all respects; but we think it would be well if some law could be made to restrain men who have not been apprenticed to a business from taking apprentices in that business—and, on the other hand, that no one should be recognized as a journeyman who had not served a specified indenture of at least five years, and that, after fulfilling his term of indenture, he should have the opportunity of passing a recognized examination as “a practical workman.” A small act of Parliament could be framed to this effect, and if our young member of Parliament would undertake the task of introducing such a bill his name would never be forgotten.

—Dorset and Somerset Standard.

Our Manchester representative, Brother Edward Roberts P.M., delivered a lecture on Wednesday last, 1st February, at a meeting of the Past Grand’s Association, in connection with the National Independent Order of Oddfellows, of which Order he is a Past Provincial Grand Master. The meeting was held at the Prince’s Hotel, Albert Square, and the subject of the lecture was “Wit and Humour.” There was a very good attendance of members and visitors, who thoroughly enjoyed the very many illustrations which the lecturer introduced. One of the visitors, by way of showing his appreciation of the lecture, invited Brother Roberts to visit the Openshaw District, on Thursday, 23rd March, and repeat the lecture, promising that there should be a good audience to welcome him on that occasion.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason’s Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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“The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1893.” London: GEORGE KENNING & Co., 16 and 16a Great Queen Street, W.C.

It is always with pleasure we look through this comprehensive Masonic book of reference; the Grand Lodge Calendar gives all particulars about the recognised degrees of Masonry, but after that the Cosmopolitan steps in, and without violating any rules gives full information of the outside degrees, such as Mark Masonry, Knights Templar, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Rosicrucian Society, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and a vast amount of foreign information. It will thus be seen that the Calendar is a most useful adjunct to the outside degrees, and we heartily commend it to our readers.

NEW MUSIC.

All Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason’s Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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“Yours Fraternally.” Masonic Song. Words by William Allan, music by Thomas Hutchinson. London: W. MORLEY AND Co., 127 Regent Street, W.

It was only last week we were saying how few of the songs devoted to the Craft reach us; now, however, we have one which should obtain a most hearty welcome amongst our brethren. “Yours Fraternally” is a capital song, the words of William Allan are most appropriate, while the music by Bro. Thomas Hutchinson W.M. 2039 has that amount of “go” in it that is sure to satisfy all who hear it. The small charge, 6d, for the song should cause it to have a wide-spread circulation.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 35.

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

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In Memoriam.

Wor. Bro. ARTHUR BRIGGS, J.P.

Our hearts to day are full of bitter grief—
Another sunbeam from our lives has passed;
But well we know we shall obtain Relief,
Where Truth and Love must ever dwell at last.
The Greatest Light of all thou now dost see;
By far more brilliant than thou saw’st before;
For, lo, its dazzling flame now burns for thee,
O’er all the ways of Heaven’s Eternal shore.
It is, O Brother—for thou’rt still our Brother—
The ne’er extinguishable Master’s Light,
Which beams by far more bright than any other,
For it was lit by One who knows no Night.
And we shall hope to gaze upon its glare
By acting here, as thou didst—“On the Square.”

Winder House, Bradford.
30th January 1893.

SONNET.

By BRO. J. GAUNT, B.A.

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To BRO. CHARLES F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

That genial bard. Still write thy sonnets, sweet,
And give us glimpses of Masonic lore;
Pour forth the germs of thy Masonic store
Thy countless readers’ hearts with joy to greet.
May each fair daughter of Mnemosyne
Come to thy aid and elevate thy song;
And, in especial, the sweet Enterpe,
Thy swelling strains of minstrelsy prolong.
Write on, sweet bard, and to us freely give
Thy gems Masonic—they will ever live
In countless generations yet unborn.
Write on; thy pen by poet’s fancy led;
Thy thoughts will live when thou art with the dead,
Awaiting welcome to a Brighter Morn.

Dewsbury.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Covent Garden Carnival.—The first of this season's fancy dress balls was given on the 28th ult., at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, when a large party, numbering many hundreds, responded to the invitation of Sir Augustus Harris to take part in the brilliant festival. Freemasonry was well represented in the persons of Dr. Lennox Browne, Sir Somers Vine, Captain Maitland, C. J. Minstrull, and the W.M.'s of the Tranquillity, Gallery, and St. Michael's Lodges. The orchestra, numbering one hundred and fifty performers, conducted alternately by Messrs. John Crook and J. M. Glover, were accommodated in a handsome roomy balcony erected on the stage, under which cosy corners were to be found for the enjoyment of refreshment and flirtation. The walls behind were covered by some very fine panels representing the various arts and sciences. The private boxes on two tiers were adorned with bouquets, to which were attached coloured ribbons hanging down in front, which had a very pretty effect; and the corridors were decorated with some magnificent palms, sent specially from the South of France, and other evergreens. Dancing commenced soon after eleven o'clock, and was continued without intermission until the early, or rather late hours of the morning. We were unable to obtain a list of the wearers of the glittering prizes offered by Sir Aug. Harris for the most original, the prettiest and the most grotesque costumes worn by the ladies and gentlemen; but among the most noticeable present were a *Fin-de-siècle* couple, a Corkscrew, a very realistic Snowman, a Zulu Chief in full war paint, a civilised Red Indian in a dress suit, and a Lady Bookmaker, who distributed a very witty race card. The Indian Goddess Vishnu, and a Coffee Stall Woman also made an impression—upon the corns of the unwary—in consequence of their impedimenta, and following out ancient Egyptian tradition there were no less than three Deaths' Heads. Several ladies contented themselves with merely mask and domino, while there were rather too many dress coats to be picturesque. Fun and jollity reigned supreme, and the genial manager, conscious that every thing was perfect, looked contented and happy.

Royal Aquarium.—The directors of this popular resort have certainly obtained a wonder in the person of Princess Topaze, who claims to be the smallest midget in the world. The Princess, who is a most graceful little woman, was born at Buenos Ayres; at her birth she weighed 10 ounces, and measured but 6 inches. She is now 16 years old and weighs 15 lbs., her height is 20 inches, hands (extreme length) 4 inches, and feet 4 inches. Princess Topaze is driven on to the stage in a miniature barouche, drawn by two small and pretty ponies. She has a favourite dog she has taught many tricks; the dog was known in Paris as the thought-reading dog. On Monday, the Princess went through one or two well-executed dances, but owing to her lateness in arriving from Paris she did not go through the whole of her performance. We believe, however, that since Monday the Princess has been delighting audiences by her cleverness in various ways.

The production of "Becket" at the Lyceum will take place on Monday next, when Mr. Henry Irving will be supported by Miss Ellen Terry and a well selected company.

The Trafalgar Square will open to-night (Saturday), under the management of Messrs. Yorke Stephens and E. W. Garden, with "The County Councillor," a farcical comedy in three acts by H. Graham.

"IN THE SHORT WAY."

THOSE Freemasons who are sincerely devoted to the best interests of the Craft feel the need of good instruction to the members of Lodges.

They see that without it, inattention was the excuse of want of knowledge.

Those members who are not well taught the regulations of the Fraternity cannot appreciate the defects that occur in the working of the Lodge, or the want of care in its routine action. Something may be omitted in the Lodge proceedings that occasions error; but if what is omitted is unobserved, because so few of the members know it, then it passes as correct. It is not always that those who do know will call attention to the omission. They do not feel willing to obtrude on the notice of the Worshipful Master, or the brethren. They feel a delicacy in correcting the omissions, lest they may be incorrect themselves. They are not certain the correction they propose is really the law. Want of familiarity with the *Alhiman Rezon*, and the rules for the government of the Lodge, leaving them in doubt as to the proper proceeding to avoid the error coming out of this omission.

It is another proof of the necessity of Lodge instruction. Besides, the members of Lodges are in some sort responsible for the inattention which results in error. It often happens that the Lodge has work put on it by the application for initiation and membership. Several may be presented at a meeting. Then the committees on each are appointed. When the time arrives for these committees to report, and the ballot is had on these petitions, the natural anxiety to do the work and make *Masons of these candidates* is so pressing, that the Lodge and the Worshipful

Master are willing to begin at once, and do all they can as quickly as possible.

So it comes to pass that the Worshipful Master informs the Lodge, that he will do it in the short way.

Now a more unwise proceeding could not be well devised. Do it in the short way is to half do the work. So the work is done. Of course some important parts are omitted. Those that are not omitted are so hurriedly carried out as to leave no impression on the candidate of the serious and solemn ceremony. The candidate after it is over knows hardly the A B C of the ceremony. It is not explained fully and expressively as it should be.

Those young members who possibly went through the same short-way ceremony, learn nothing by being present. If one-half the ceremonies was omitted they would be none the wiser. The Lodge stultifies itself by permitting the work to be performed against the regulations of the Craft. The members, thus half taught, know but half what they ought to know. The Lodge retrogrades imperceptibly. The members begin to lose interest in Lodge meetings, and errors, mistakes, direct violations of Masonic law, are committed, and all this comes from doing it in the short way.

Really it would seem that a little reflection would prove that this short way is the direct way to serious evils. In every Lodge there are earnest Masons; Masons that, if they would desire to protect the Lodge from error, could, by timely suggestions, eradicate the disposition to imperfectly and, indeed, improperly perform the work of the Lodge. It is on these brethren the responsibility rests.

The best interests of Freemasonry invoke the conservative action of these brethren.

Shall these invocations be in vain?—*Keystone.*

Bro. W. J. Fisher who was elected W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, at the last meeting, will be installed on Tuesday next, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. The event promises to be one of some importance as several Grand and Provincial Officers have promised to be present.

ROYAL AQUARIUM, WESTMINSTER.

REFRESHMENT DEPARTMENT.

TABLE D'HÔTE DINNERS

AT SEPARATE TABLES.

DINNERS À LA CARTE.

Luncheons, Dinners, and Suppers from
the Grill and Joint.

*Dining Room in the Gallery with Tables, having a view
of the Stage.*

PRIVATE DINING ROOMS WITH BALCONIES,

IN FULL VIEW OF THE STAGE,

May be engaged by Private Parties without extra charge.

SPECIAL TERMS FOR SCHOOLS AND LARGE PARTIES.

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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, 4th February.

142 St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1623 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928 Gallery, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1949 Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park
R.A. 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
209 Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
1148 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage
1388 Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
1458 Truth, Wheatshaf Hotel, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1550 Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 6th February.

12 Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall St.
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
83 United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, E.C.
144 St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1310 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1731 Cholmeley, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1898 Priory Lodge of Acton, High Street, Acton
2020 St. Botolph's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2094 Elthorne and Middlesex, 68 Regent Street, W.
2098 Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Hackney
R.A. 4 Royal Somerset House of Invoicess, F.M.H.
R.A. 1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

37 Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton
53 Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Bath
113 Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston
119 Sun, Sq., and Comp., F.M.H., Whitehaven
135 Perpetual Friendship, Clarence, Bridgwater
154 Unanimity, M.H., Zetland Street, Wakefield
156 Harmony, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
251 Loyal, Masonic Hall, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Masonic Hall, Torquay
331 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
395 Guy, Victoria Hotel, Leamington Priors
428 Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
431 St. George, Masonic Hall, North Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Camb.
478 Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482 St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Worcester
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome
694 Onkley, Masonic Hall, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dowsbury
850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
928 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Masonic Hall, Fowey, Cornwall

1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1220 Solway, The Grapes, Apatia, Silloth
1230 Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Masonic Hall, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
1312 St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1434 Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1573 Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cae Street, Swansea
1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
2039 Londonderry, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
2166 Cotehele, Masonic Hall, Calstock, Cornwall
2240 Arrow, Burton House Hotel, Kington, Hereford
2280 Fairfield, 14 Fairfield Street, Fairfield, Lanc.
2322 E. Lanc. Centurion, Victoria Ho., Manchester.

R.A. 312 Britannia, Masonic Hall, Whitby
R.A. 380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull

Tuesday, 7th February.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, 4
9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leventham Street
172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Square, W.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Gr. Eastern Hotel, E.
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1381 Kennington, Horus Tavern, Kennington
1397 Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1602 Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, N.
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel
2160 Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2399 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.

R.A. 92 Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.C. 72 Canterbury, 31 Golden Square

52 Union, 47 St. Giles' Street, Norwich
70 St. John, Huyshe M.H., Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
120 Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, M.H., Old Elver, Darham
158 Adams, Britannia, Mile Town, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleborough
252 Harmonic, Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Keighley
293 King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich
294 Constitutional, Masonic Hall, Beverley
315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
364 Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock
393 St. David, Mas. Hall, The Parade, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, F.M.H., South Molton
443 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Bull, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Malton
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle
702 Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud
734 Londesborough, M.H., Bridlington Quay
794 Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Honiton, Devon
918 St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Leighton
930 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
967 Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Penryn
974 Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Bradford
995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston

1002 Skiddaw, M.R., Challoner St., Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Masonic Hall, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1197 Nyanza, Masonic Hall, Ilminster
1244 Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1282 Anchole, Masonic Rooms, Gray Lane, Brigg
1336 Square and Compass, Mas. Rooms, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, White Hart, Beaminster
1438 St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1780 Albert Edward, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Masonic Hall, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Masonic Hall, Bath, Brecon
1903 Cholmondeley, Commercial Hotel, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993 Wolseley, Trevelyan Hotel, Manchester
2133 Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2138 St. Michaels, Chequers Ho., Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Deuchar's Bldgs., Newcastle-on-Tyne
2295 Scarisbrick, Masonic Hall, Stockport
2339 Mistley, White Hart Hotel, Munningtree

R.A. 203 St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 600 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
R.A. 681 Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 781 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
R.A. 938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 949 Williamson, Masonic H., Monkwearmouth
R.A. 996 Harry Sparks, M.H., East Dereham
R.A. 1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot
R.A. 1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, York
R.A. 1837 Lullington, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
M.M. 69 United Serv., King's Arms, Old Beampton
M.M. 161 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms Hotel, Ash-ton-under-Lyne

Wednesday, 8th February.

Committee R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Hall, 3
3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11 Knock, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13 Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Br.
166 Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Birdett Road
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306 Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate
1538 St. Martin's-le-Grand, G.E. Hotel, Lpool St.
1803 Cornhill, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1815 Pence, Thicket Hotel, Austerly
1990 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
2272 Rye, Peckham P.H., Rye Lane, Peckham.
2347 Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant, Bank Street
2362 Bloomsbury Raffles, Head Qu., Cheapside Street.
2410 Esculapius, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
R.A. 171 Amity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon St.
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
M.M. (T.I.) Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.C. 1 Grand Metropolitan, 33 Golden Square, W.

54 Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, M.H., Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Bank Buildings, Hythe
145 Antiquity, Masonic Hall, Bolton
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, F.M.H., Bristol
204 Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225 St. Luke's, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
244 Yarrowburgh, Masonic Temple, Jersey
250 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull
277 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Lancashire
288 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
323 Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport
567 Unity, The Woolpack, Warwick
681 Fawcett, M.H., Seaburn Harbour
686 Benevolence, Wes. School Rooms, Princetown
679 St. David, Masonic Hall, Aberdare, Glam.
741 Abereiddy, Masonic Hall, Derby
755 St. Thaddeus, Freemasons' Hall, Llanidloes
851 Albert, Duke of York Inn, Snow, near Oldham

1005 Zetland, The Bell, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1060 Marimon, 14 Church Street, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Bull Hotel, Barnley
1088 Royal Edward, Masonic Club, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, M.H., Chapple Place, Ivybridge, Devon

1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1125 St. Peter, Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton
1140 Ashton, Reform Cl., Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Masonic Hall, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Royal Hotel, Runcorne
1248 Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Masonic Hall, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1393 Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Masonic Rooms, Workington
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1465 Ockenden, Assembly R., Hayward's Heath
1503 Francis Burdett, Albion Hotel, Twickenham
1547 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1592 Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1593 Prince Leopold, Masonic Hall, Stafford
1643 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobbarn-on-Tyne
1703 Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney
1715 Arthur J. Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands
1798 Zion, Grand Hotel, Manchester
1848 Ferum, Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough
1955 St. Maurice, Working Men's Hall, Plymouth
1963 Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
1979 Lord Warwick, Masonic Hall, Anlaby
1982 Whitworth, Masonic Hall, Spennyngore
1987 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
2046 Robinson, Bell Hotel, Maidstone, Kent
2158 Arthur Sullivan, Old Bear's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester
2183 Royal Hampton Court, Mitre H., Hampton Ct.
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire
2281 Smyth, Masonic Hall, Osborne Rd., Grimsby.
2294 Waverley, Coffee House, Church Road
2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich, Cheshire
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Prince of Wales Hotel, Railway Street, Chatham.
2423 St. Mark's, Rooms, Connah's Quay, S. Wales

R.A. 22 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham
R.A. 23 Social, Queen's, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 280 St. Wulstan, M.H., 95 High St., Worcester
R.A. 298 Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 350 Meribah, Church Hotel, Kearsley
R.A. 393 Berwick-upon-Tweed, M.H., Parade, B.T.
R.A. 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 809 Etheldreda, Rose and Crown, Wisbech
R.A. 1021 Henry Cook, M.H., Barrow-in-Furness

Thursday, 9th February.

19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel
91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
181 Universal, Café Royal, Regent Street
208 Friendship, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263 Bank of England, Albion Tavern, E.C.
534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St., E.C.
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, S.E.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1559 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.
1599 Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall, Tarncliffe, E.C.
1708 Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
1987 Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
2047 Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham
R.A. 554 Yarrowburgh, London Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 1321 Emblematic, Criterion, Piccadilly
R.A. 1642 Earl of Curzon, Ladbroke Hall, W.
M.M. 86 Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall Avenue
K.T. 117 New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35 Medina, Masonic Hall, Croyes
51 Knights of Malta, St. George's Hall, Hockley
97 Palestine, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
112 St. George, Masonic Hall, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, F.M.H., Southampton
139 Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Southfield
191 St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
216 Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, M.H., Starkey Street, Preston
341 Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Redcliffe, Gloucester
369 Limestone Rock, Swan and Royal, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Over Darwen
437 Silence, Masonic Hall, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
469 Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Hall, Spalding
477 Mersey, Mas. Cl., Hamilton St., Birkenhead
546 Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Loughton, Stafford
561 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
586 Elias De Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Salisbury
593 St. Botolph, Corn Exchange, Stamford
732 Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739 Temperance, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
786 Croxteth United Services, Mas. Hall, Liverpool
816 Royal, Sun Inn, Littleborough
945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
991 Tyne, M.H., Whittington Quay, Northumberland

1035 Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale M.H., L'pool
1055 Derby, Victoria Hotel, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Market Hotel, Lytham
1093 St. George, Temperance Hall, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Masonic Hall, Stoke Newington
1143 Royal Donbigh, Town Hall, Donbigh
1144 Milton, Blue Bell Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
1147 St. David, F. e. nasons' Hall, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Masonic Hall, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Oldfellows' Arms, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Masonic Hall, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Masonic Hall, Lark
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583 Corbet, Whitehall, Towyn
1597 Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Masonic Hall, Tynemouth
1915 Graystone, Foresters' Hall, Watlington
1932 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Assembly Room, Acton, Hants.
2038 Portcullis, Hanging Chapel, Llanfair, Sum.
2217 Windermere, Central Buildings, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Swan Ho., Rickmansworth
2227 White Horse, Masonic Hall, Westbury, Wilts

2234 Onslow, St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford
 2262 Dagmar, Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraybury
 2278 Kingswood, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne
 2285 Eden, M. Rooms, Portland Sq., Workington
 2311 St. Alkmund, Fox and Goose, Whitechurch.
 2321 Acacia, Masonic Hall, Darley St., Bradford
 2343 Sir William Harpur, Ass. Rooms, Bedford
 2428 Gracedieu, M.H., Coalville, Leicestershire
 2449 Duke of York, Praline Hotel, Manchester
 R.A. 51 Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 254 Trinity, Queen's Hotel, Coventry
 R.A. 275 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
 R.A. 464 Hwlford, M.H., Haverfordwest
 R.A. 506 Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate
 R.A. 723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Rd., Aldershot
 K.T. 21 Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax

Friday, 10th February.

33 Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177 Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1559 New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich
 1704 Anchor, Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
 1997 John Carpenter, The Albion, Aldersgate St.
 2399 Ordance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead
 R.A. 6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.C. 3 Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.

36 Glamorgan, Masonic H., Working St., Cardiff.
 81 Doric, Private Rooms, Woodbridge, Suffolk
 170 All Souls, Masonic Hall, Weymouth
 458 Aire and Calder, Masonic Rooms, Goolo
 526 Honour, Star and Garter Hot., Wolverhampton
 680 Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
 916 Hartington, Albany Hall, Eastbourne

1001 Harrogate and Claro, Mas. Hall, Harrogate
 1087 Beadesert, Assembly Ro., Leighton Buzzard
 1121 Wer Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289 Rock, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 1428 United Service, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
 1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1661 Newton, Savings Bank, Newark-upon-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
 1983 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold
 2244 Cowper and Newton, M.H., High St. Olney
 R.A. 81 Royal York, Doric Place, Woolbridge
 R.A. 304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 406 De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
 R.A. 1001 Harrogate and Claro, M.H., Harrogate

Saturday, 11th February.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446 Mount Edgcombe, Swan, Battersea
 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1671 Mizpah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's, Fleet Street
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2369 Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St.
 2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.
 R.A. 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 R.A. 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., S.E.
 M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

1347 Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
 1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
 1990 Hampshire of Emulation, P.M.H., Landport
 2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
 2147 Crays Valley, The Institute, St. Mary Cray
 2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 R.A. 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 4th February.

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

Monday, 6th February.

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
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 248 True Love & Unity, P.M.H., Brixham, Devon
 382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
 548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
 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
 1585 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, Wairobok, 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
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,
 Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 7th February.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 71 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
 177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound
 Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
 1446 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 148 Perry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1919 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
 Hill, 8

Wednesday, 8th February.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider St.
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 103 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 533 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
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1366 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hall
 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 Creation, Wheatshaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell
 New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 9th February.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarerce, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 531 Old Boar's Head, Manchester
 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
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford
 Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,

1153 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commer-
 cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
 1559 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, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,
 Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
 St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
 Canonbury, 8

Friday, 10th February.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 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
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
 Criterion, W., 8
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,
 Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 11th February.

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

The annual Masonic ball at Heckmondwike
 took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult., about
 eighty ladies and gentlemen being present.

Mr. George S. Aspinall, who had the
 honour of singing before the Queen, at
 Osborne, on 19th ult., has received a valuable
 uncut sapphire and diamond pin from Her
 Majesty, as a souvenir of the event.

The Duchess of Teck and Princess May
 attended a concert at the Star and Garter,
 Richmond, on Tuesday evening, in aid of
 Princess Mary Adelaide's Training Home for
 Servants.

The installation meeting of the Langthorne
 Lodge, No. 1421, was held at the Angel
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