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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

WE may look forward to a lively and exciting contest at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held on Thursday, the 13th April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London. The balloting papers, which have been issued this week, give us a List of Thirty candidates, who will compete for Nineteen vacancies. Of these, three only come forward with votes to their credit, and these votes in the aggregate only amount to 873; we may therefore at once come to agreement that the race will be an open one, and the prizes can only be secured by judicious and careful management on the part of those who have taken upon themselves to support the respective candidates. There are only four last application cases, and as there is always a certain section of the subscribers who deem it their duty to give special attention to all deserving cases on their last appeal we hope to see all these get a place on the successful list.

First, then, let us consider the claims of these last application candidates. No. 3 on the List, Marion Taylor, has already made one application, at the October Election last year, when she had 753 votes recorded on her behalf. She, with two other children, are dependent on the mother. The father, who died on the 17th December 1891, was a subscribing member to his Lodges—Burgoyne, No. 902, and Emulation, No. 1163—over fourteen years. This candidate will be supported by London brethren, and by members of the Province of Warwickshire. No. 5, Ina Crowther, has both parents living. The father was a member of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, and we feel sure the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire will give the necessary help to secure a place for this candidate. No. 13, Gertrude Eleanor Ross, is one of five children dependent on their mother. The father, Bro. H. T. T. Ross, was a clerk in H.M. Customs; he subscribed to his Lodge, the Vitruvian, No. 87, 18½ years. He died on the 17th August 1892. No. 19, Florence Field, has lost both parents. Her father was a subscriber for 12 years to the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713. Doubtless the brethren of West Lancashire will not lose sight of this candidate. As we have already said these are last application cases, and as such we specially commend them to the notice of our readers.

No. 1 on the List, Maud Mary Norris, lost her father on the 2nd January 1888. He had been, at the time of his death, a subscribing member to his Lodge, the St. John's, No. 1343, for eleven years. This case will be supported by the brethren of Essex, the members of which Province will be sure to give it their best attention. No. 2, May Aline Tubbs, hails from Hants and the Isle of Wight. Her father died in March 1892; he was a member of Lodges 319 and 1780, and subscribed for 19 years. The mother has three other children dependent on her. No. 4 is a

London case; Nellie M. B. Harwood is the daughter of Bro. G. Fisher Harwood, who subscribed for over 7 years to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056. He died on the 4th July 1885, leaving his widow with this child dependent on her. No. 6, Fanny Seward, is also a Hants and Isle of Wight candidate. Her father, who subscribed to Lodges 1428 and 1903 for over sixteen years, was washed overboard while following his occupation of chief steward in the Royal Navy. The mother has three children dependent on her. No. 7, Georgina Plaskitt, is a daughter of a brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, who died in July 1891. He is accredited with 24½ years membership, and doubtless in that time secured many friends, who we trust may now support the candidature of his child. No. 8, M. M. Vale, is one of the two dependent children of Bro. T. H. Vale, who was Secretary of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, of Shanghai. He had subscribed to his Lodge for upwards of eleven years. No. 9, Bertha Lucie E. Sanders, is the daughter of Bro. John Sanders, M.D., who subscribed to Lodges 632 (Trowbridge) and 1056 (London) for periods amounting to more than eight years. This child is the only one dependent on the mother. The father was a subscriber to both Boys' and Girls' Schools. No. 10, Dorothy Maud Roof, hails from the Province of Kent. Her father was a member of the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, wherein he was initiated in 1889; he subscribed until the time of his death, March 1892. The widow has five children dependent on her. No. 11, Jessie Richards, is the daughter of Brother William Richards, a member of Lodges Nos. 1257 and 1853. In the latter he filled the chair of W.M. He subscribed for 16 years, and died in March 1891, leaving a widow with three children; one of these, however, is partly provided for. No. 12, Emiline Fawcett, is another West Yorkshire case. The father subscribed to his Lodge, No. 275, for ten years. He died in June 1888, leaving one child dependent on his widow. The next two cases, Nos. 14 and 15, are accredited to the Western Division of South Wales. Florence Susan Ace is one of five children dependent on her mother. The father was a subscribing member of No. 671 for fourteen years. He died in September 1885. The second of these cases, Gladys May Harding, a daughter of Brother C. V. Harding, of No. 476, who subscribed to his Lodge for over fourteen years, presents some exceptional features. Both parents are dead, and there is a family of nine children dependent. No. 16, Jessie May Curle, is the daughter of a brother who belonged to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, and herein he subscribed to the time of his death, February 1892, a period of 19 years. He was a Life Governor to all the Charities. His widow is left with four children, but one is partly provided for. No. 17, Dora Gallott, is the daughter of Bro. Joseph Louis Gallott, who for 14½ years was associated with the Craft in Lodges 671, 672, 454, 782 and 227. He is by profession a

civil engineer. Both parents of this child are living. No. 18, Valentina Maud Cook, is the daughter of a member of Nos. 1170 and 992, to which Lodges he has subscribed for eight years. The mother of the child is dead, and there are two children dependent on the father. No. 20, Laura Lendrim, is the daughter of a Gr.-Master Sergeant of the Royal Engineers, who for seventeen years subscribed to Lodges No. 184 and 1714. He died in November 1891. The mother has three children dependent on her. The late Bro. Lendrim was a prominent figure at Masonic functions in the Province of Surrey, and General Brownrigg, who dearly liked to see the Military element represented, invariably gave him a cordial greeting. We are pleased to add that the Masonic Charities Association of the Province have promised to support this case at the election. No. 21, Esther T. Archer, will doubtless have the support of the brethren of the Western Division of Lancashire. Her father subscribed for fourteen years to No. 1256, of which Lodge he was a Past Master. Both parents are dead, and there are four other children dependent. No. 22, Emily Caudwell, hails from Lincolnshire. Her father was a subscribing member for upwards of 16 years to Nos. 1447 and 985. He died in May 1891, leaving his widow with six children. No. 23, Dorothea Margaret Prideaux, is accredited to Somersetshire. Her father, a physician and surgeon, subscribed to Lodges 261 and 1966 for upwards of five years. He died in September 1892, leaving his widow with eight children dependent. No. 24, Florence Milner, is another candidate from West Lancashire. Her father was a P.M. of 178, and also belonged to No. 2269; he is credited with a membership of 19 years. In this case also there are eight children dependent on the mother. No. 25, Ethel Rose L. Kemp, is the daughter of Bro. C. L. Kemp, of the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924. At the time of his death—in October 1884—he was W.M. elect of his Lodge. His widow has two children dependent on her. No. 26, Edith Mary Lloyd, is also dependent on her mother, who has two other children to support. Bro. Lloyd was a member of No. 1743, and at the time of his death had subscribed for 3½ years. He was a subscriber to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. No. 27, Viola F. Roach, is the daughter of a member of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591. He subscribed for 4½ years, and died in March 1892, leaving his widow with two children. He was a Life Subscriber to the Boys' School. No. 28, Mary Adelaide Norbury, seeks the suffrages of the London brethren. Her father was a member of the Caxton, No. 1853. The mother is left with five children dependent on her. No. 29, Nellie Rosewarne, is accredited to Cornwall. Her father subscribed for nearly 10 years to the True and Faithful Lodge, No. 318, wherein he had risen to the office of Senior Warden. He died in 1892, and left his widow with five children to provide for. No. 30, Evelyn Louise Underwood, comes forward from Worcestershire. Her father subscribed to Lodges 1204 (herein he was a Past Master) and 280, where he is credited with 15½ years subscriptions. He was a Life Subscriber to the Girls, and had served a Stewardship for the Boys. In this case again there are five children dependent on the widowed mother.

As we said in our opening remarks, we anticipate a sharp contest. With one exception the course will be an open one to all the contestants, and we expect to see some good generalship displayed by those brethren who undertake the responsibility of the election on behalf of their respective districts.

Bro. W. H. Waterman was recently installed as Worshipful Master of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

SOME MASONIC OBSERVATIONS.

By Richard Vaur. Committee on Masonic Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

LANDMARKS.

NO commune with our brethren on those questions which are of common interest to the Fraternity of Freemasons demands an unreserved devotion to the landmarks, usages and customs of Masonry. More than this, it requires an unalterable faith in their origin and indestructible character. And again it invites obedience to conscientious and courageous maintenance of their unimpaired integrity.

As the watchmen on the towers of the fortress are to be keenly awake for all approaching danger, so those who are entrusted with the performance of the obligation to sound the alarm of every subtle, insidious, or concealed attempt to endanger the stability and integrity, the eternal principles, and the perpetuity of the landmarks of Masonry, should not fail to comply with the demands of this obligation.

The wisdom of our teachings—that usage as formulated into custom, and custom established as a landmark—protects, like the Ark of the Covenant is protected, by the sword of defence. At the *East* of Eden the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, guarded eternal truth. This defence at our *East* protects our landmarks, and checks and defeats the entrance of the stranger within our portals. Let us consider the true meaning of this symbolism. We will be more thoroughly enabled to perform our duties when we master the lesson thus taught us.

It is to be feared that some sincere Masons, who have not devoted time to consider the subject, might doubt as to the ancient authority for the landmarks. This is not an unreasonable supposition. It is likely that casual and imperfect reflections, caused by sporadic attempts to comprehend what Freemasonry means, and is, and was, and must ever be, fail in throwing light on the esoteric history of our Craft.

The symbology and the traditions of Masonry are its only reliable records. Unwritten they are, yes, and must be.

The study, the analytical, close and serious investigation of the meaning and teachings of the symbols will develop to the intelligent and thoughtful Mason a wonderful insight into the very spirit of the mysteries which lie in these symbols and the work that must come directly out of them. A Lodge of Freemasons, lawfully warranted and duly constituted, opened, tyled, and closed, must, of undeniable and absolute necessity, *work* by the teachings of these symbols. If not, it is not a Lodge of Freemasons.

One test to be applied to the meaning of these teachings is the traditions that aid their interpretation.

Hence, in brief, dear brethren, we venture to express our earnest desire that the landmarks and symbology and traditions of our Craft should be studied. For it does seem to us that without their full comprehension Freemasonry cannot be understood. If it is not in itself so impressed on the Masonic mind it cannot be maintained in its integrity. Impaired in ever so little, here and there, it is open to destruction, as the banks of the river are washed away after the first insignificant flow of the trickling water, unheeded, because, if observed, it is deemed harmless.

It cannot fail to be recognised as true that much of the novelty that now and then is sought to be injected into Masonry is the result of inconsiderate zeal. Why not add to, or change, present regulations? The progress of social desires suggests them; why not yield to these plausible suggestions? What harm is there to come out of so plain a proposition? Ah, dear brethren, this may be well unobjectionable in ephemeral profane societies, but in Masonry it is impossible.

When a novelty, something modern, a departure from usage and custom, is presented, the inquiry should be promptly made, is this contrary to Masonic rule? Is it permissible under Masonic regulations? Is it authorised by any Masonic authority? If not, then it is unlawful.

To formulate a positive and perfect answer to all such queries, it may be that, in Freemasonry, what is not permitted is prohibited. This is safe and conservative. It suggests a proposition that is self-evident. That which is

without authority is unauthorised. If it is not authorised it is violate of Masonic law. There may be exceptions to this rule, but, as a rule, it is so easily comprehended as to leave but little doubt as to its scope and efficacy. With an earnest desire, dear brethren, to maintain the "established" in our "Work" and "Ritual," we have, with profound respect for the views of our brethren, ventured to offer these reflections. Devoted to the welfare of our Fraternity, we trust to the appreciation by our brethren of our motive in thus addressing them.

We may be pardoned for over anxiety. The causes for it are often so insidious as to pass without notice. We know how effectively the suggestion is made that the novelty desired is really of no importance because it does not violate Masonic law or usage. It is plausibly claimed that the landmark, if there is one, does not prohibit so slight a change. Let us remember, dear brethren, that it is only comparatively in modern times that written constitutions and other authority for Masonic government exist.

Whatever may be said as to the first manuscripts, or written or printed Masonic papers, we are inclined to give sanction to the Matthew Cooke manuscript, in the fifteenth century, as entitled to precedence. It is in itself Masonic in character and entitled to be so regarded, because it contains what is now lawfully printed in constitutions, bye-laws and "charges" to elected Officers of Lodges. These "charges" chiefly relate to the civil duties of Freemasons.

But neither of these manuscripts are of any authority, or indeed, have any relation to the proposition we now seek to suggest—that printing Masonic "work" or ritual is forbidden to the Craft. So that *tradition*, oral teaching, is the only method of lawfully imparting Masonic knowledge.

The *tradition* was the only method of communicating Masonic law. It is one of the remarkable characteristics of Freemasonry that its principles, its work, its laws, were so communicated as to have, by this most wonderful manner, remained down to this day. It proves how carefully these principles were taught. It proves how earnest and eager the Craftsmen in the aforetime were to learn and to know. It proves what strict measures were adopted to teach the initiates these absolutely essential, foundation, inherent laws of the Fraternity.

The evidence we have proves that writing, and all like means of formulating our esoteric work and ritual, were not used, as these means were possessed but by the very few who had their custody. The essential, primary lesson of Freemasonry was *silence* to all but those entitled to know. Even to-day it is so. The Lodge work proves the truth and force, emphasizes without a single exception—for exceptions are impossible under our laws—that this is, and was, and must ever be, a landmark—silence. That word "silence" expressed a symbol. There is a wonderful meaning in the teaching of silence.

If, then, Masonry was not, in the beginning, dependent on written teachings, if its usages, customs, and landmarks were only to be known by oral communication, it is no argument to say that, as landmarks are not put in print, there is a doubt as to what is to be construed or accepted as a landmark.

Serious students of even written history know that, careful as authors were to obtain evidence from even the earliest periods of written language, for making statements of events, yet it is by tradition that much of true history is preserved.

It is more reasonable to believe that the consensus of Masonic tradition, as to which the memory of man runs not to the contrary, is the truer exposition of Masonic law and landmark.

To test this view, the facts of this very day may aid in presenting our contention to the acceptance of our brethren.

If, for example, all that is said and done in Lodges of the Grand Jurisdictions was printed as authoritative, what would be thought of such a diverse, unintelligible, and confused compilation? Yet the traditions which are known to be from the past knowledge of our Craft will not fail to explain what is a landmark. The teaching by the ear is more effective, best concentrated, more directly conveyed to the mind of the hearer than through the eye.

We are prepared for the suggestion that what is called the "English language" has undergone changes in its etymology since Chaucer. But the severe student of

philology will be assured that the word, as words, have not been changed as to their original significance.

It is very difficult to comprehend the meaning of words that are not in general use. The growth of language is like any other growth. Cultivation may improve the original plant, but its distinctive characteristics are not obliterated.

A line of Chaucer in his best style and a line of Macaulay are both English. Growth has developed more refined, ornate, and polished construction, but that is the effect of the larger scope which the language has attained. The taste is cultivated. The meat which the savage prepares for his food and the meat which the epicure prefers are both the same substance—meat. Therefore in Masonry we find that the words we claim to be unalterable are, and must ever be, expressive of their original meaning. They are as recognisable now as in the earliest of days. Tradition is not impaired, nor its message hidden. Its words are as well understood by us as by our fathers who first used them.

We are constrained to believe that, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, oral teachings are more reliable than the notions, prejudices, and imperfect knowledge, even if printed, of those who profess to be standard authority. A plain story told to an earnest listener is more certain to be understood, and more correctly repeated, than by the reader of the same story, whose interest is diluted by the printed page.

What do we see to-day? The oral revelations made to those who afterwards wrote what God taught to the fathers are now disputed by some who accept modern reason for original truth. Modern knowledge, as it is called, is proud that it knows so much. Wisdom is humble that it knows no more. Hundreds of centuries have concentrated the teachings of wisdom.

You may not, dear brethren, accept these suggestions. But believe, that to prevent the introduction of novelties in our work and esoteric teachings is regarded as so imperatively demanded that the very perpetuation of Freemasonry must depend on effective efforts against these aliens and strangers.

Would it not be truer wisdom to accept what is claimed by acknowledged thoughtful teachers to be landmarks than to try to destroy them by seeking superficial objections which tend to deny them? What is thus to be gained? Iconoclasts may rejoice at the effect of such destruction, but what have they to set up on the empty pedestals but the fragments, the ruins scattered over "the floor," and, it may be, covering the golden rays of our "Great Light."

It is observed that in most of our Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, from time to time, propositions are submitted to change, alter or amend their Ahiman Recons or Constitutions.

There is always a peril in disturbing the organic law of any institution. Attempts to change the constitution of a State are easily made, but the results of such efforts often produce more serious evils than those sought to be remedied. The organic law of Freemasonry is established. We know that it may happen that the existing constitution is rigid and cannot be made flexible to justify some desired change, for most probably a temporary benefit or a special object. To alter the established rule for such reasons is making a constitution only a rule any resolution of Grand Lodge can change. Then why ordain what in its character is to be regarded as fixed, if it is not to be maintained as fixed and settled?

It is so easy to propose alterations or amendments. But new wine in old bottles is dangerous, for the wine is made worthless, or the bottles may be destroyed.

A provision may be inserted in a fixed law which, until it is administered, does not show its operation to be destructive of other provisions which remain unchanged. Would it not be safer to suffer the evils, if so be they are evils, we have, than "fly to others we know not of?" What would be the condition of mankind if every theorist, or expert in natural philosophy, could alter, amend, or change the fixed laws of nature to suit his notions and afford, according to his conceptions, greater benefits. Surely the last state of man would be worse than the first. In a far more limited degree this may be true of these amendments to what ought to be a fixed law of Masonry. And, again, without desiring to trench upon forbidden ground, what advantage has come from the efforts to correct, amend, and change the written words of the "Great Light" by profane theorists or experts; it was

believed that changes would make plainer the eternal truths therein written. Earnest and persistent labour was directed to accomplish these amendments. Now what? There are dissensions, divisions, and contentions which have resulted from these amendments never before existing. Will it not be likely that amendments to the established law of Masonry, as contained in present existing law will create contentions that are more confusing than the existing law? We fraternally ask leave to present to our brethren for their reflection and unbiassed consideration, if Freemasonry gains any enduring advantage from the increasing habit of some over zealous novitiates to believe they have an amendment to make to the established law of Grand Lodges.

If there is an axiom in our Fraternity universally accepted, as we believe, it is that "Freemasonry is a law unto itself." For all that is required, or can be required, to secure Masonic legislation, or Masonic authority to administer it, there is within the usages, customs, and landmarks, all such power, and always has been. We therefore most fraternally suggest for the serious consideration of our brethren, if it is wise to ask from any profane authority power, permission or privilege to administer any Masonic purpose.

"Charters" by profane legislation to carry out Masonic objects or aims may create a doubtful double relation between the Craft and the State, and the Craft and its own authority. A chartered Grand Lodge we cannot believe is judicious. In no sense is it necessary. To hold land or property by trustees for the special or defined "use" is a title which the laws of almost every profane society or government must recognise if it is for a use not contrary to the laws of such State. We fear this double relation may yet result in evil. It may be of danger. So long as Freemasonry in no way mediates against the recognised and established rights of the State, the law is as impotent to interfere as it is to enter the house of any citizen, which, under the great charter, the common law creates, is his castle, and no king or other power or potentate can enter it without just cause. So with our Fraternity. So within the boundaries of Freemasonry.

It may be, dear brethren, we tire you with our earnest appeals to stand steadfastly to the established in Freemasonry. Deeply impressed with the fear that by inadvertence, or over zeal, or lack of information, or want of thoughtful study of principles, or failure to absorb the spirit which keeps our symbology alive, some serious danger may yet overtake our Fraternity, we therefore cry again and again, "Watchman, what of the night?"

If our foundation is weakened, what will be the fate of the superstructure? By all the lessons of the past, by all the toil and labour, sacrifices and cravings, courage and devotion of the Craftsmen in the pangs of the birth of our Fraternity, by the unalterable adherence through the generations to the indestructible truths that ennoble it, have patience with us. Judge us not too harshly. Above all, do not even suspect us of that dotage which comes from an enfeebled mind and the emotions of a morbid heart. No, dear brethren, rather we beg you believe that our consciousness of possible danger excites all our best efforts to warn, defend and protect our ancient and honourable brotherhood from perils within its own dominions.

MASONIC KNOWLEDGE ESSENTIAL.

The "want of Masonic knowledge and information among a large majority of the membership" is a serious condition. Of course it follows that the brethren do not have a proper appreciation of what Masonry is, and of what its objects and aims are. That want of "correct and efficient work" produces "a lack of interest in the members, and they only attend the Lodges on special and festive occasions," goes without saying. It is the necessary result of so unfortunate a cause.

When the cause of the present state of things in the Fraternity is known, it remains only for earnest, constant, intelligent labour to produce the remedy. It can be done. We trust every effort will be made to devise and promptly apply the best remedial agencies to secure it. Let no Lodge Officer undertake to do the work on the floor until he has been duly instructed. It ought not to be permitted. If the brother is unwilling to make the sacrifice to gain this instruction, he ought not to take the Worshipful Master's chair by election.

Surely, it would be wise to teach two or three intelligent, thinking brethren the symbology, the traditions, the intent and meaning of the work and its ritual, and the landmarks, that they might go to districts, convene the nearest Lodges and teach—deliberately and carefully teach—the Lodge Officers and such brethren as may be willing to learn, and thus qualify themselves for Lodge stations, and all that is involved in their "duties" and "business" therein. The Secretaries of Lodges ought to be fully taught, and especially the Masonic law governing the action of Lodge Committees on applications, proceedings of Committees, ballot, objections and the like.

There is nothing of lasting benefit in muscular Masonry. The mind and the heart must co-operate in all efforts to make Freemasonry fully comprehended by Freemasons. The traditions, the symbology, the law, and the landmarks, must be thoroughly studied by severe students and then authoritatively taught to the Officers of every Lodge. Then the true "Light" will illumine the Masonic understanding, and Freemasonry will become what it must be, if it is to be.—*Voice of Masonry.*

(To be continued).

"A HIGH MASON."

IT is amusing to hear the profane talkers refer to some man as "a high Mason." This intelligent profane, to make himself an oracle among the ignorant like himself, remarks sometimes, "Oh, yes, I know that person, he is a high Mason." This designation so applied, is of course a sort of vulgarity that is accepted as the most authoritative title of one who, it may be, is a Prince of the Royal Cohorts, or a similar incomprehensible, scarlet-robed and golden-crowned magnate in an association of great dignity among men. Certainly, if travelling so many degrees of longitude or latitude is going up, then it might well be said he who reaches the elevation is a high something. But let it be remarked that whatever the point reached may be called, however high it is, or recognised among those who up there meet and conduct their special business in secret, it is not Masonry.

Freemasonry, the ancient, honourable Fraternity which for ages has existed and still lives in the integrity of its hoary history, is its own only peer. The symbolic esoteric mysteries which Freemasonry has made its own special, peculiar, and exclusive possession, are concluded in E.A., F.C., M.M., and Chapter degrees.

Beyond the Chapter, there is no authoritative, recognised Freemasonry that has any right or claim to be called Masonic. Therefore this profane who talks about a "high Mason" only proves that he is not a reliable authority. There are no such persons as *high Masons*.

Out of this confusion of terms it happens that the uninstructed Mason is led to think that Freemasonry is to be found in various organisations of great merit, and worthy of the esteem and respect in which membership is regarded of value to those who obtain it. Many seek admission into these associations in the belief that thus they are enabled to know something about Masonry that cannot be learned in the original and only Masonic Lodge, the Blue Lodges and Chapters. This is a mistake. All of Masonry can be known between the Initiation and the Chapter. If he who wishes to master the teachings of Freemasonry will devote time and study to the symbolic degrees he will at least learn that beyond the limitations of Capitular Masonry there is no Masonry of ancient origin to be taught. There are two classes of Masons—one class that earnestly desires to know, the other that anxiously seeks to see.

Masonry has nothing to show as a spectacle or sight. All its ceremonies are serious and solemn, and are addressed to the intelligence and conscience of Masons. The school of the mind, the school of the soul, and the school of the hand, have their lessons to give to him who comes to learn, know, and be impressed by their teachings. These lessons are exclusively for the earnest seeker who, desiring to learn, has the capacity to comprehend the wonderful truths embodied in the symbology of ancient Freemasonry. If he is only a seeker after sensations, something that attracts for a time, and leaves behind its exhibition no imparted, expressed, and eternal truths, he makes a mistake to ask admission into a Lodge of our ancient Craft.

If he wants only to be attracted, amused, and have an enjoyable spectacular exhibition he makes a mistake if with this purpose he becomes a Mason. To any such it might be worth his exertions to travel up the heights that lead to the place, wherever that may be, of a "High Mason."--*Keystone*.

WHY MASONRY IS PRE-EMINENT.

An Oration by Bro. Ira L. Herron, Grand Orator to the Grand Lodge in Colorado, 20th September 1892.

THE science and philosophy of Freemasonry have been so copiously and elaborately discussed that but little new can be said upon the subject. All the wealth of thought and gift of tongue have been freely poured at its altar. The trained pen of eminent scholar and eloquence of brilliant orator have lavishly added to its literature, until to-day, the best efforts of a mere tyro in its mysteries can but reflect and express in his own weaker thought and language some of the light and truth that has been disseminated from other and greater minds. Therefore, if at this time a single thought is awakened as to this Order of ours and the relation it bears, through its members, to the world at large, we are content.

All organisations, secret or otherwise, are dependent for their existence and continuity among the institutions of the earth, upon the influence they exert over the people among whom they are maintained, and the permanent value of the principles they enunciate. We proudly claim for our Order a pre-eminence and endurance over all others, and that it stands as the institution par excellent among all secret organisations. Assuming this to be true, it devolves upon us to show on what basis we maintain our claims.

The political significance of our Order is comprised in the brief and positive admonition that we be good citizens of the country in which we live, giving cheerful support to all lawfully constituted authority.

While we are a social organisation, it is but as an incident and not as an end to be attained. Neither can we properly claim to be a beneficiary society, for while other societies have set allowances for the relief of sick and unfortunate brethren, we, as an Order, have none. While they have guarantees of specified sums for their widows and orphans, no assessment is made on our members by our Order for such purpose.

Even friendship, the grand characteristic of a Mason, if based on no firmer foundation than the simple regard of one man for another, would cease with the intimacy that inspired it. There must, therefore, be a grander and more enduring principle than any of these that gives basis to our claim and permanence to our Order.

Since man first became a factor in the grand handiwork of the universe, as an intelligent and reasoning being, there has been in him an inherent disposition to recognise and worship some supreme power or being, superior to all created nature, and to whom he is responsible as the author of his existence and the guardian and director of his destinies. This belief is allied to the consciousness of man that there is that within himself which makes him superior to other created beings, and possesses an affinity to something beyond the mere fact of physical existence, and must continue after his animal existence has gone to that decay which comes to all that emanates from the earth. We find this belief pervading all narration and tradition; the imagery of the savage, the fetish of the barbarian, the mythology of the pagan, and the religion of civilisation and enlightenment, all teach, according to their light, some interpretation of this sublime principle. It is of this belief, as embodied in the doctrine or principle of one supreme, eternal and all powerful God, and of man as the physical habitation of an immortal spirit, preparing in this life for a closer relation to that Supreme Being, as exemplified and taught by the symbols and philosophy of our art, that we, as Masons, are called on especially to contemplate. This belief forms the basis of all enlightened government; upon it are founded our dearest and purest social and domestic ties; from the council of state to the fireside at home, all the relations of mankind, one to another, are purified and ennobled by its benign influence.

It is in the adherence to and preservation of this great principle that our Order is indebted for what pre-eminence

it has among the institutions of the earth, and which gives it the influence for good that it exerts among its people. Upon this principle is founded all the beneficiary provision that our Order possesses. The love of God for man, and because of that love, of man's love or charity for his fellows; it is this that forms the basis of a Mason's charity and makes his friendships sacred and enduring. Involving as it does the principle that the spiritual future is the culmination of the physical combination of mind and matter, it has maintained our Order as the guardian of Divine truth against the ravages of paganism and idolatry on the one hand, and of religious fanaticism and persecution on the other hand.

While Masonry is conservative and preservative rather than radical and constructive, still the grand doctrines it embodies, illustrating as they do man's relation to himself, his fellow and his God, and being as they are the fundamental principles of all enlightenment, have ever kept it with the vanguard of civilization.

Even admitting, which we do not, that our version of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul is but a beautiful myth, still the world is nobler, purer and better for the belief, and the sceptic and scoffer were better employed in contemplating the beneficence of the results attained than in cavilling at the literal exactness of its belief.

As in contemplation of the Golden Legend we admire the beautiful story of integrity and self-sacrifice set forth, rather than question the literal exactness of its detail; so in the greater and broader dogma of man's relation to his God and his fellow, the result obtained is beneficent enough to warrant its existence, were the detailed history of its origin never so meagre.

Masonry uses the symbolism of the oldest and most enduring operative art to illustrate the grandest and most sublime truth; and as the work of the Operative Mason endures after that of his fellow artisan has crumbled to the dust, so the truths it illustrates will endure through all eternity as grand, glorious and imperishable as the source from which they emanate.

Our influence for good in the world as Masons depends upon how we reflect upon it the light we receive from its symbols and philosophy.

It matters little whether we date our origin as an Order from the revival of Masonry at the beginning of the eighteenth century, from the return of the crusaders, the travelling workmen of the middle ages, the building of King Solomon's Temple, or even to the stone of foundation, the great philosophic and moral precepts preserved by it have endured since man was first capable of conceiving them. Upon them he has built all his morals, religion and civilisation; to them he looks for all spiritual, intellectual and social progress, and in them he treasures his faith of an eternal and glorious existence hereafter. And, my brethren, as the moon at its full reflects with softening refulgence upon the darkness of the night, the brilliant rays of the sun, so let us, being full of the love of God and our fellows, reflect upon the world the glorious light of divine truth shed abroad from the altar of Freemasonry. Then can we truthfully claim our pre-eminence as an Order and proudly maintain our position as the conservators and guardians of civilisation.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Not every Mason is qualified and authorised to examine a visiting Brother. This is evidenced by Worshipful Masters selecting a Past Master, and with him the most experienced Brethren of the Lodge, as the examining committee. We may be satisfied that a man is a Mason, but yet would not be willing to vouch for that man in the body of an open Lodge. It is not proper to talk of the business outside of the Lodge to anyone unless you can vouch for him in an open Lodge. Stop and remember that Masonic business should only be talked over in a Masonic manner in the body of the Masonic Lodge. It is the safest to confine Masonry within the walls of Masonry and to Masons only.—*Exchange*.

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INSOLVENCY.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. J. Townley Trotter, F.S.A.A. (an officer of the Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459), delivered a most instructive lecture on the above subject before the Manchester and District Society of Incorporated Accountants, of which he is a member. The meeting was held at the Association Chambers, High Street, Manchester, was well attended, and his auditors paid very great attention to the many points of interest which the lecturer introduced. Brother Trotter began by reminding his audience that the subject which he had chosen was of considerable importance to the accountancy profession, and particularly so to those who made a speciality of bankruptcy and private arrangements. He admitted that the legislative assembly, in passing the Bankruptcy Act of 1883, were doubtless of opinion that it would affect a very great improvement upon the then existing state of things, and he conceded the point that they were perhaps justified in so thinking, but professionally, having had to deal with its various provisions, he asked, "What was its effect in practice?" pointing out at the same time that it had given rise to dissatisfaction by creditors, the same feeling had been engendered in the minds of debtors, whilst accountants themselves were far from satisfied. Of the Bankruptcy Act of 1869, Brother Trotter said that though it was a first class one in principle, yet it was capable of being grossly abused, and had been so abused not only by debtors, to whom it lent an easy facility of getting through that process which was termed "whitewashing," but by solicitors and accountants (so-called), for in those days it was no unusual practice of unscrupulous persons to adopt a brass plate with the legend "Public Accountant." Such practices, however, would be difficult of success in the present days owing to the existence of two societies of accountants, since formed. The lecturer said that a very cogent reason for a desired alteration of the act was the lack of proper supervision of Trustees' accounts, and the want of a provision in the act making taxation of Trustees' charges compulsory. The malpractices of the good old days Brother Trotter fairly exposed, showing how, by a system of bribery, the Committee of Adjudication could fix the remuneration at any sum they chose; the debtor could obtain a ready discharge, and nothing further would be heard of a liquidation after the initial meeting.

Glancing at the 1883 act, Bro. Trotter pointed out its many defects and abuses which required legislative attention, and demonstrated how to make it a comparatively easy matter for an unfortunate but well-intentioned debtor to meet a state of insolvency, while he showed on the other hand how effectually to check the practices of the fraudulent. The lecturer proposed to bring in a short amendment bill, the principal objects of which would be in the first place to repeal such portions of the Bankruptcy Act of 1883, as now make Deeds of Arrangement into Act of Bankruptcy, and to render it impossible to register any deed unless it has been executed or assented to in writing by a majority of the unsecured creditors, and to bind the minorities in all cases where deeds have been executed or assented to in writing by three-fourths in value of such unsecured creditors. In order to make it possible for the signatures or assents of creditors to be obtained before registration, the amendment act as proposed by Brother Trotter would increase the time allowed for such registration from 7 to 21 days. He pointed out that there were many unreasonable creditors who decline to assent to anything, and who wait their opportunity to score an advantage over their fellow creditors. This state of affairs he proposed to abolish. He also pointed out abuses in solicitors' and trustees' costs, and auctioneers' claims, and though he acknowledged that he did not make sweeping charges against the whole of these professions, yet he would protect them from being brought into disrepute by making malpractices impossible, or at least difficult. He cited the following cases in support of his contention: first, where solicitors, for preparing a deed of arrangement, and attendance of only an ordinary character incidental to the proceedings, have charged £60 or £70, and in one instance, where the assets realized were £400, the solicitors' bill was £168. In this latter case there was a Committee of Inspection, who, although disgusted with the bill, declined to instruct the trustee to tax it, on account of the very great expense which would be incurred even if the bill were reduced. Another case he mentioned was one in which he was personally instructed for the creditors, which, in the statement of affairs, prepared by an accountant of standing (afterwards appointed trustee), showed 20s in the £, but on account of trustees' and other subsequent charges, only left a sufficient balance to pay a first and final dividend of 1s 6d in the £.

In another case, where the assets realized were £900, the solicitor charged £350, the trustee £350, and there remained only £200 for distribution amongst unsecured creditors. Brother Trotter said it would not be difficult to multiply cases of this kind, and contended that legislation should come to the rescue, demonstrating how this could be done. He pointed out many abuses connected with the auditing of accounts, showed how to obviate or reduce the present enormous labour devolving upon trustees under private arrangements, and save the expense of *ad volorem* duty and affidavits, whilst at the same time the Board of Trade would be furnished with greater facilities for the preparation and issuing of their official returns.

Brother Trotter contended that a short bill on the lines indicated by him, would effect a great improvement, creditors would find themselves infinitely more the masters of their own affairs, honest but unfortunate debtors would have a better chance of receiving fair and reasonable treatment at the hands of their creditors, and gentlemen of the profession of accountants would find themselves in a paradise as compared with their present position. Further he said that such an outrageous practice as that now existing under the sanction of the law of surcharging a trustee as a trespasser, who has honestly and ably performed his duty in the administration of an estate, incurring, in some instances, great personal risk with a view to that end, would be practically impossible.

An animated discussion arose at the conclusion of the lecture.

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QUERY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the information of myself and many other brethren, I would be obliged if you could tell us authoritatively how many degrees and how many orders are recognised in Freemasonry.

Awaiting the favour of your reply, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

London. 16th March 1893.

[From the above note it would appear that our brother has failed to comply with the recommendation of the Worshipful Master at his initiation, when he was presented with a copy of the Book of Constitutions, for the very first regulation states:—By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England in December 1813, it was "declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."—EDITOR F.C.]

MARK MASONRY.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday evening, the 6th inst., when Brother George Dansterville Junior Warden was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother G. Dansterville is widely known and greatly respected amongst Freemasons, consequently a goodly number of visiting brethren honoured the Lodge with their presence. The Installed Masters present included Bros. George Strode-Lowe Deputy Provincial Grand Master Devonshire, A. W. White, Sholto H. Hare, C. J. Withel, W. J. Pangelly, R. Brickwood, A. Roberts, and A. Trout. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Chapman I.P.M., J. Parker Senior Warden, H. W. Mayne Junior Warden, S. Hugh Duff Master Overseer, J. J. Holcombe Senior Overseer, J. Austin Junior Overseer, J. Best Senior Deacon, J. Corydon Registrar of Works, Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, A. W. White Treasurer, Frank R. Thomas Secretary, J. Wainwright Inner Guard, and J. Gidley Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Masonic Club, Plymouth, for their annual supper, where an excellent repast was provided by the club steward (Bro. S. Harvey). The usual Masonic toasts were enthusiastically given and received. In addition to the above mentioned the following brethren were present:—Brothers J. Kinton Bond, J. Rendle, J. Buchan, J. Park, George H. Clark, E. M. H. Somerville, J. B. Moulter jun., Henry T. C. Tacker P.G.W., M. W. Riddle, J. E. Cumming, C. F. Dansterville, J. Skinner, and Harcourt Foden.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 42.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295, 1214,
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THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

Let none without the Tongue of Good Report
E'er be allowed to know our Mystic Rites;
That they may never to a Lodge resort,
To see our Signs or see our Sacred Sights.
But still, oh Brethren, let no malice bide
Beside the Secrets of our Hallowed Tie;
Let nothing petty in the bosom hide
To hinder him who would our Art descry.
Put far away all private pangs of spite,
Our Craft will doubtless all his life improve;
And think and feel when he has seen the Light,
And passed the gates of the Masonic grove,
That if our pathways he will tread aright
They will inculcate Hope and Truth and Love.

Winder House, Bradford.
13th March 1893.

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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It will not be for the want of variety if Messrs. ROBERT COCKS & Co., of 6 New Burlington Street, W., do not keep their place among the leading music publishers. The vast amount of new works they publish can hardly be conceived, and it is always with pleasure we receive a parcel of music from them. Among this firm's latest publications are some striking and pretty songs, out of which we have picked the following as deserving of special mention. "Infinite Love," words by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, music by Maude Valérie White; No. 3 ("Ich bin Dien") of "6 Volkslieden," by Maude Valérie White; this song, which is written in German, has also English words, translated by M. V. W. "Because" is a charming song, the words of Adelaide Proctor being set to choice music by Beatrice Parkyn. "Let other Bards of Angels Sing" (Wordsworth) has Lawrence Kellie for composer, while "Had I the Magic Pow'rs" is the joint work of Clifton Bingham and Lawrence Kellie. These last two songs will, we feel sure, become popular. Leslie Stuart is responsible for both words and music of "Molly," and as a guarantee of its goodness we need only mention that it is sung by such talented artistes as Signor Foli and Mr. Charles Manners. "Old Friends," words by Sir James Crichton-Browne, music by Dr. A. C. Mackenzie; "A Dream," written and composed by Ellen Wright; "Fairness of All," by Robert Howitt and Edwin H. Lemare, are all above the average and should be frequently heard. "The Happy Isle," by Arthur Chapman and Arthur E. Godfrey, is a splendid song, and the organ or harmonium accompaniment which is sent with the song makes it doubly attractive. "Sad is Good-bye," words by Clifton Bingham, music by Walter W. Hedgecock; "A Song of the Four Seasons," words by Austin Dobson, music by Frances Allitsen; and "King and Slaves," words by Adelaide Proctor, music by Frances Allitsen, are all designed to be heard frequently. The two sets of songs from poems by Heine, the music composed by Frances Allitsen, are most welcome, as also are the two settings by Hamish MacCunn of poems by Robert Bridges.

Having thus enumerated some of the best songs received by us in the present parcel, we now come to a different class of work. The Andantino in D flat for the organ, by Edwin H. Lemare, is a beautiful composition, while the "Candidates' Practical and Arpeggio Handbook," by Graham P. Moore, is both useful and instructive. The Gavotte Moderne, for the piano, by Edwin H. Lemare, and "An Evening Reverie," serenade for the piano, by Arthur H. Bonser, are both good, and should be purchased.

We have also received from Messrs. Cocks some attractive settings from Mr. J. Haydn Parry's successful opera "Cigarette." A waltz and a selection from the opera have been capitally arranged by Arthur E. Godfrey, while Carl Kiefert has showed excellent judgment in his arrangement of a set of Lancers.

It only remains for us to give a passing word to "L'ange d'Autrefois," romance for violin with accompaniment for pianoforte, by Beatrice Parkyn; and "Pensée Joyeuse" and "Pensée Plaintive," both for violin and piano accompaniment, by Tivadar Nachez.

We congratulate Messrs. Cocks & Co. on the excellent taste and judgment they have displayed in the publication of these works, and in conclusion heartily recommend the several pieces to the notice of our readers.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. J. Newton presided, and there were present Bros. S. Vallentine P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., G. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., T. B. Purchas P.G.A.D.C., George E. Fairchild, A. Mulford, R. D. Cummings, R. Griggs, W. J. Murlis, W. Fisher, Charles Sheppard, W. Kempton, C. H. Webb, W. Belchamber, L. G. Gordon Robbins, S. V. Abraham G.P., M. H. Hubbert, John Barnett, A. Durrant, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Charles E. Keyser G.J.D., Hugh Cotter, J. Harrison, C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, J. S. Cumberland, G. Allen, J. P. Fitzgerald, John Skinner, Alfred Moore, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of two male and one widow annuitants and one candidate. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, the Secretary reported that the anniversary Festival had been held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Charles E. Keyser G.J.D., and that the total of £8,293 3s, with six lists still outstanding, had since been increased to £8,438 8s 6d, with three lists still outstanding, and it was resolved that the vote of thanks to the Chairman, which the Committee had passed by acclamation, should be engraved on vellum. The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity having been granted, the Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and adjourned.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Covent Garden Fancy Dress Ball.—The fourth of these brilliant gatherings took place on the 8th instant, and was attended with the same success as obtained on the previous occasions. Sir Augustus Harris was unavoidably absent, but he was agreeably represented by Messrs. Latham and Collins, who did all that was possible to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company. The ladies as usual evinced considerable taste, if but little novelty in their dresses, though all were bright and gay. The first prize was secured by a costume representing "Rouge et Noir," which was capitally designed, and the wearer attracted much attention. Another lady charmingly impersonated "The Four Seasons," and also received a prize; while "Glorious Phœbus" shed light and lustre around in a gorgeous dress of yellow satin. The most noticeable among the artistic class was a representative of a Pharaoh in his chair of state; and the most eccentric was, perhaps, a gentleman covered with pipes, cigars, tobacco, &c., who was presumed to be a Tobacco Store. There were the usual crowd of naval and military officers, matadores, Spanish and flower girls, and a large number of dominoes, all of whom entered well into the fun of the entertainment and danced with vigour to the enlivening strains of Mr. Glover's magnificent orchestra.

How often we are told, and truly so, that to pass through the ceremonies of initiation in a Masonic Lodge and advance through the several degrees is but to receive the key by which to open the sacred treasures of Freemasonry. And yet but few of the numerous Brotherhood, comparatively, seem to realise the fact. At least they appear indifferent to everything that does not belong to the technical features of the organisation into which they have entered. They make no progress as Masons except, perhaps, to acquire a knowledge of words and signs, with certain prescribed lessons, that are essential to the work. Thus the years roll by, and they hold one and the same place, so far as becoming acquainted with the inner life and genius of the Masonic system, and fail to appreciate what is of highest worth in the Institution with which they have become connected.

Irving in his life of Mahomet says: "Mahomet's definition of charity embraced the wide circle of all possible kindness. Every good act, he would say, is charity. Your smiling in your brother's face is charity; an exhortation of your fellow men to virtuous deeds is equal to alms-giving; your putting a wanderer in the right way is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in the world to his fellow man. When he dies people would say: 'What property has he left behind him?' But the angels will ask: 'What good deeds has he sent before him?'"

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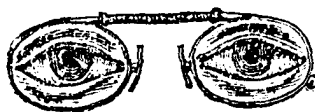
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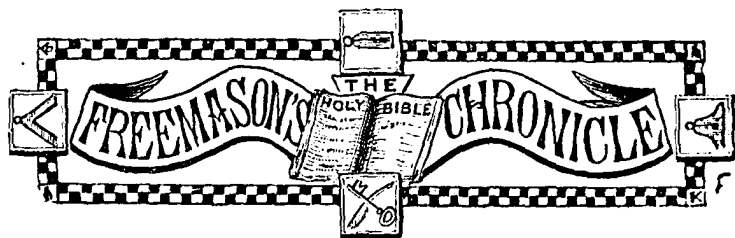
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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 2457.

ON Monday afternoon, 27th February, in the Mission Hall, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, the new St. Anne's Lodge, No. 2457, was consecrated by Brother W. Goodacre P.G. Sword Bearer England Provincial Grand Secretary P.G. Standard Bearer England, assisted by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and in the presence of visiting brethren from other Lodges. Prior to the dedication of the Lodge by the presiding Officer, the formularies of the Craft were performed; the Chaplain gave an oration on the nature and principle of the institution; and the invocation consisted of the reading of portions of the Scriptures, the elements of consecration being carried three times round the Lodge by the presiding Officer and Wardens, to the strains of solemn music; and corn, the emblem of plenty being strawn; wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, and oil, the emblem of Unity being poured, and salt sprinkled by the consecrating Officer, musical responses intervening. The Grand and Provincial Grand Officers who ably assisted Bro. Goodacre were Brothers Thomas Forrester P.G.S.B. England, W. Simpson I.P.M. 2326, C. Heywood P.M. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlly P.P.G. Chaplain, J. D. Murray Grand Treasurer as Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Johnson P.G.S.W. as S.W., John Christie P.G.W. as J.W., C. Harradon P.P.G.T., T. Milligan P.P.G.D.;

and visitors Brothers Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw P.P.G. Chaplain East Lancashire, H. M. Ormsby P.P.S.G.D., P. T. Yates P.P.G.P., W. W. E'ton P.P.G.D.D.C., G. L. Giles P.P.G.S. Cheshire, E. D. Pochin P.P.G. Registrar, Rev. W. H. Baynes P.P.G. Chaplain, George Wray P.P.G.S.B., J. Houseman 2376, S. Widdons 730, J. H. Marsh 1730, John Walsh 1730, John Walsh 703, N. Preston 1061, and there were fifty other visiting brethren present. The choir was ably conducted by Brother Atkins, of 113, Preston, assisted by Brother George Dewhurst and several brethren. After the consecration, the presiding Officer constituted the Lodge, and it was then resumed for the installation of the Worshipful Master, Brother Joseph Lawrence, and investiture of Officers, the Installing Master and Investing Officer being Brother W. Simpson 113 1335 P.M. 2326, and the Director of Ceremonies, the very Worshipful Brother Captain J. D. Murray Grand Treasurer England, and a word of congratulation is deserved, the proceedings throughout being ably and promptly rendered by these brethren. The Officers elected and petitioners were:—Brothers James Lawrence W.M., A. R. Rogerson Senior Warden, W. B. Turner Junior Warden, W. H. Hargreaves Treasurer, Rev. W. G. Terry, M.A., Chaplain, Layland Eccles Secretary, W. H. Hughes Senior Deacon, W. Cross Junior Deacon, James Gooden Steward, J. B. Thornley Inner Guard, Clement Rosson Outer Guard, and petitioners only, Westray, Benn, Joseph Cunniff, J. H. Hampson, Henry Crabtree, John Allen, and others. The afternoon ceremonies were concluded by the proposition of twelve initiates and joining members, so that the Lodge commences with 20 members and 12 joining members, and promises to become a strong link in the chain of Masonry. The brethren afterwards banqueted at the St. Anne's Hotel, and the excellent catering of Mrs. Holloway was pleasingly commented upon. The menu was of a more than ordinarily *récherché* description, and the toast list was a formidable one, and was loyally honoured. The musical services were assisted by Brothers Luke and Fred. Hilton, of the celebrated Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, Manchester; and recitations were given by Brothers Wardle, Holland, and Wray. The proceedings terminated in peace and harmony about nine o'clock.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday evening last, when the W.M. Brother William Kirkland presided, and was assisted by Brothers Orton Cooper I.P.M., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, F. J. Hentsch P.M., Henry Lindfield P.M., P. J. King P.M., W. J. Dyer S.W., George Cockrell J.W., G. J. Copley S.D., A. B. Spawforth J.D., G. E. Absell, P. J. King jun., George C. Brightling, Albert H. Collings, Henry Wagstaff, E. C. Collings, Joseph Parsons, W. W. Colley. The following visitors were also present:—Brothers E. G. Higginson W.M. 1791, Charles Gibson 1420, J. A. Collings 1693, and R. N. Larter 1791. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Henry James Paxon, who, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master. Brothers Wagstaff and Colley, having answered the usual questions, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Secretary read a petition addressed to the Lodge by a number of the members and other Masonic brethren residing in the N.W. district of the Metropolis, requesting that a Lodge of Instruction might be established, to work under the banner of St. Michael's Lodge, in accordance with the Regulations, Rules 158-161. After considerable discussion the sanction of the Lodge was granted upon the distinct understanding that the mode of working should be similar to that adopted in Saint Michael's Lodge. We may here mention that the Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Norland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, every Monday evening, at seven o'clock, commencing the 27th inst., on which occasion Brother William Kirkland has consented to take the chair and inaugurate the proceedings. Brother William Radcliffe, who has taken great care of the furniture, collars and minute books belonging to a former Lodge of Instruction in connection with St. Michael's that was dissolved some years ago, will hand the same over to the Officers of the new Lodge, who may consider themselves fortunate as a great expense will thereby be avoided. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a pleasant convivial meeting was spent.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in St. George's Club Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 3rd instant, when there were present—Bros. Webb W.M., Wilkie P.M., Fitzgerald I.P.M., Walker P.P.G.S.D., Rand P.P.G.J.D., Parkin P.M., Goldthorpe P.M., Forth P.M. Secretary, Fretwell P.M., Newsom S.W., Blake J.W., Pawson S.D., Buckland J.D., G. Smith I.G., Woodhouse as Organist, Lester and Turner Stewards, Goodair, Duff, Rayner, Sanderson, Barron, Jenner, Foster, Chambers, Frood, Denison, G. J. Smith, Hopkinson, and others. Visitors—Bros. Constable 1482 and 2259, Thorpe 458, and Barber 2259. After the Lodge was opened, ballots were taken for Messrs. G. M. Parkinson, S. B. Castle, and H. W. Burnett, which were unanimously successful, and Messrs. H. Ganby and G. M. Parkinson were then initiated. A sum of £12 was voted to pay off the debt on the piano. After Lodge a light supper was partaken of in the ante-room.

UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, Bro. George Roberts P.P.G.S. Worshipful Master presiding. The following

brethren were present:—Bros. J. W. Howard Junior Warden, Chas. Booth P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, James Cookson P.P.G.T. Secretary, J. T. Hudson P.P.G.S., J. A. Cookson Inner Guard, E. Edmondson Organist, John Leigh P.P.G.P. Director of Ceremonies, Thos. Aspinall Past Master, W. W. Lancaster Past Master, Henry Smith Past Master, G. E. Smith Past Master, H. J. Carrington, Thomas Thormley, Alfred Taylor, and W. Jones.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 419.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, when there were present—Bros. Beach W.M., Berry S.W., H. Allen J.W., Seddon P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Coleman Secretary, T. C. Bigwood S.D., Skett J.D., Newnham P.G. Treasurer Director of Ceremonies, Lowe I.G., R. H. Lord Steward, Lync Tyler, Corke P.M. P.G.R., Stanger P.M. P.P.G.R., Gibson P.M. P.P.G.W., Vaughan P.M. P.P.G. Steward, Beattie P.M. P.P.G. Steward, Bradney P.M., De La Haye, Knight, Jessop, Howell, Imette, Orme, A. C. Skidmore, F. H. Skidmore, H. M. Lord, W. E. Allen, J. Bigwood, Lester, and Dean Organist. Visitors—Bros. Bindley D.P.G.M. (in charge) Staffordshire, Smith W.M. 1838, and others.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 478.

THE jubilee of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 9th inst., when Brother Frank Meredith, was installed in the chair by the Provincial Grand Master (Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who attended at the Masonic Hall, Highbury Street, Portsmouth, for that purpose, and was accompanied by a large number of Provincial Officers. There was an unusually numerous attendance, and the ceremony was most impressive. Brother Meredith appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Brothers J. L. Snell I.P.M., J. Brickwood P.M. S.W., E. D. Kent J.W., J. T. Thackara P.M. Treasurer, W. Bates P.M. Secretary, G. Hagggett S.D., H. E. Holley J.D., J. Jenkins P.M. D.C., G. Pearman Organist, H. Symes I.G., Pordage and Matthews Stewards, J. Exell Tyler. The W.M. thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had done the Lodge by attending to assist the members in the celebration of its jubilee, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for having kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Brother Brickwood seconded, and the proposition was carried with acclamation. A handsome Past Master's jewel was handed by the W.M. to Brother J. L. Snell, in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year. The W.M. presided at a banquet held subsequently in the dining hall, and was supported by the Provincial Grand Master and a large number of the Craft, including representatives of all the Lodges in the district. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M. Brother Edgar Goble P.G. Secretary and Past Grand Deacon of England, in responding for the Officers of Grand Lodge referred to his connection with Portsmouth, and expressed his admiration of the Masonic work of their Provincial Grand Master. Referring to the Masonic Charities, he mentioned the fact that at the recent Cambridge Local Examination all the pupils sent up from the Masonic Girls' School had passed—nine of them with honours. The toast of the Provincial Grand Master was received with enthusiasm. Brother Beach, in response, made an eloquent reference to the principles and aims of Freemasonry. He congratulated the members of the Portsmouth Lodge on the success which had attended it during the 50 years of its existence, and expressed a hope that many of the younger members of the Lodge would live to celebrate its centenary. For the Provincial Grand Officers, Brother T. H. Williams P.G.J.W. replied for the Present, and Brother G. S. Lancaster P.P.G.J.W. for the Past Officers. The Provincial Grand Master submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master (Brother Meredith), congratulating him on the honour which had been conferred on him by the Lodge in placing him in the chair in its Jubilee year. The Provincial Grand Master said it gave him great pleasure to have been able to be present and join in that evening's celebration, and he wished the Lodge continued prosperity. Brother Meredith briefly acknowledged the compliment. Other toasts followed, Brother Wilton's string band played a choice selection of music during the banquet, and the toasts were interspersed with glee singing by the Alver quartette, led by Brother George Pearman, and solos by the brethren present.

ST. GERMAIN LODGE, No. 566.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Selby, on Friday, the 24th ult., when Brother Wilkinson S.W. was installed as W.M., the ceremony of installation being performed in a very impressive manner by Brother Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B., after which the W.M. invested his Officers, as follows:—Brothers Watson I.P.M., Sykes S.W., S. M. Scott J.W., Cheoman P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Hudson P.M. Secretary, Buckingham S.D., Giddy J.D., Cargill Organist, Nutt I.G., Harrison and P. B. Scott Stewards, and Rawling Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Brother Bowman, at the Londesborough Arms. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Among the visitors were Brothers Hudson P.G. Secretary Durham P.G.S.B. England, Emmott W.M. 630, Loam S.W. 630, Darley, Cheeseborough, Braithwaite, Spencer, and Mabin P.M.

PATTISON LODGE, No. 913.

THE meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., was rendered more than ordinarily interesting by the fact that upon that occasion the worthy son of a worthy sire was received into the Order with much éclat. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Campbell.

Taylor, and the minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. H. G. Mason, son of Bro. H. Mason, and proved unanimous. Brother Mason, who is an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge, by special request, initiated the candidate, and was warmly congratulated, not on the masterly manner in which he performed the ceremony, but in having the pleasure of initiating one of his own family into the ranks of the good old Pattison. The Worshipful Master raised Brother James to the third degree, and gave the lecture in the first degree admirably, and on the Lodge being closed, the brethren dined, and spent a few hours with toasts and harmony.

NEWALL LODGE, No. 1134.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi Street, Salford, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Brother Edward Webb W.M. There were also present—Brothers George Samuel Smith I.P.M., C. Driver J.W., J. Holroyd Treasurer P.P.G.S., Jno. Waring P.M. Secretary, H. Waterhouse S.D., J. Ogden J.D., A. H. Duffin P.M. Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Martin I.G., James Green and W. H. Browne Stewards; Hy. Mainwaring P.M., Samuel Ayland P.M., Nathaniel Jones, and W. C. Hunt. Visitors—Bros. Samuel Gaskill Secretary 163, J. M. Graham 935, M. Tetlow 2324, G. Rufus J.W. 2324, E. M. Shepherd J.W. 1458, R. S. Lingard J.W. 1093, T. E. Rigby P.M. 287, Hy. Smith 287. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the necessary questions were addressed to Bro. Arthur Richard Holden, who had expressed a desire to be raised to the sublime degree, and these proving satisfactory, the ceremony was undertaken by Brother George S. Smith I.P.M., and performed in a manner which elicited universal admiration from the brethren assembled. A notice of motion was submitted that ten guineas be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, the same being supplemented by the usual festive board.

NYANZA LODGE, No. 1197.

THE anniversary was celebrated on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Ilminster, when Bro. A. W. Heard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. A. H. Stringfellow. The installation ceremony was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Brothers A. H. Stringfellow I.P.M., J. R. Paull S.W., A. Poole J.W., J. Grabham Treas., G. P. Chapple Secretary, A. Powell S.D., A. J. Spiller J.D., W. M. Callinder Director of Ceremonies, F. Sheppard I.G., A. Ham Organist, F. Luxon and Winter Stewards, and J. Brooks Tyler. The customary banquet followed at the George Hotel, and was presided over by the W.M.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 3rd inst., the following being present:—Brothers Cyril H. Beever W.M., W. Dyson Fryer I.P.M., Alfred Pickford J.W., Henry Nall P.M. Treasurer D.C., Thos. A. Holland S.D., Chas. Rawle J.D., Wm. C. Flint I.G., W. Moul Organist, Jas. A. Carse, A. W. Bennett, J. Robert E. Birkett, A. Redfearn, and Ed. W. M. Beebe Stewards, James Laidlow P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M., William Rushton, Hugh Bloomer, John M. Crone, John Conpland, Louis Schloss, R. T. Dawson, E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitor:—Brother Jas. S. Warren S.W. Four Cardinal Virtues 979. Brother Beever W.M. opened the Lodge in due form and with solemn prayer at 7:30 p.m. In the enforced absence of Brother James Morrison S.W., who had recently been seriously hurt in a railway accident at one of the Manchester Stations, and who is now journeying to Egypt for recuperating health, Brother Nall P.M. occupied the S.W.'s chair. The second Tracing Board was explained by Brother Fryer, who was afterwards thanked by the W.M., for the excellent way in which he had performed the duty. Brother Beever then addressed the brethren on the desirability for smartness, uniformity, and attention to detail in the rendering of Masonic work. It was resolved to have a picnic during the ensuing summer months, and a Committee, consisting of the W.M. and J.W., together with Past Masters Moss, Nall, and Fryer, was appointed to manage details. The Lodge was afterwards closed in ample form and in peace and harmony. At the social board which succeeded the Lodge business the usual toasts were honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Brother Nall, to which Bro. Beever replied, regretting the absence of candidates, whereby his Officers and himself had hitherto been unable to show their qualitics. Brothers Moss and Nall responded to the toast of the P.M.'s, both brethren giving interesting details of their connection with the Architect Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the oldest Mason in the room (Brother Schloss), said that as a 51 years' member of the Fraternity, although he had suffered from illness, yet the subject of his toast showed that Freemasonry agreed with him. He welcomed him back amongst them with all the heartiness, goodwill, and sincerity, which he could command. Brother Schloss responded, mentioning incidentally that he had had no little experience of Freemasonry both here and on the Continent, and though to a great extent it was a sham abroad, yet he was proud to say that in England it was a reality. Amongst the brethren who contributed to the musical portion of the entertainment were Bros. Nall, Bennett, Rushton, and Fryer, the latter singing "The Longshoreman." Before the close of the festivities the Worshipful Master announced that the Director of Ceremonies (Brother Nall) had promised to give a lecture on "Masonic History" at their next meeting.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on Saturday, the 11th instant, when there were present—Bros. D. T. Keene W.M., G. W. Robson S.W., J. K. Gwyn J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, James Stevens P.M. and Secretary, R. Brookman S.D., F. E. Bailey W.M. 167 J.D., G. M. Fraser I.G., R. Lawson Director of Ceremonies, R. Potter Tyler; Past Masters—C. T. Smith (Mayor of Chatham), W. F. G. Cook, R. Fendick, W. F. Kibble, R. Greening, and L. B. Mczley; Bros. J. W. Colmer, H. F. Frost, J. K. Hooper, B. C. W. Peterson, and other members. Visitors—Bros. J. C. Yates and Walter Lawley 2248. The previous minutes having been confirmed, the bye-laws were read. Brother G. W. Robson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. N. B. Headon was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother R. Potter Tyler. An Audit Committee and Almoners were appointed. Motions for the thorough renovation of the Lodge furniture, and for the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Keene the outgoing Master were agreed to, and sundry general business having been discussed and disposed of, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned until the second Saturday in October. Subsequently the brethren dined together, and spent a most agreeable evening, under the presidency of the W.M.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 4th instant, Brother James Archdale Worshipful Master. There were also present Bros. H. L. Burgess Senior Warden, E. M. Shepherd Junior Warden, Buckley Carr P.M. Secretary, W. H. Worsley Senior Deacon, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Director of Ceremonies, George Harry Bishop Organist, T. Pollitt Cooper Inner Guard, J. J. Dean Steward, Fred Hilton I.P.M., Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., G. H. Needle, T. H. Hall, James Wadsworth, J. H. Needham, Tom Wood, Past Masters James Hyde, John Robert Lee, Jesse Nield, R. Welch, Hogg, Leech, and Drew. Visitors—Bros. W. Broughton W.M. 1345 and Edward Webb W.M. 1134. The Lodge was opened at 3:45, and after the confirmation of minutes Brother Sidney Drew was passed into the degree of a F.C. by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony *per se*. Brother Arthur Leech was next raised into the sublime degree by Brother Robert Caldwell, he being assisted by Brother Fred Hilton, who explained the working tools to the candidate. A very pleasing feature of the day's work was the voting of a sum of £35 from the Lodge funds to the charity account, and a sum of £20 to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Brother W. H. Worsley introduced, and Brother Bishop seconded, the name of Mr. Hellewell for initiation, and the latter gentleman will probably be balloted for at the next meeting. At the festive board songs and recitations were given by Bros. Hilton, Hebden, Carr, J. R. Lee, Cooper, Nield, Worsley, and Broughton.

TUDOR LODGE OF RIFLE VOLUNTEERS, No. 1838.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge, held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Drill Hall, Wolverhampton, was of more than usual interest as the business agenda included the initiation of the Right Hon. William Heneage, Earl of Dartmouth, Privy Councillor, &c. The Lodge having been opened by the W.M., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge took the chair, and gave a short address to the brethren. The W.M. having resumed his gavel, proceeded to initiate Lord Dartmouth, and also gave the charge after initiation. After banquet, the Worshipful Master having given the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge, in proposing the Provincial Grand Lodge, heartily welcomed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and congratulated him on his restored health. After the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had replied, Brother Major E. H. Thorne proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him on the excellent and impressive manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of initiation. The Worshipful Master having replied, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the health of the Initiate, Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, pointing out the additional prestige that must come to the Craft by so distinguished an addition to its members, Bro. Lord Dartmouth being the Lord Lieutenant of the Province of Staffordshire. Brother Lord Dartmouth, in replying, said that he appreciated the honour of being admitted a member of so ancient and honourable an institution, and that it would be his sincere wish to make daily advancement in the art. The toast of the Past Masters having been given, duly honoured, and replied to by the Immediate Past Master, Brother Captain Longden, and Major Walker, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Visitors, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many distinguished brethren present, and coupling the toast with the names of Bros. Barnett and Gibson. The Officers and the Tyler's toast having been given, a very pleasant evening came to an end. Bros. Captain Chapman and Baker contributed some capital songs, which were much appreciated.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THIS Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present:—Brothers Prof. T. Hayter Lewis W.M., W. H. Ryland I.P.M., Dr. Wynn Westcott S.W., Rev. C. J. Ball J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, C. Kupferschmidt J.D., R. F. Gould P.M. P.G.D. D.C., C. Pardon Clarke, C.I.E., I.G., S. T. Klein Steward, Col. S. C. Pratt P.M., and E. J. Castle, Q.C. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Brothers E. Haward, C. Fletcher, Col. Sir

Norman Pringle, Bart., T. W. Leaver, J. Jackman, J. Kemsley, Rev. C. H. Malden, G. R. Cobham, J. F. Creswick, C. B. Barnes, J. W. Stevens, Rev. J. H. Scott, J. Robbins, R. A. B. Preston, R. Roy, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, J. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C., H. J. Sturgeon, R. H. Pring, F. W. Levander, Prof. F. W. Driver, E. T. Edwards, B. A. Smith, H. French Bromhead, J. Thompson, C. A. Hardwick, D. Young, W. G. Boswell, J. A. Randall, C. M. Brander, J. W. S. Godding, G. Gregson, G. A. Nock, and W. S. Hanks. Visitors:—Bros. H. J. Shelley P.M. 1981, R. Taylor W.M. 140, and W. F. Longman 256. The following two Lodges and 63 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Hope Lodge, No. 2419, Allora, Queensland; Etruscan Lodge, No. 546; Bros. C. L. Fox, 2419, Allora, Queensland; T. J. MacConnell and A. Miller P.A.G.D.C., both of No. 36, Ballarat, Victoria; J. C. Moyle P.G.D.W., Monlmeln, Burma; K. R. Khoshre, 1260, Bombay; L. MacLean, W.M. 398 (S.C.), Cape Town; W. H. Upton P.M. 13, Walla, U.S.A.; H. A. Chambers D.G.M. Chattanooga, G. H. Morgan G.W. Cookville, P. N. Matlock G.W. Kenton, A. S. Meyers P.D.G.M. Memphis, W. G. Sadler P.M., and B. D. Trevanion P.M., both of Nashville, all in the State of Tennessee; Dr. J. W. Chamberlin 163 and L. M. Fisher, both of St. Paul, Minnesota; S. B. Wright J.G.W. De Land, Florida; H. M. Orabood P.G.M., F. B. Hill P.M., J. B. Bissell P.M., and E. C. Parmelee G. Sec., all of Denver, Colorado; J. C. Pocock W.M. 224, F. R. Pim J.G.D. Dublin, J. S. Cooper 541, E. Marston P.P.G. Standard Bearer, E. Turnbull P.P.G. Std. Bearer, C. H. Beever W.M. 1375, J. W. Houlden 126, Dr. A. Cran 1504, T. Cowley P.M. 302, J. Ingley and A. P. Rendell 974, Rev. J. G. Munday P.P.G.C., W. H. Sissons D.P.G.M., H. J. Sparks P.D.D.G.M., Captain F. E. Cooper, R.A., P.M. 231, H. Roberts 1674, S. J. Amos 1674, Colonel C. Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, the Rev. W. E. Scott-Hall 1672, O. G. Bush 1513, W. Life 1313, H. D. Willcock 1466, H. M. Biggleston 31; T. W. Leaver, H. Taylor, and C. A. Hardwick Provincial Grand Steward, all of 1314, A. P. Youle 1, J. F. Creawick Provincial Grand Treasurer Middlesex, G. Corble P. Prov. Grand W. Essex, A. E. Mullins 1446, J. Shepherd P.M. 140, the Rev. J. Beeby 1826, W. S. Hanks 5 (S.C.); J. A. Randall and W. G. Boswell, both of 1963; A. Macdowall P.M. 948, J. Jacobs 1839, G. Olliver 694, W. W. Snelling P.M. 1541, J. Roper 1074, J. A. Gartley P.M. 205, E. Life 1381, and H. E. Peck 1381. In the absence of the writer, the Secretary read a paper on "Sikh Initiation," by Brother W. Simpson P.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Bro. F. W. Leaver W.M. occupied the chair, the other brethren present being Brothers Hinton acting S.W., E. C. Leaver J.W., F. T. Redpath P.M. Treasurer, Langton P.M. Secretary, Dr. Wayte S.D., Hayward J.D., Jones I.G., Crew Director of Ceremonies, Cambridge P.M. Organist, Goode and Pearson Stewards, Lane Tyler, Price I.P.M., Whitford, Gresham, W. T. Wilkinson, H. A. Wilkinson, Brown, Hall, Sheldon, C. W. Redpath, and Fielder. The visitors were Brothers Englefield P.M. 1321, Gunner P.M. 720, Hemming P.M. 1287, Grimes W.M. 2362, Welsford Secretary 1321, Harris W.M. 1321, and Yates I.G. 2395. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother William Foster Gresham was raised to the third degree, and Brothers Herbert Arthur Wilkinson and William Thomas Wilkinson were passed to the second degree. As the next regular meeting would fall on the day before Easter Sunday, it was resolved that a dispensation should be applied for to enable the Lodge to meet on the 8th instead of the 1st of April. The Audit Committee was appointed. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The business of the Lodge being ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, in proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, the W.M. expressed the regret that all Surrey Masons must feel at the illness of Colonel Money, and all would join in the hope that he would soon recover. In responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, Brother Langton Provincial Charity Secretary urged the brethren to give their support to the case of Laura Lendrim, a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, whose case had been selected by the Provincial Charity Committee. Brother Price I.P.M. gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. He congratulated the W.M. on having plenty of work to do and on the manner in which he conducted the business of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master in responding expressed his pleasure at the increase in the Lodge which had taken place during his year in the chair. He reminded the brethren that he was going to the Festival of the Boys' School as Steward of the Lodge. Other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening songs were given by Brothers Gresham, Yates, Whitford, Harris, Redpath, and the W.M. A recitation was given by Brother Price I.P.M. Brother Cambridge P.M. P.P.G. Organist presided at the piano.

SURBITON LODGE, No. 2146.

At the meeting of this Lodge held at Surbiton, on the 21st ult., the W.M., Brother T. H. R. Beck P.G.S.D., was supported by a full attendance of his Officers and a numerous gathering of members. The visitors present were:—Brothers H. J. Shelley I.P.M. 1981 P.G.A.P., J. A. Mills 781, A. Watkin 889, and C. G. Sherwood 2191. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read, and Mr. Herman K. Scott was duly balloted for, and being favourably received, was initiated with good working. The next business was the presentation of a handsome timepiece to Brother Albert Storr P.M. P.P.G.P., the late Secretary of the Lodge. In

making the presentation, the W.M. referred to the active steps Brother Storr took in the formation of a Lodge in Surbiton, and highly eulogised his energetic work in the promotion of Masonry in the district since. He hoped Brother Storr would be spared many years to look upon the clock, and in doing so that he would ever be reminded of the Surbiton Lodge, and the hearty good wishes of the members. Brother Storr, in reply, said he deeply felt the expression of esteem and regard which the brethren had extended to him, and he should always think with pleasure of the happy evenings spent with the brethren, who had always rendered him every assistance. Brother Storr's connection with Masonry has been of some 17 years' standing. He is a P.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, in which he was initiated; here he passed the chair in five years. As a founder of the Surbiton Lodge, Brother Storr was at the consecration appointed to the S.W.'s chair, and unanimously elected W.M. in the next year. He was also Preceptor of the Surbiton Lodge of Instruction from its formation until a recent date. After some business discussion and hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed.

BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

A VERY pleasant and busy meeting was held under the presidency of its Worshipful Master, Brother Lieut.-Col. and Alderman H. D. Davies, on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street. Present—H. J. Tibbatts S.W., A. J. Hollington J.W., Milton Smith Secretary, S. Jacobs S.D., Henry Mead Director of Ceremonies, A. P. Little Steward, Dr. Haskins Organist, G. N. Johnson I.P.M., Henry Clarke P.M., A. Wagstaff, C. J. Thomas, D. A. Romain, W. Newman, E. H. Mead, G. E. Mead, T. Robinson, and R. H. Goddard Tyler. Visitors—Bros. R. J. Stamp 1815, E. W. Roach 569, and E. Harrison 569. The Lodge having been opened, Brother Thomas Robinson was duly raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. Messrs. Robert Douglas Colquhoun and A. J. Skipper were balloted for, duly elected, and initiated. One initiate and two joining members were nominated for ballot at the next meeting. A resolution was duly passed for alteration of the bye-laws, so as to raise the subscription £1 1s per annum. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the Worshipful Master. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening passed. The harmony of the meeting was considerably enhanced by some excellent songs rendered by the members and visitors.

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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, 18th March.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St.
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Vintor, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
R.A. 2202 Regent's Park, York and Albany, N.W.
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194 Villiers, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Greyhound, Hampton Court
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 411 Union, Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starcross

Monday, 20th March.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1657 Aldersgate, The Albion, Aldersgate St., E.C.
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
1728 Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet St.
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2265 Barnato, Cafe Monico, Piccadilly.
R.A. 12 Prudence, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
R.A. 1593 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 127 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whithy
350 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gatashead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
810 Scientific, Victoria Hotel, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hosketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1189 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1235 Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1900 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shoo Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734 Lonsborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, F.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton
K.T. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Bury
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dawsbury

Tuesday, 21st March.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, White Lion, High St., Putney
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
2408 Hampstead, Hampstead Conservatoire, Eton Avenue, S. Hampstead
R.A. 26 Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air St., W.
R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933 Doric, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 239 Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.C. 72 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square

213 Perseverance, 17 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
344 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor
411 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Mentoria, Masonic Hall, Hanley
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton
463 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
660 Camalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Milton
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield
960 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff

1006 Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, Scourie, Corwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
1894 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Ruzeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Piel Hall, Newton-le-Willow
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.

R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
R.A. 645 Humphrey Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York.
M.M. 296 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 22nd March.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham
1017 Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1818 Clapham, Criterion, Piccadilly
2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich
2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Goldharbour Lane, Brixton.

2416 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2455 St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross
R.A. 704 Camden, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1269 Stanhope, M.H., Camberwell
R.C. St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Sarumbury
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
230 Minerva, Masonic Hall, Hull
257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
724 Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1039 St. Joan, George Hotel, Lichfield
1313 St. John's, King's Arms, Grays
1332 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire
1633 Avon, Old Wheatsheaf Hotel, Manchester
1733 Sunbury, Maggie Hotel, Sunbury
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
1967 Beacon Court, Gunzeo Fort Hotel, New Brompton
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swinon, nr. Manchester
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester.

2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Cardington, S. Wales.
2135 Winesai, Bell Hotel, Winslow
2441 Noel, St. James's Hall, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Masonic Hall, Bradstow.
R.A. 225 St. Luke's, F.M.H., Seane St., Ipswich.
R.A. 274 Fidelity, Bear's Head, Newchurch
R.A. 605 De Tabley, Queens Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle

Thursday, 23rd March.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
66 Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
871 Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford
1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1874 St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester Road, West Kensington
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 177 Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
M.M. 118 Northumberland, Masons' Hall, E.C.

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
75 Imperial George, Assieton Arms, Millington
202 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport
346 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Blackham
349 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
403 Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
694 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Park St., Deal.
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford

1437 Liberty of Havering, Golden Lion, Romford
1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hall, H. Wycombe
1595 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Alverstoke
2017 Duke of Portland, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2101 Bramston Beach, Masonic Hall, Grimsby.
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover.
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Etruria, Staffordshire.

2215 Anfield, Sandon Hotel, Anfield, Lancashire
2261 Armitage, M.R., Market St., Milsbridge
2283 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffin House, Church Road, Waverley.
2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoylake, Cheshire.
2387 Manchester Dramatic, F.M.H., Manchester

R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 412 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
R.A. 1042 Excelesior, M.H., 42 George Street, Leeds
M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
K.T. 8 Plains of Maure, Bull Hotel, Burnley

Friday, 24th March.

Board of Management, Boys' School
60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav., W.C.
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
569 Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co. E.C.
2000 Earl of Mornington, Holborn Restaurant
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 1839 Duke of Connaught, F.M.H., W.C.

785 Twelve Brothers, Masonic Hall, Southampton
1621 Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712 St. Joan, F.M.H., Granger Street, Newcastle
2415 Tristram, Sunday School Rooms, Sailton
2431 Kingsley, Masonic Hall, Northampton
R.A. 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 25th March.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1679 Henry Maggeridge, Anderson's, Fleet Street
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531 Chiselmhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselmhurst
1579 St. James, George Hotel, Radford
1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham
R.A. 1777 Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 18th March.

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

Monday, 20th March.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 8
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
249 True Love and Unity, F.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 Hotel, Victoria Park, 7:30
1597 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1535 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho., Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Wallbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, 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
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 21st March.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6:45
111 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, Silcup, 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
 1416 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1685 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, Sarbiton
 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, 22nd March.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolérance, 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
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1611 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
 ford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
 S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1631 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1632 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creaton, 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, 23rd March.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
 New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford
 Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commer-
 cial Road, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1308 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
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, 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
 1741 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, 24th March.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 607 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 Horus, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 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. 690 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, 25th March.

179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
 1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1344 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

A MEETING of the Masonic Charity Com-
 mittee was held on the 1st inst., at the
 Chambers of the Deputy Provincial Grand
 Master (Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand
 Registrar), Lamb Building, Temple, E.C.,
 when there were present:—Brothers A.
 Lucking in the chair, Thomas J. Ralling,
 A. S. B. Sparling, William Shurmar, F.
 Wood, E. H. Bailly, George Corble, E. Shedd,
 Francis A. White, W. B. Heagerty, George
 Copas, H. E. Dehane, R. D. Poppleton, H.
 French Bromhead, J. Bruton, R. Jennings,
 G. J. Glasscock, G. Davis, Harold Francis,
 F. A. Renshaw, Chas. R. Finch, J. H. Lang-
 don, W. E. Sutton, T. Ringrose, J. Speller,
 James Boulton, J. White, N. Fortescue, Sir
 William Abdy, Bart., and Joseph Wilson.
 Letters expressing regret at their inability
 to attend were received from Bros. J. H.
 Vaux, Rev. Thomas Lloyd, F. C. Dixie, and
 James Howell. After full deliberation, it was
 unanimously resolved that the support of the
 Province should be given to the undermen-
 tioned cases:—For the Girls' School, Mand
 Mary Norris; for the Boys' School, William
 John Reginald Allen; for the Benevolent
 Institution, Eleanor Maria Howard. A vote
 of thanks was unanimously passed to Brothers
 Dehane, Shedd, Wood, and White, for their
 valuable services as Representatives of the
 Committee at the Elections, and they were
 re-elected and empowered to lend or borrow
 votes at their discretion.

We regret to learn that, in conse-
 quence of the evil effects of the accident
 he met with in December last, Brother
 J. E. Shand has felt himself con-
 strained to resign his Lodge member-
 ship. He was a Past Master of 1563,
 a founder of the Abbey Lodge,
 No. 2030, and in both these Lodges he
 has rendered excellent service as
 Secretary. We trust this severance
 from active Lodge work will only be
 of a temporary character, and that his
 many friends may soon have the
 opportunity of greeting him at their
 Lodge assemblies.

By the death of Bro. Walkley, which
 event was announced last week, we
 have lost another of the old school of
 Tylers. Bro. Walkley had gained the
 esteem and respect of a large section
 of the Craft, and his cheery presence
 will be missed at many of our future
 meetings.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths
 have made a grant of £200 towards the
 funds of the Metropolitan Hospital,
 Kingsland Road.

The Duke of York has become an
 Honorary Vice-President of the Philatelic
 Society. His Royal Highness is stated to
 be an enthusiastic stamp collector.

Mr. Raggi's statue of the Queen has been
 removed from its temporary resting-place,
 the site of Carrington House, Whitehall, and
 will shortly be shipped to its destination,
 Hong Kong.

It is officially announced that the Queen
 will leave Windsor Castle for Italy at four
 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Her Majesty
 is timed to arrive at Florence at 5 p.m. on
 the following Thursday.

Princess Christian has become a patroness
 of the Hostel of St. Luke. The public
 inaugural meeting will be held at the Church
 House, Westminster, on Tuesday, the 21st
 inst., the Bishop of London, President of the
 Hostel, in the chair.

COLLISION IN PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR.—A
 collision occurred in Portsmouth Harbour on
 Wednesday afternoon between the gunboat
 Excellent and the Admiralty yacht Echan-
 treess. The Excellent was endeavouring to
 avoid a lighter, and in doing so she drifted
 on to the yacht, doing considerable damage.
 The yacht will have to be docked for repairs.

A YEAR'S BREW.—It appears from a
 return issued on Wednesday, that the malt
 and corn used in the manufacture of beer
 last year in the United Kingdom amounted to
 55,852,570 bushels, the sugar used in brew-
 ing to 2,096,720 cwt.; and the "license duty
 paid and beer duty charged" amounted to
 £10,079,678. It also appears that London is
 the largest brewing centre, consuming
 10,956,363 bushels of malt and corn, and
 having 139 breweries; and Barton comes
 next with a consumption of 6,228,906
 bushels.

AWKWARD FOR THE M.P.—On the night of
 last year's Gravesend regatta, Bro. Dampier
 Palmer, member for the borough, was wend-
 ing his way from his hotel to the enclosure,
 to be in readiness to present the prizes
 to the successful competitors. A dense crowd,
 principally visitors, were congregated in one
 of the thoroughfares through which it was
 necessary to pass. A policeman, recognising
 the honourable member, proudly took his
 arm to help him through. While being thus
 escorted, some strong remarks about "gentle-
 man thief," "pickpocket," and so on were
 distinctly overheard. Presently, however, a
 most laughable scene took place. Another
 policeman came rushing up, half frantically
 shouting to his brother constable: "I say,
 Bill, do yer want any 'elp with that lot?"
 The hero of this funny story was initiated
 into Freemasonry on the 20th ult., at the
 Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, at Gravesend.

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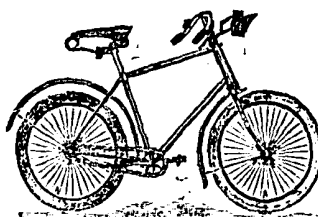
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