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## THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

THE position of affairs in regard to the two Masonic Educational Institutions, and their half yearly elections, which are fixed for the 12th and 13th of next month, is eminently satisfactory, there being a total of forty vacancies available among the eighty-three candidates on the lists of the two Charities, of whom no less than fifty-five now come forward for the first time.

The first of the two elections—that for the Girls' School—will be held on Thursday, 12th proximo, when fifteen vacancies will be filled up from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, of whom ten only have participated in former contests, two now making their third application, and the remaining eight their second.

No. 1 on the list, Maud Mary Norris, also occupies the premier place in regard to number of votes brought forward, her total being 1449, as compared with 2338 secured by the lowest on the successful list of April last, when nineteen girls were elected out of twenty-nine candidates. She is an only child dependent on her mother, the widow of an Essex brother, who rose to the position of Senior Warden in the St. John's Lodge, No. 1343. No. 2, May Aline Tubbs, one of four children left by a member of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, has not met with as much success as her fellow candidate at the last two elections, her total of brought forward votes being 70 only, but let us hope her turn will come in due course—it is not often that a case from this Province is neglected when once it is placed on the list. Of the eight second applications one, No. 5, Florence Susan Ace, brings forward 1363 votes, a number which, if doubled at the coming election should be almost, if not quite sufficient to secure her return. She is one of five dependent children left by a late member of the Western Division of South Wales; she has a sister in the Institution, and will doubtless soon find a home there herself. No. 6, Dora Gallott, is also accredited to the Western Division of South Wales, and comes forward with 1261 votes to her credit. She has a brother in the Boys' School and a sister in the St. Anne's Society School, but there are still three children dependent on the parents, both of whom are living. No. 9, Mary Adelaide Norbury, whose father was initiated in the Caxton Lodge, London, and rose to the office of Senior Deacon therein, is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother; she brings forward 1117 votes from the April election, and will probably be equally well supported at the coming contest. The remaining candidates with votes brought forward have 537, 486, 28, 21 and 16 to their credit respectively, and are followed by the twenty-seven whose names now appear for the first time.

There are three last application cases on the list: No. 17, Alice Eleanor Hitchen, one of two fatherless

children accredited to the Province of Cheshire, where her father was a Past Master of the Cholmondley Lodge, No. 1908, subscribing from the time of his initiation until his death, in 1888. No. 27, Gladys Myfanwy Jones, is one of six dependent on a widowed mother; the father was initiated in the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Monmouthshire; joined the Imperial, No. 1694, and passed the chair therein; and was a founder of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, both of London; completing in the three a twenty years' Masonic membership. No. 28, Irene Dorcas Green, is the remaining "last" applicant among the girl candidates, and is one of three dependent children left by a Past Master of Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Warwickshire, of which Province he was a Past Grand Officer.

The fact of both parents being dead is, to our mind, at all times a special reason for urging the display of Masonic sympathy, and there are three such cases on the present list, while yet another—in which the mother is alone living and is a lunatic—may be said to virtually come under the same category, even if this child is not more deserving of support than are those who have neither parent alive. No. 15, Ethel Marie Cartwright is the first in this division. She is one of five children left by an old member of the De Ogle Lodge, No. 636, Northumberland, in which Lodge the father was initiated in March 1885, subscribing until his death in 1890. No. 24, Maud Ethel Brereton, is one of two parentless children left by an old member of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Suffolk, in which the father had a record of nearly eight years membership. The other case is No. 36, Ethel Eddevane, who is also one of five children now dependent on friends. Her father was an initiate of the Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, East Lancashire, and subscribed from 1883 until his death in 1890. The fourth case to which we have referred in this section is No. 22, Edith Harriet Brown, who is one of four children left to a mother's care, but she, unfortunately is a lunatic. The husband was J.D. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, and we hope his London friends may be able to secure the election of his daughter in her present sore need.

London has no less than ten candidates in which its Lodges are alone interested, and in addition there are three cases in which London and Provincial Lodges share responsibility, while in yet another London is associated with the Western Division of South Wales and a Foreign Lodge, so that the Metropolitan Craftsmen will have a busy time of it, and will have to work hard in order to secure the return of a fair proportion of their candidates. Essex has three cases, as also has Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, although in one of the latter the responsibility is shared with Dorsetshire. East Lancashire contributes two cases to the list, South Wales (Western Division) one directly and one jointly with foreign and London Lodges, while the following Provinces each have a single case: Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Cornwall,

Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, Northumberland, North Wales, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Warwick, and West Yorkshire. The other interested districts are Bengal, Dorset, Kent and Monmouthshire, each of which are concerned with others in a single case.

The election for the Boys' School will take place the following day, on Friday, 13th prox., when twenty-five candidates are to be elected from an approved list of forty-six. The lowest successful candidate in April went in with a total of 2070 votes, while No. 9, Francis Harry Wheeler, was unsuccessful with a record of 2023. That was his first application, so that we may reasonably expect sufficient interest will be taken in him to ensure his admission next month. He is one of four children left to the care of their mother, the widow of an old member of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, London. No. 7, Leonard Wilberforce Croft, is one of eight children dependent on the mother, and brings forward 1880 votes from his first application in April. This is also a London case, the father having been initiated in St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, and subscribing thereto until his death, in 1892. Other second application cases bring forward votes aggregating 1388, 1286, 1159, 270 and less respectively, while No. 6 on the list, Frederick Herbert Castle, has a record of 1374, secured at the last two contests, and No. 1, Benjamin Horace Good, who comes forward for the fourth time, has polled 1276.

The complete list is made up of 28 new cases, 3 fourth applications, 3 thirds, and 13 seconds. It includes three last application cases, as follows: No. 10, John Barnes Walker, one of two children left to the care of their mother; the father was an initiate of the Royal Edward Lodge, No. 1088, Cheshire, and subsequently joined Peveril of the Peak Lodge, No. 654, Derbyshire. The lad brings forward 36 votes from the last contest. No. 28, John Moor Brewis and No. 35, John Alfred Wilson are the other last cases, and they both now come forward for the first time. The former is one of two children dependent, the latter, one of six. The father of young Wilson was initiated in the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Middlesex, and was a most energetic worker on behalf of the Charities, for which he served no less than nine Stewardships. He died in February of the present year, and we can but hope his family will reap an early reward for his zealous services to the Craft.

No. 25, Albert George Milam, is the only case on the list where both parents are dead. He is one of two dependent children, and is accredited to the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, Hertfordshire, to which his father subscribed for upwards of eight years.

As in the case of the Girls' list London is largely interested in the coming contest, no less than 13 of the cases being accredited to metropolitan Lodges outright, while in two others London and Provincial Lodges share joint responsibility. Devonshire has three candidates, West Lancashire two of its own and two others in which it is jointly interested with other districts, Oxfordshire two cases of its own and one jointly with London, Norfolk and Worcestershire two each, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight one case of its own and two others in which it is jointly interested, Dorset and Middlesex each one case of their own and interested with other districts in one other. The remaining cases are divided between Derbyshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Jersey, Kent, North and East Yorkshire, Shropshire, South Wales (Eastern Division), Suffolk, Sussex, West Yorkshire, the Eastern Archipelago and Western Australia, with one case each, and Cheshire, Derbyshire and East Lancashire each jointly interested with other districts in single cases.

It is worthy of mention that on the Boys' list there is on this occasion a very good record of services

rendered by the candidates' fathers in the cause of Masonic Charity. We never by any means advocate a give and take principle in awarding the benevolence of Freemasonry, but all the same we feel that those who, in their time, did good service for our Charities should receive special consideration when the necessity arises for it.

## PROV. GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, in Nantwich Town Hall. Lord Egerton of Tatton Prov. Grand Master presided, attended by Bro. his Honour Sir Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M., J. Bodenham P.G.D.C. England P.P.G.W. Staffordshire, Thomas Bowers P.P.G.S.W., Colonel Wilkinson P.P.G.S.W., J. Salmon P.P.G.W., John Clayton P.P.G.W., J. Cookson P.P.G.T., Lance Bentley P.P.G.R., Edwin G. Simpson P.P.G.D., Herbert Finch P.P.G.R., Thomas Lockett P.P.G.S.D., T. E. Gibson P.P.G. Treasurer, and many other Past Officers, besides the following among Provincial Grand Officers whose time was expiring:—Bros. T. C. Thorburn S.W., Thomas Steele Sheldon J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson Chaplain, Rev. T. T. Higgins Chaplain, Thomas Drinkwater Registrar, Robert Head Treasurer, Richard Newhouse Secretary, T. H. Maddocks S.D., Henry Smith J.D., Thomas Bowers Supt. of Works, George H. Brown Director of Ceremonies, H. G. Small Deputy Director of Ceremonies, W. G. Cronan Assistant Director of Ceremonies, John Lee Sword Bearer, Edward Furnival and Alex. Owen Standard Bearers, Herbert Ellis Organist. Among those from whom letters of apology had been received was Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.G.W.

The Auditors' report, which was passed, showed the balances in the bank at the end of the year to be £61 9s on the Fund of General Purposes, and £117 11s 11d on the Fund of Benevolence.

Bro. Salmon read the report of the Committee of Benevolence. It stated that the balance to the credit of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence at the last audit was £137 14s 4d, and the receipts from all sources during the year had amounted to £124 11s 1d, making a total of £262 5s 5d. The expenditure had been £144 13s 6d, which left a balance in hand of £117 11s 11d. The expenditure during the year included a grant of 50 guineas made to the recently inaugurated local Charity, the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution. The applications for relief on behalf of worthy and indigent brethren, their widows and children, had been more in number than usual, but all were of a very deserving character, and no case was refused by the Committee. At the end of 1892 the accepted Cheshire candidates for the Royal Masonic Institutions that were before the Province were two boys. The Province was in January 1893 entitled to the renewal of the perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in consequence of the last boy's time having expired. Accordingly a boy was presented and duly entered the school, but another boy, who was afterwards elected to the same Institution, was taken ill and died before admission. As the Province had made a supreme effort in the inauguration of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, its contribution to the London Charities had only been on a small scale, but the magnificent contribution to the new Institution added to £300 5s 6d donated to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and £63 to the London Institutions, made up a grand total of £3,007 14s 6d actually paid by Cheshire Freemasons in the cause of Charity during the year now ended.

The first annual report of the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution was taken as read. It stated that the inception of this new Institution might be traced back to the increased interest in charitable effort which was created throughout the Province by the amended charity organisation which came into operation three years ago. At the first meeting of the newly organised Committee of Benevolence, held at Crewe, on 26th November 1890, the subject of an institution of this character was incidentally referred to in a paper read by Bro. Herbert Finch P.P.G. Registrar. It was pointed out in this paper that the necessity for such an institution in the Province was

becoming more apparent every year, and it was recommended as a worthy object for the newly appointed charity representatives to accomplish, and its great usefulness, if established, was emphasised. In the following year 1891, corroboration of these views was afforded by the inability of the Election Committee of the Province, owing to the scarcity of votes, to deal with the cases of two worthy aged Freemasons, who were candidates for the annuities of the London Institution. During the year 1891-92, which was the Jubilee year of the London Benevolent Institution, and when a special effort was made by the Cheshire brethren in its behalf, resulting in a sum of £1,950 being contributed from the Province, the movement for the local Institution were allowed to rest. In 1892, however, the matter was taken up in earnest, and on the 15th June the inaugural festival was held at Chester, when it was stated by Brother Newhouse Provincial Grand Secretary, that the grand total promised was £3,181, and there was in the bank then to the credit of the fund no less a sum than £2,500. Since then £2,421 had been invested, and would produce an annual income of £30. Up to date the total receipts were £2,649 11s 6d, and there remained a balance in the bank of £198 15s. Both these reports were adopted, and on the motion of the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge accepted the recommendation of the Provisional Committee of the Benevolent Institution, that in order to recognise fittingly the unceasing energy and devotion of the Provincial Grand Secretary in connection with the movement, there should be devoted a sum of 25 guineas, being the bulk of the surplus at disposal from the festival or banquet account, to the Institution account in Bro. Newhouse's name, thereby qualifying him as vice-patron of the Institution with 50 life votes.

A Centenary Warrant was next presented to the W.M. of the King's Friends Lodge, No. 293, Nantwich. The Lodge was established in March 1793, at the Three Pigeons Inn, but for a number of years past and until quite recently its meetings were held at the Lamb Hotel. After a few appropriate words to the Master, Lord Egerton addressing the whole of the gathering, said he had again to congratulate the brethren of the Cheshire Province upon a steady increase in the number of members during the past year. There were now 2,241 brethren as compared with 1,963 a year ago. There were 15 Lodges in the Province, and in consequence of that increase, by the decision of the Grand Lodge of England, two extra Provincial Grand Officers had been granted to the Province, a satisfactory step towards enabling brethren of the different Lodges to obtain Provincial honours. With regard to their new and important Masonic Benevolent Institution in the Province he was glad to see that the brethren maintained two lines of benevolence, that of clothing and educating the children of their poorer brethren, and that of making handsome provision for the aged poor Freemasons and their widows. The question generally of provision for old age was being discussed throughout the country. His thought is was satisfactory to find that Masons endeavoured to combine to the utmost of their power to give to all those of their brethren who from old age, from sickness, or from any other misfortune, were in reduced circumstances towards the close of their lives. He trusted that the new Institution and all the Benevolent Institutions might be so well supported that no Mason of good character who was recommended by his Lodge as one who had fallen into misfortune could fail to receive proper help from the Masonic Institutions of his country or his Province. The amount invested was £2,500 and promises had come in up to £3,180. These sums, he thought, showed noble effort for one year, and they reflected great honour upon Bro. Newhouse and those who had worked with him. The Masonic Educational Institution of Cheshire had been founded 30 years. Its invested fund was £6,250, and 47 scholars were assisted in various ways, particularly for their clothing. In consequence of the Assisted Education Act and the facilities that were now given for education it was possible that the funds which had been raised for that purpose might not be wanted to the same extent that they had hitherto been. In some cases children might require clothing and assistance independent of their educational fees. Although he did not think the time was quite ripe for any change in that matter, yet he thought that before long the subject must be considered and possibly some legal steps would be taken whereby money subscribed specially for educational could be used for benevolent purposes. What had been done

this year ought to be a strong inducement to brethren to join the Benevolent Institution. The more they showed Masonry to be real and practical the more they would be equal to the demands of the age, and would show that they belonged to a living and lasting Order. Two Lodge centenaries were being celebrated this year, the second being in Macclesfield.

Bro. Jackson P.M. of the King's Friends Lodge was unanimously elected Treasurer; Bro. Gibson, Sheriff Roberts, T. H. Annet, H. Fitch and T. Lockitt were elected Auditors, and the Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. Whiston 295 ...	...	Senior Warden
Anthony G. Cummings 293 ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Hodgson 321 ...	...	Chaplains
Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson 1045 ...	...	
Joseph Jackson ...	...	Treasurer
James T. Thompson 477 ...	...	Registrar
R. Newhouse (re-appointed) 1045 ...	...	Secretary
Capt. Cooper, R.A., 2386 ...	...	Senior Deacons
Joseph H. Wild 537 ...	...	
George W. Sidebotham 361 ...	...	Junior Deacons
James Clark 605 ...	...	
John Armstrong 2433 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
H. Gordon Small 2368 ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
John Pythian 336 ...	...	Dep. Dir. of Cors.
William Campbell 1357 ...	...	Assist. Directors of Cors.
Charles Vickers 979 ...	...	
Thomas Wood 2144 ...	...	Sword Bearer
John Bottomley 324 ...	...	
James Crook 320 ...	...	Standard Bearers
George Boothby 323 ...	...	
H. Brooks 1126 ...	...	Assitant Secretary
Herbert Ellis 721 ...	...	Organist
Thomas J. Darlington 89 ...	...	Pursuivant
T. W. A. Napier 2132 ...	...	Asst. Pursuivant
S. Smith (re-appointed) ...	...	Tyler
Sergeant-Major M'Kay ...	...	Stewards
Peter Blackburn ...	...	
Robert Fidler ...	...	
J. F. Fear ...	...	
Geo. H. Hollins ...	...	
John Cope ...	...	

Lord Egerton subsequently announced that next year's Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Birkenhead. For the succeeding year an invitation was extended by the Earl of Chester Lodge at Lymm.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, headed by a band, walked in procession to the Parish Church. At the close of the service an offertory was taken in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Brine Baths Hotel, Lord Egerton presiding.—*Manchester Courier*.

## CONSECRATION OF THE DUCHESS OF YORK LODGE, No. 2482.

BY the consecration of this Lodge, which took place at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, the Provinces of East and West Lancashire are now placed upon an equal footing so far as numerical strength is concerned, each possessing a roll of 107 Lodges. Whether the promoters (who, if we mistake not, are all well known visitors to a celebrated Masonic home in the pleasant village of Urmston) desired to enter into a friendly rivalry with the Duke of York Lodge, is a topic upon which it is perhaps neither desirable nor expedient to enter: it is, however, sufficient for all purposes to know that by the formation of this, they have provided a fitting spouse to the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449, held at a neighbouring hotel. The names of the promoters to whom we allude are Bros. Thomas Archer Lowe 216 and 1013, Robert Fox 104, Peter Bratt 1588, Frederic Walmsley 163, Thomas Almond Lever 1077, James Beardmore W.M. 852, Philip Whyman 1219 2449, Ernest Archer Lowe 1013, Joseph Howarth 815 1588, J. E. Mead 163, W. Hardy 336, W. H. Boycott 1345, J. M. H. Blamey 163.

As in the case of the three other Manchester Lodges recently opened, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, undertook the duty of consecration, and this announcement to those who are familiar with his working is sufficient guarantee that the ceremony was performed in a very excellent manner. At an early hour in the afternoon the Provincial Officers began to arrive upon the scene, having already been anticipated

by Col. Starkie and Bro. John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary.

Without loss of time Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies had formed the brethren into order previous to their entry into the Lodge room. It is but fair to state that a more brilliant assemblage of Provincial Officers Present and Past has rarely taken place in this locality.

The principal chair was occupied by Colonel Starkie, who was supported by Bro. J. B. Lonsdale Prov. G.S.W., George Galloway Prov. G.J.W., Wm. Hoyland Prov. G.P., Rev. J. Osborne Jelly, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain, Wm. Goldthorpe Provincial Grand Assistant Registrar, John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, Geo. Sam Smith Provincial Grand Organist (who had charge of the musical arrangements), and others.

Colonel Starkie explained the motive of the meeting; Bro. Goldthorpe read the petition and warrant; the Officers' names were approved; and the Provincial Grand Chaplain delivered the following oration to a very appreciative audience:—"Brethren: There is nothing more attractive, nothing more worthy of our care and effort than an endeavour to solve the mystery of our existence. The great Architect of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom and goodness refrained from giving us a complete understanding of the object of our being; but He has given what is certainly more valuable, the power to penetrate into the hidden mystery of life, by bestowing upon us the powers to think and act; and to us as reasonable beings, as it has been well said, the Most High had offered the choice of knowing all things or of receiving the power to search out the knowledge of the truth. We, as human beings, would naturally prefer to have the exquisite joy of gaining this knowledge than of receiving it merely as a gift. On this principle our Art is founded: Masonry is truly progressive; to understand all it teaches, and to appreciate its worth we require time, patience, and industry. Time to meditate on its teachings, and to draw conclusions; patience to face the difficulties which it presents, and by divine light to overcome; and industry to traverse so much ground as shall enable us to appreciate the whole system by studying the relative dependence of its several parts. To begin with, our attention is wisely directed to those duties which, as men and brethren we are bound to fulfil: those which refer to God, those to our neighbour, and those to ourselves. A just appreciation of these is a most important study, difficult no doubt from the inherent unwillingness in the creature to make the most of his time. Masons are bound by their obligations to overcome this, to pursue their researches with zeal and industry, so that they may advance into other regions of knowledge where they may exercise those talents which they possess, as well to His glory as the welfare of their fellow creatures. What nobler task can be set the creature than to think the thoughts of the All Wise again, to trace how good and merciful and glorious He has been in all His wondrous works, by remarking the laws, order, and beauty, and harmony which all created things exhibit in their lives and movements? To render proper homage and praise for all the blessings which He offers to us we need discipline. This training Masonry strives to give in all the beautiful ceremonies of its several degrees, impressing upon us that there is a mind which is ordering all things for good, and is endeavouring to lead us, with our consent, to something better and nobler. Though the paths of our existence be difficult and intricate, she strives to show how to tread, without fear and dismay, the only road that leads to peace and happiness. To do this we need fellowship and brotherly love, a helping hand in the hour of trial and affliction, an assisting foot to form a column of defence and support, a sympathising knee to share our prayers to the All-loving and All-merciful to pour down strength and grace when sorely beset and tried, a breast to share our perplexities and to counsel us how to keep ourselves from falsehood and dishonour, a shielding arm to repel all aggressions against our good name and integrity. Where can this be better found than in Masonry, and when so found we are strong enough to meet the last and greatest trial that man must meet,—even the King of Terrors,—whom a holy confidence inspires us we shall be enabled to conquer, and to raise our eyes to that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and resignation to the faithful and dutiful of human kind? If Masonry can help us in this, if she can inspire us with courage to meet our inevitable destiny, pointing us to that more brilliant light

which is beyond our mortality, does it not behove us to be good members of the Craft, to make ourselves efficient by putting in practice its sublime truths? What greater incentive can we have for the practice of every virtue than the certainty of the reward which is reserved for us in the Grand Lodge above? To-day another little ark is to be launched upon the sea of Masonry, again a queen bee has been found, and a great swarm has been made. It was my privilege to address the brethren of the Duke of York Lodge, and to ask them that our effort might not be in vain: now I ask you who shall form the Duchess of York Lodge not to fall short of our expectations. 'What is sauce for the gander may be applied equally to the goose,'—strive to keep a lofty ideal ever before you, not contented with a mere profession, but endeavouring to put forth in your every day lives the valuable lessons which, as Masons, you will learn. If you do this, you will find that Masonry will be a blessing to you: it will give you consolation and strength in all your trials, peace and contentment when specially needed, by leading you to place all your trust in Him who presides over the Grand Lodge above, into whose glorious company He will admit in His good time all those who, in this life, have striven to carry out his divine commands."

The impressive ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, after which Col. Starkie vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.J.D., who, in the various degrees, and with Masonic regularity, obligated Bro. Thomas Archer Lowe W.M. designate; appointed a Board of Installed Masters; duly installed Bro. Lowe into the chair of K.S., and made the usual proclamations in his favour, Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C. presenting the working tools in each degree. The following, being the first Officers appointed, were all invested by Bro. Schofield, viz., Bros. Robert Fox S.W., Peter Bratt J.W., Frederic Walmsley Secretary, Thomas Almond Lever S.D., E. Archer Lowe J.D., W. H. Boycott Dir. of Cers., James Beardmore I.G., J. G. Mead Organist. Brother Philip Whyman, who was elected Treasurer, was also invested by Brother Schofield. The latter ultimately received, by unanimous consent, the distinction of being elected the first honorary member of the Duchess of York Lodge. Bro. Schofield also occupies the position of first W.M. of its consort Lodge, the Duke of York, No. 2449.

Brother Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, in presenting to Brother Lowe W.M. the warrant and Book of Constitutions, said he felt sure that under his care the lustre of those documents would be retained, and he hoped they would be handed down to posterity in the same untarnished manner.

The newly installed Worshipful Master was addressed by Bro. W. T. Schofield, the Wardens by Bro. Alfred Hebden, while Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. rendered the exhortation to the brethren generally. As these latter duties were undertaken by members of the Craft who are all consummate masters of elocution, it will be readily believed that the auditors were well pleased with their efforts, and testified their pleasure by rounds of applause.

The gratifying fact was announced that six names had been tendered of those wishful to become members of the Lodge, and at the first regular meeting, to be held on the 16th proximo, it is likely that four of these will be initiated, the other two being joining members.

A very excellent banquet had been provided in the dining room of the hotel, to which, immediately after the close of the Lodge business, a large number of brethren adjourned, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

There were present at the consecration and banquet Bros. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master East Lancashire, J. B. Lonsdale P.G.S.W., Geo. Galloway P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Osborne Jelly, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. S. Doxey Prov. Grand Chaplain, Wm. Goldthorpe Provincial Grand Deputy Registrar, John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary, Jas. Andrew Provincial G.S.D., John Partington P.G.S.D., F. W. Lean P.G.S.D., John Smith P.G.J.D., Jas. Potter P.G.J.D., Geo. Macfarlane P.G. Supt. of Works, Fred. Hilton P.G. Dir. of Cers., F. Armstrong P.G. Deputy Supt. of Works, Peter Mills P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers., Chas. Turner P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., Jas. Schofield, P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., Jas. Sutcliffe P.G. Deputy Sword Bearer, James Glennie P.G. Standard Bearer, Wm. Shackleton, P.G. Standard

Bearer, Geo. Sam. Smith P.G. Organist, Jas. Newton P.G. Assist. Secretary P.P.G.D., Wm. Hoyland P.G.P., Aaron Holt P.G.A.P., Jas. Fitton P.G.S., E. G. Harwood P.P.G.W., Wm. T. Schofield P.P.G.J.D., A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D., Wm. R. Clayton P.P.G.C., Jas. W. Abbott P.P.G. Dir. of Cers., Abm. Pemberton P.P.G. Dir. or Cers., Alfred Hedden P.P.G.D. Dir. of Cers., H. H. Warburton P.P.G.S.D., C. D. Cheetham P.P.G.D., Rd. Duxbury P.P. Grand Sword Bearer, J. H. Sillitoe P.P. Grand Standard Bearer P.P.G.W., Wm. Corner P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. (West Lanc.), Thomas Schofield P.G.D. (West Lanc.), Jas. Robinson W.M. 1219, F. W. Wollaston W.M. 2363, Joseph Lees P.M. 1345, W. O. Wilkinson Senior Warden 1219, Geo. Grant Senior Warden 1504, Sergeant Searle S.D. 633, Cuthbert Blacow S.D. 2156, W. H. Jackson P.M. 1345, Geo. J. Lee J.D. 1458, A. S. Kinnell J.D. 2156, J. D. Cockerton Organist 1013, Clement John Hall Secretary 2449, Geo. A. Bowden S.S. 2449, A. W. Pemberton I.G. 1030, J. T. Whittle 1219, John M. Crome 1375, W. D. Holbrook 1375, Osman M. Stuart 1955 (West Africa), W. W. Hitching 2363, J. Butterworth 2367, Edward Roberts P.G.D.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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#### LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

THE meeting of the Lodge on the 7th inst. was considerably brightened by an addition to the usual routine of business, in the form of presentations, which will always be valued by the members, and which were as gratefully received as they were cordially made by the respective donors.

It had long been known that Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., had promised the gift of a massive chair to the Lodge, and in fact, the chair itself had been ready for some time, waiting the convenience of Bro. Thomas for the formal presentation. In accordance with his uniform generosity, Colonel Lewis had provided a handsome case in which to place discarded regalia, in such a way that they would ever be within sight of the members in Lodge assembled. There were present:—Bros. Duncan Macdonald W.M., D. R. Lewis acting S.W., Henry Bailey J.W., A. Abelson Chaplain, T. W. Goodfellow Treas., W. Rowland Harris Secretary, J. T. Dutton Assist. Sec., W. Roberts S.D., J. M. Berry J.D., J. Morgan Organist, W. Williams Steward, W. Harry Jones Tyler, D. Rees Lewis P.M., G. F. Harris P.M., S. Sandbrook P.M., R. R. Davis P.M., and others members, with the following visitors:—W. Reeco W.M. 230, Morgan Williams I.P.M. 1573, Isaac D. William W.M. 833, Alfred James W.M. 529, Macdonald Prov. G. Supt. Works.

The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. D. A. Thomas rose and said he was glad that at last the time had come when he was able to ask their acceptance at his hands of the chair which they beheld, and he would now content himself with doing so as briefly as possible. It had been known to them all that he had long since intended making the presentation, and now that he had the privilege of doing so, he trusted that it would be accepted as being worthy of the Lodge. He thought the carving had been excellently done, and he ventured to hope that it would at all times be worthily filled. He might tell them that he had some little ambition in that way himself, and that his turn would come some day. In conclusion, he begged them to accept the gift as an indication of his interest in the Lodge, in spite of the fact that his attendance had in the past been interfered with.

Bro. Duncan Macdonald W.M., said he felt sure he was interpreting the feelings of all present, when he said that they would highly value the handsome gift. It was due to Bro. McKay and G. F. Harris P.M. to say that they had expended a great deal of labour in designing the chair. He was glad of the high honour conferred upon himself in his being the first to occupy it, and he would propose that the hearty thanks of the Lodge be accorded to Bro. Thomas, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Dr. Lewis seconded, and Bro. Goodfellow supported the resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, and the W.M. was placed in the chair amid cheers.

Bro. Lewis then rose and said that they would observe that on the shelf before them was placed a case in which were suspended the old regalia which they had been called upon to doff. To him it was intolerable the regalia around which were so many pleasant associations should be shut up in a box. He had therefore had that case made, and he trusted that it would be accepted in the same spirit as it was given.

The Worshipful Master said Bro. Lewis had always been a true friend to the Lodge, and that was by no means the first gift they had received at his hands. He proposed that the gift be accepted. Bro. R. R. Davis P.M. seconded the resolution, which was heartily agreed to upon its being put to the vote.

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the members adjourned to a banquet at the Globe Hotel, which had been excellently prepared by Hostess Williams. The W.M. occupied the chair, and during the evening a programme of toasts, songs, &c., was gone through and thoroughly enjoyed.

#### MARINERS LODGE, No. 249.

ABOUT 50 members of the above Lodge and several visitors from other Lodges assembled, on the 19th inst., at the Bee Hotel, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith P.P.G.R. to present Bro. John Whalley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. with a handsome gold hunting watch, and to wish him God speed on his leaving Liverpool for New Zealand. Bro. Whalley has been a member of the Mariners Lodge for over 20 years, and the Chairman spoke of the many good services he had rendered, not only Masonically, but in many other respects. The toast of his health was proposed and pledged most heartily. Bro. Whalley, in responding, spoke of the pain he felt in severing his connection with the Lodge, and so many of his old friends, but having visited New Zealand before, and finding it so beneficial to his health, he had decided to take up his residence in that country. Several other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the gathering closed, after passing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bush W.M. of the Mariners Lodge, for the kindness extended to the brethren assembled on the interesting occasion.

#### COMBERMERE LODGE, No. 295.

AT the monthly meeting on Thursday night, 7th inst., at the Lodge room at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, of the above Lodge, the W.M. (Bro. Thomas Lockitt, J.P.), outlined the arrangements for the celebration of the Centenary of the Lodge on Thursday, 5th October. The Provincial Grand Master (Lord Egerton of Tatton), has intimated that he will attend and take part in the ceremonial, and the Honourable Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., and other Provincial brethren will be present. The Lodge will meet in the Town Hall at two o'clock; after Lodge, the brethren will go in procession to the Old Church, where a special service will be held, and the Rev. T. T. Higgins, M.A. (Congleton—Provincial Grand Chaplain) will preach. The offertory will be for the Cheshire Educational Masonic Charities and Macclesfield Infirmary. The musical arrangements throughout have been entrusted to Bro. James Stevens and Joseph Townley, and the latter brother will preside at the organ. After service, a banquet will take place at Macclesfield Arms Hotel.

In connection with the interesting festival, Bro. Chas. Forshaw, LL.D., of Bradford, who recently joined the Lodge, has written an ode, which pleasantly portrays the grand principles of the Craft. This, and an epitomised history of Freemasonry for the past century in Macclesfield, Congleton, and the district, will, along with the proceedings of the 5th prox., be printed in book form. The preparation of the history has been undertaken, at the request of the Lodge, by Bro. R. Brown P.M. On the day of the celebration of the Centenary, Bro. Lockitt W.M. will complete his 34th year as a Freemason. For the Centenary year all the Officers of the Lodge are Past Masters, as follow:—Bros. G. Ibbson I.P.M., W. Whiston S.W., G. J. Godwin J.W., T. Lockitt Treasurer, J. H. Brookes Secretary, J. Needham S.D., B. R. Leech J.D., H. Maydew I.G., R. Brown D.C., T. Wadsworth Organist, J. Staniforth and J. Fred May Seward, D. Mison Tyler, and F. Hume Assistant Tyler.

On Saturday, 9th inst., a meeting of the Committee who have the Centenary celebration in hand, was held, at which it was decided to ask Bro. Forshaw to read his Centenary Ode in the Lodge on the 5th prox. Dr. Forshaw has consented to do this, and we may state here that his "Ode" will appear in this journal on the 7th October, and a full account of the proceedings of the 5th will be inserted as soon as possible.

#### NEW FOREST LODGE, No. 319.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren, including a numerous party of visitors, on Tuesday, 11th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Charles Robert Hayball, the late S.W. of the Lodge. The Lodge opened at noon, but was not closed until three p.m., when the installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. H. Doman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. After the ceremony the new W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. E. R. Jackman I.P.M., W. J. Jolliffe S.W., J. Hambridge J.W., H. Doman Treas., W. Le Roy Sec., G. R. Masters S.D., R. Catt J.D., C. F. Saywell I.G., E. S. Savidge Dir. of Cers., J. S. Doman A.D.C., T. Schafer Standard Bearer, F. Reeks and E. W. Staines Stewards, J. Bailey Tyler. The appointment of Officers over, the new W.M. had a very pleasant and congenial task to perform in presenting to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. E. Jackman, a Past Master's jewel in gold,—a gift from the members of the Lodge to mark their esteem and regard, and also appreciation of the ability he had shown in his conduct in the chair during the past year. The accounts for the previous twelve months having been passed, Bro. Catt, as honorary Secretary of the Charities Fund, announced that he had received during the year £19 17s 6d, and that of this sum ten guineas had already been given to Masonic Charities. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother Catt, also to the Installing Master, and to the Officers for last year. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet (provided by Bro. Past Master Dore), spending a pleasant evening together, and separating at 8 p.m. During the proceedings the heartiest of good wishes were expressed towards the new W.M. that his year of office might be an exceedingly pleasant time, and that under his rule the New Forest Lodge might enjoy a period of much prosperity.

#### ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1362.

ON Saturday, 2nd inst., the members of this Lodge held their quarterly meeting in the Market Hall, Redhill. Bro. W. Markham W.M. took the chair, and the business of the meeting was, after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, to receive

the reports of the meeting of the Permanent Committee of 10th and 17th August respectively, relative to the motion of Bro. E. G. Field I.P.M., passed at the last quarterly Lodge meeting on 3rd June:—"That in compliance with the recommendation from the meeting on improvements it is desirable to form a proper Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge, and that the necessary steps be taken for carrying into effect this proposition." To elect a Tyler in place of Bro. C. K. Heather, resigned, and that Arthur Room, caretaker, Market Hall, Redhill, aged 22, be ballotted for, and if approved be initiated as Serving Brother in the place of Bro. C. K. Heather resigned. After the business of the Lodge the brethren dined together in the Market Hall, refreshments being provided by Bro. W. Laker.

#### JORDAN LODGE, No. 1402.

THE twenty first annual festival of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday of last week, was largely attended. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Winget S.W., was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Hersey, to a Board of Installed Masters, presided over by Bro. J. Lane P.P.G. Registrar. The W.M. appointed his Officers, and, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Hersey the I.P.M., a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his efficient services during his year of office. Letters of apology for non-attendance, and with expressions of fraternal congratulation, were read from Bros. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould, honorary members and P.G.D.'s of England. Telegrams were also read from Brother Longley Prov. G.J.W. of Kent, and Bro. F. Sandford, who is on holiday in the Isle of Wight. A telegram of congratulation was authorised to be sent to Brother J. Murray P.M. P.P.G.D.C., on the celebration of his golden wedding, which took place that day.

The installation banquet followed at the Bath Saloons, and the W.M., who presided, presented the brethren with a beautifully printed programme in book form, containing an excellent portrait of himself. At the conclusion of the repast, provided by Bro. W. J. Nesworthy, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The W.M. alluded to the interest felt in the Craft, of which the Queen was Patron, by the Royal Family, no less than seventeen members of whom had been initiated into the Order.

Bro. Blamey responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Lane submitted the health of the W.M., who needed no words to commend him to the brethren. He had made his mark in Torquay, and he ventured to predict he would fulfil the duties of his office with satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Winget, in acknowledging the compliment, esteemed it a great privilege to see so many brethren present, and hoped to continue to cement the fraternal good feeling and harmony which distinguished the Craft.

Bro. Lane, in responding to the toast of his health as Installing Master, alluded to the presence of Bro. Thomas Taylor, his Masonic father.

The P.M.s were toasted at the invitation of Bro. G. West S.W., and Bro. H. A. Garrett gave the health of the Visitors, for whom Bros. H. R. Beer W.M. 328, C. Emmett W.M., and J. F. Hoyle W.M. elect of 1358, Paignton, responded.

Bro. Chapman proposed the Masonic Charities. The three great central Charities exceeded anything of the kind in the world. Torquay possessed one-fifth of the voting power of the Province, which was very creditable.

In replying, Bro. John Taylor the Charity Steward mentioned that he had received during the past year from the Lodge for the use of the Province a total of 270 votes for the great Charities. This was the largest number of votes contributed by any one Lodge in the Province, with the exception of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, Stonehouse. For the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, which was doing excellent work, he had received 146 votes, and he recommended to their consideration not only the great Charities, but those of Devon, including the Fortescue Annuity Fund. He expressed the hope that the grand principle of charity, the great fundamental principle of the Order, would be exemplified during Brother Winget's year of office.

The charity collection was then taken, and, including a donation of two guineas from the W.M., amounted to £5, the largest amount collected for years.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. H. A. Garrett, S. Wills, A. Waycott, H. R. Beer, J. G. Tarle, F. C. Sandford, and H. Brock. The festival was one of the most successful and enjoyable yet held in connection with the Lodge.

#### ST. PETROC LODGE, No. 1785.

AT the meeting on Tuesday, 5th inst., a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Frank Bray P.M. P.P.G. Pursuivant. The presentation was made by Bro. Colonel C. R. Pridaux Brune P.M. P.P.G.S.W., who said the jewel was subscribed for by the members of the Lodge as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of Bro. Bray's efficient services as Treasurer during the last ten years, and of his zealous work for the welfare of Freemasonry. It afforded him great pleasure to be made the medium for bestowing such a beautiful gift on so worthy a brother. In an appropriate speech Bro. Bray thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him, and assured them that he should continue to do his utmost for the welfare of the Fraternity.

#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE fifth regular meeting of this Lodge after the vacation took place at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., Bro. Alfred De Botton W.M. There were also present:—Bros. John Fisher I.P.M., George Rideal P.M. S.W., Walter Fowden J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Leon Levy Secretary, Geo. Board

P.M. P.P.G.D., J. K. Heywood I.G., Walter Marshall, Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., E. Nathan P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), S. Frankenstein, A. Kirkwood, L. Frankenstein. Visitor:—Bro. Henry Nall P.M. 1875 J.D. 2363.

After the confirmation of minutes, the brethren were favoured by Bro. Nall, who had been invited to read his clever paper upon "Masonic History," a lengthy synopsis of which appeared in No. 957 of the CHRONICLE.

The usual entertainment followed. In reverting to the subject of the evening, Brother Fisher affirmed that what Sir W. Blackstone had in his "Commentaries" done to codify the laws of England, Bro. Nall had accomplished with respect to Freemasonry, for he had, in a very compact form, made a wonderful contribution to its literature. Bro. Fisher also had made the pleasing announcement, which was repeated to our representative (Bro. E. Roberts) that Brother De Botton, who is a very distinguished Eastern traveller, an accomplished literary scholar, and a polyglot in languages, had consented to prepare a paper based upon his Masonic experiences, here and abroad. If this promise is brought to fruition the Manchester brethren have a treat in anticipation.

#### BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

UNUSUAL interest attached to the proceedings of this Lodge, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday of last week, when the Worshipful Master (Brother A. J. Carpenter) was made the recipient of a handsome present by the brethren of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. H. Packman I.P.M., J. Flinn S.W., E. M. Ffennell J.W., H. W. Bedford Treasurer, T. Shrivell Secretary, G. E. Barton J.D., F. B. Colbran D.C., E. Garratt I.G., W. N. Roe P.P.G.O. Organist, J. Olliver, T. H. Tuxford, and W. Insell Stewards, W. Stanton Tyler. There was also a large attendance of other members and visitors.

The chief business of the Lodge was the election of Bro. Flinn to the office of W.M. and of Bro. H. W. Bedford to the Treasurership for the ensuing year.

The members subsequently adjourned to the banqueting-room, where supper was served by Bro. J. Sayers. During the after proceedings Bro. J. Flinn took the opportunity of making the presentation to the Worshipful Master. Every member of the Burrell Lodge, he said, warmly appreciated the excellent work done by Brother Carpenter as W.M., and also the manner in which he had carried out the duties of other offices he had filled. It was to demonstrate their approval that he would ask him and Mrs. Carpenter to accept a silver tea service and an illuminated address. The latter read as follows:—

"Presented, with a silver tea service to W. Bro. Alfred Joshua Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter, in commemoration of their silver wedding day, 24th September 1893, by the Brethren of the Burrell Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1829. This happy event occurring during Bro. Carpenter's year of office as W.M., the brethren, in presenting this token of their esteem, heartily wish him and his wife long life and happiness. Signed on behalf of the Brethren and Committee, J. Flinn S.W. Chairman; H. W. Bedford Treasurer; T. Shrivell Secretary."

In thanking the members for the gift, Bro. Carpenter said ever since he had become a Mason he had experienced the motive power of Freemasonry, viz., brotherly love on all hands, and from all the brethren of the Burrell Lodge, but he had never thought of being the recipient of such kindness as was shown him that evening. The present would be highly valued, and when, in time to come, they used the tea service, they would not forget the esteem and brotherly love which had prompted such a handsome presentation. The evening was passed in a harmonious manner.

#### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

AT the monthly meeting held at Maldon, on Monday, the 28th ult., Bro. George Brown was unanimously elected Wor. Master for the ensuing year, Bro. S. Sawyer P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. E. Pearman Tyler.

#### DE TATTON LODGE, No. 2144.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on the 11th, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. T. Goulding. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. Bowerhuts was passed, and Bro. T. W. Land jun. was raised. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. W. Morris the S.W. Bro. Evason was elected Treasurer, as was Bro. W. H. Hadfield to the office of Tyler. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the festival of St. John.

#### ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Midland Hotel, Ardwick, on Friday, the 8th inst., to ballot for, and if favourably received, initiate Mr. Oscar Katz. Bro. Thomas Hayes W.M. opened the Lodge, and after explaining the object of the meeting, submitted the name of the candidate, which was accepted unanimously. The W.M. then performed the ceremony of initiation, being assisted by Bro. R. W. Atkinson J.W., who presented the working tools and delivered the charge, both duties being performed in his usual effective manner.

At the festive board, after the orthodox toasts had been honoured, that of the Initiative was proposed by Bro. William Hoyle P.M. Prov. G.P., who remarked that from the attention which the candidate

had given throughout the ceremony, together with the very excellent credentials which had accompanied his introduction to the Lodge, every one present would feel satisfied that he must eventually prove a worthy member. But however good he might be as a man, Brother Hoyland would impress upon him the fact that no individual ever honoured Masonry in proportion to the honour which Masonry conferred upon the individual.

Bro. Katz, in reply, said that he was afraid language would fail him in trying to give expression to his feelings; he therefore hoped that the brethren would not expect very much from him, because having been so struck with what he had passed through, his thoughts were somewhat wayward. He, however, thanked them very much for having accepted him as a member of so ancient and honourable a society, assuring them that he would make it his study to prove himself worthy of their confidence.

Bros. Lilley, Farrer, and others were called upon to favour the company with songs, &c., and the remainder of the evening passed pleasantly away.

The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 11th instant, when after the confirmation of minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Edward Chapman, and proving successful, he was initiated by Bro. Hayes W.M. In this ceremony, as in the one at the Emergency meeting, the task of presenting the working tools and delivering the charge devolved upon Bro. R. W. Atkinson J.W., and his performance was equally creditable.

After the festivities which followed, the Worshipful Master proposed Bro. Chapman's health, and spoke of him in very warm and appreciative terms, to which the candidate responded in a modest and effective speech, thanking the brethren for having received him as one of their number. He had long desired to be a Mason, and now his ambition had been gratified. He spoke of the deep impression which the ceremony had made upon him, and assured his auditors that he should never forget it.

On this occasion the entertainment was contributed to by Brothers W. G. Gosling, Harry G. Walker, T. C. Lilley J.D., and N. Goodman S.D. Besides those already mentioned, there were present at these meetings:—Bros. Rd. Booth I.P.M., J. W. Atkinson S.W., William Rostron Treasurer, W. J. Melling P.M. Secretary, Henry Dawson P.M., Thomas Baildon, William Hyde, James Lowe, Charles Paine, and S. Kindler. Visitor—Bro. Robert Oswald S.W. 268.

#### DORIC LODGE, No. 2359.

THE meeting of this Lodge, on the 9th inst., was rendered particularly interesting from the fact of Bro. C. E. Towell P.M. presenting a life-like portrait of its esteemed I.P.M. (Bro. F. Stretch). A pleasing coincidence then occurred, a similar compliment being paid to the Lodge by Bro. Stretch presenting an excellent portrait (by Bro. Warwick Brookes) of Bro. Towell. Bro. Myers, the present W.M., having previously presented his own, Bro. T. Sharples promised to make the Doric Gallery of Worshipful Masters complete by giving one of its first Master (Bro. Smith), when they will be hung in order of seniority, thus:—Bros. George Samuel Smith Prov. G.O. East Lancs. 1st W.M.; Clara Edgar Towell, 2nd W.M.; Frederic Stretch, 3rd W.M.; George Alfred Myers Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. 4th W.M. Bro. Towell, the Charity Representative, announced that his Alpass list of contributions amounted to £40, and that his utmost endeavours would be exercised to complete the sum of £50. This is really very good, when we consider this popular little Lodge, promoted for the "Ambassador of Commerce," should have, during the first three years of its existence, purchased £100 of furniture and realised upwards of £100 for Charity, in addition to which a considerable balance has been handed over to the present W.M. With his zeal and ability and that of those "coming on," we may safely prophesy a long and prosperous career to a Lodge having such an excellent motto as "stat veritas."

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held on the 14th inst., Bro. William T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Worshipful Master. There were also present:—Bros. William Boden S.W., Fred. Warburton J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Clement Jno. Hall Secretary, Philip Whyman J.D., John Kinsey I.G., George A. Bowden and T. H. Stott Stewards, Robert Meggitt Director of Ceremonies, James Andrew P.M. P.G.S.D., Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. B. Marshall, Thomas D. Lightfoot, A. G. Bryce, who was afterwards invested as Organist, Oates Rushton, William Leigh, Robert Hamilton, J. T. Whittle, Arthur Scarlett. Visitors—Bros. Rev. James Osborne Jelly P.M. 277 Prov. G. Chaplain, William Amery P.M. 1588, B. Whitwam J.D. 1219, Robert Fox 2482, Charles Slec 163, J. H. Maybury 1219, Peter Bratt 2482.

Bro. Arthur Scarlett having proved his proficiency, was entrusted and duly raised by the W.M., who was assisted in the ceremony by Brother Mamelok, who presented the working tools.

A proposition was made by Brother Warburton, which was seconded by Bro. Mamelok, and supported by Brother W. Boden, that Brother Bridge Hopkinson P.M. be made an honorary member of the Lodge, in recognition of important services rendered. This was received unanimously.

Refreshment followed, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the same being relieved by songs and recitations from Bros. Stott, Slec, Bryce, Hall, Scarlett, Marshall, Roberts, &c.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 581.—After an interval of three months, the members of this popular Lodge, which now numbers nearly 150, were summoned to commence their labours at Mrs.

Stopford's celebrated hostelry in Withy Grove, Manchester, on Thursday, the 14th inst. There were present:—Bros. H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Preceptor, George T. Lenard Treasurer, Alf. Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C. Secretary, Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., George Rideal P.M., Frederick Gorton Berry P.M., Ed. Loebell, Geo. T. Lee, J. Dean, Geo. Lee, Thomas Shorrook, W. H. Worsley, J. Horsefield, &c. Visitors:—Bros. T. H. Hall P.M. 1458, Jacob Smith 41, Harry Barber 1083, and others.

The Lodge was opened at 6 p.m. by Bro. Higham, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Secretary, who afterwards announced that he had three propositions to place before the members of brethren wishing to join the Lodge. The correspondence was read, and the names of the brethren favourably received; they will therefore be duly balloted for at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

This being the first night of the winter session, the Lodge was closed without the rehearsal of any ceremony, this (a raising) being deferred until the next meeting. A very excellent tea was partaken of, and a pleasant social evening afterwards spent in songs and recitations from the following:—Bros. Fred Hilton, Sam Luke, W. H. Hamnett, Jacobson, Horsefield, &c.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the Prince Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, on the 13th inst., Bro. Young W.M., Purley S.W., Hanes J.W., Edmonds acting Preceptor, and several others were present. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Lee P.M. gave the lecture on the Tracing Board, and subsequently worked the first section of the first degree.

On the 20th instant, Bros. Parle W.M., Hanes S.W., Rendell J.W., Robinson S.D., Trumble J.D., Janny I.G., Edmonds Acting Preceptor, Gregory Secretary. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson candidate. Bro. Hanes was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—At the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on the 18th instant, Brothers Price W.M., Ellinger S.W., Johnson J.W., A. Scurrah S.D., Edmonds J.D., Samuel I.G., Lewes Deputy Preceptor, Scales Treasurer. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Day candidate. Bro. Ellinger took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother Day candidate. Bro. Ellinger was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. Price Organist an honorary member.

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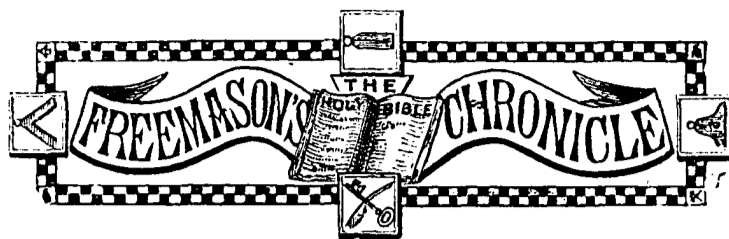
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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, held on Wednesday, at Old Trafford, brought prominently to the front again a name which some years back was a veritable "household word" in Freemasonry, but which has hardly been heard of in the meantime. We remember being present at one of the Festivals at Freemasons' Tavern when Lord Skelmersdale, acting as Chairman, said that henceforth his name would not be known in Freemasonry. There was a pause, and a tremour of excitement at the announcement, until his Lordship explained that in future he would be known under another name, and a feeling of relief was experienced when it was understood that the then much-esteemed Deputy Grand Master of England was not severing his connection with the Craft, but was succeeding to well merited preferment as Earl of Lathom.

But Lord Lathom appears to have prophesied without knowing what was in store, and to-day we are able to look forward with satisfaction to the probability of his old name again becoming revered and popular in Freemasonry—if not to the same extent as it was at the time we refer to, at least as well as a true and zealous Brother of to-day can make it, in view of the continued popularity of the former holder of the title. The present Lord Skelmersdale was among those at the Provincial gathering on Wednesday, and with the same good intent as has always marked his father's work in Freemasonry, promised to preside at the forthcoming Festival of the Alpass Benevolent Institution, to be held on the 5th of next month. To mark their appreciation the members of the Province voted a special donation of £100 from their Fund of Benevolence to the Institution, in support of Lord Skelmersdale's presidency.

This grant of £100 was not the only sum voted to the local Masonic Charities on this occasion, the Alpass Institution, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the Hamer Benevolent Institution, each receiving fifty guineas from the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund, while at the subsequent meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter a sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Alpass Institution, so that a total exceeding £300 was voted that day in aid of the local Masonic funds of West Lancashire, all of which were reported as being in a satisfactory condition, with upwards of £30,000 in hand.

The Grand Master of a Mark District, referring to the lack of returns from certain Lodges, spoke of the neglect in not sending them in as "misconduct." This term has a somewhat harsh sound, but is justifiable under the circumstances. Other Lodges who are apt to treat annual returns as mere matters of form, of no special import, would do well to consider the point. Misconduct may be winked at for years, but occasionally the last straw is applied—and then the camel's back breaks, the culprit in such a case being the neglectful Lodge.

The Masons of Kimberley have decided on the for-

mation of a Masonic Literary Association, the objects being the discussion of Masonic subjects only, and the formation of a Masonic Library. At the preliminary meeting there were about 30 brethren present, all of whom joined the Association, and at once set to work to arrange for a Lodge of Instruction with meetings every week. This looks like genuine enthusiasm, and sets an example that might well be generally followed in the home country.

Our contemporary *Truth* is still exercised in mind as to the relations existing among Freemasons in the Army, another paragraph on the subject having appeared in this week's issue. As we said before we should hail with satisfaction an official inquiry into the truth of the assertions made by the correspondents of our contemporary, whose latest remarks on the subject are as follows:—

Sooner or later Army reformers will have to consider seriously the relations between Freemasonry and military service. A reference to the matter in a recent issue of *Truth* has brought me a large mass of correspondence, the significance of which cannot be mistaken. Rightly or wrongly, there exists a very general feeling in the Army, that Freemasonry is answerable for a vast amount of the jobbery and favouritism which disgust good soldiers with the Service. From what I know of Freemasonry, I should suppose that, as a matter of course, this would be so. If it is, nothing more need be said. Freemasonry should be expunged from the Army as Orangeism has been.

It is suggested by the *Indian Masonic Review* that an occasional local Festival in aid of the Indian Masonic Institutions would be a good way of raising money for them, the suggestion apparently resulting from a consideration of the result of the last Festival of the Boys' School, which is recorded in the same issue of our contemporary.

## ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM (VI. PART 2).

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from page 171).

THE next contribution is an article on the *Ancient Stirling Lodge*, from the pen of Bro. Hughan, which it will be convenient to consider in connection with the late reprint of Dr. Dassigny's *Serious and Impartial Enquiry* (1744); the "Introductory Sketch of Royal Arch Masonry, 1743—1893," prefixed to the same; and the review of both which appeared in the last number of our *Transactions* (vi. 77).

In Dassigny's work we meet with the oldest printed reference to the Royal Arch, and our Brother Hughan in the prolegomena, attached to the reprint, furnishes the fullest and best account of that degree which is known to me.

Before its appearance, the earliest Lodge records containing any allusion to the Royal Arch, were supposed to be those of the old Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, which held a "Royal Arch Lodge" on 22nd December 1753, when three Brethren were "raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason."

Bro. Hughan, however, has recently claimed, on behalf of the Lodge at Stirling, a priority of ten, or at the very least, eight years, over its American Sister, in connection with this degree, and the proofs by which his position is supported I shall next proceed to examine.

A Committee of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, reported—21st March 1818—that "after very mature and deliberate consideration of the several documents produced in support of their respective claims, they find that the Chapters holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Chapter have produced satisfactory evidence of their having existed in the knowledge and practice of Royal Arch Masonry, and have held regular meetings as Chapters of that Degree, since the periods set against their respective names, as follows, viz.:—

"*Stirling Rock Royal Arch Chapter*, from the 30th July 1743; *Enoch Royal Arch Chapter, Montrose*, from the 18th January 1765; *Operative Royal Arch*

*Chapter, Banff*, from the 25th August 1766; *Leithgow Royal Arch Chapter*, from the year 1768."

My own opinion of the value of the "reports" of Committees on such points as the above is not a very high one, and I attach about as much importance to them as I do to the preambles of charters and Acts of Parliament. Moreover, in the case before us, the attestation ought certainly to be of the highest character that the subject will admit of, to induce us to believe that at Stirling, or anywhere else, regular meetings were held in 1743, as "*Chapters*" of the Degree.

This difficulty seems to have been felt by Bro. Hughan, for he says:—"Granting that the question as to the seniority of Stirling be left in abeyance so far as respects the Minute Book of 1743, the By-Laws of 1745 are still in evidence, and as they mention the term 'Exalting' [the reader will please take note that it is the 'Introductory sketch of R.A. Masonry, 1743-1893,' I am quoting from], and apply it to the 'Excellent and Super-Excellent' Degrees, the position is maintained all the same, for there is no other Chapter anywhere that can produce such testimony."

In the same "sketch" or prolegomena, Bro. Hughan, observes:—"Bro. Brown [G. Scribe E. Scotland] has made and sent me an extract from the By-Laws of the Lodge at Stirling, dated the 14th day of May 1745. The Dues were then as follows,—

[Extract from the 8th By-Law.]

"Exalting Excellent and Super Excellent, 5s.  
Knights of Malta, 5s."

"Bro. Brown says, 'that no direct reference to the Royal Arch could be found in this Minute Book from 1741 onwards, only *Excellent and Super Excellent*,' but he believes that as a matter of fact *Super Excellent* was the Royal Arch as then conferred in Scotland."

But on getting the actual Minute Book into his own hands, Bro. Hughan found that the word "*Exalting*" had been inadvertently imported into the above transcript (as it should not have been), thereby lengthening the already strong chain of presumptive evidence by an imaginary link.

The portion of the 8th By-Law cited in the foregoing remarks, should really read:—

"Excellent and Super Excellent, five shillings sterling  
and Knights of Malta five shillings sterling."

But this is not all. The Code of Rules from which the last quotation has been carefully taken by Hughan, is not the original and separate Regulations of 1745, but a copy made about 1790.

Our Bro. Hughan indeed says:—"The transcript seems to have been made from an old copy, doubtless of 1745, as stated, for the writer was evidently unable to decipher some portions, and therefore left them blank; and the general style of the regulations would do very well for that year, so that appearances certainly favour the belief that the foregoing transcript [*Supra*] of about the year 1790 was made from the original code of 1745." (*A.Q.C.* vi. 109).

But a proneness to embellish their text has been a leading characteristic of all Masonic copyists from the time of Dr. James Anderson down to within living memory, and by far the most potent argument used by Bro. Hughan in support of the fidelity of the transcription, seems to me to be the absence of any doubt in his own mind with respect to the legitimacy of the entries which he has taken under his protection.

Nor should we forget that in the recent transcription of 1892, or 1893, the word "*Exalted*" was wrongly, though inadvertently tacked on to the others, and what must have been the result of pure accident in our own time, may well have been paralleled by a similar hap hazard in the past.

The possibility, or as I should prefer to put it, the probability, of a "pious fraud" having been committed by the Stirling Brethren of A.D. 1790, must also be considered.

With the article under review, Bro. Hughan prints an Appendix (vi. 112), entitled *Copy of "Charter" Made in 1822*. This "Charter" appears at the end of the Minute-book—Stirling Lodge—and the last minute is dated August 10th 1822. According to the "Charter," professedly made by "David the first by the Grace of God King of Scots,"—

"*it is* That the free Masons in Stirling shall hold a Lodge for ever in the borough of Stirling," etc.

"*him* and that you mack instruct and teach the Masonry of St. John in all its pairs and secrets and as like Belted Knights and Cros leged Knights with armour," &c.

"Declared . . . at Edinburgh The fifth day of March one thousand one hundred and forty seven years before these witnesses

"Prince, Henry my Son—Earle, John of Menteith—Earle, Duncan of Lennox—Herbert, Bishop of Glasgow—Robert, Bishop of St. Andrew—Gregory, Bishop of Dunkell, and Walter de Ridale."

["To which is afixed the King's seal which is all defaced A correct copy of the ancient Lodge Charter by a Brother"]

This protended Charter is of course ridiculous nonsense, but as bearing upon the alleged entries of 1745, the remark may be made, that the Masons of Stirling who so to speak "swallowed a camel" in 1820 or 1822, were not likely to have strained over much "at a gnat," in 1790?

The terms *Excellent*, *super Excellent*, and *Knight of Malta*, appear nowhere else in Masonic records, until well into the second half of the last century, and the appearance of the last title of all—*Knight of Malta*—in any records, professing to reproduce an actual entry of A.D. 1745, would be sufficient of itself to stamp such alleged "entry," and its surroundings, as apocryphal, upon my own mind.

Still, "all feet tread not in one shoe." There is no student among us who has done so much to disentangle the real history of the Royal Arch, from the confusion which has been mixed up with it, than our Bro. Hughan. To those who prefer sheltering their opinions under the authority of great names, there can therefore be no better than his own to rely upon. But I am fully persuaded that his ambition lies rather in the direction of so marshalling the evidence, that the facts may be made clear, than of arranging his proofs in such a manner as to fortify any conclusions that he may individually have arrived at.

In the *Introductory Sketch*, prefixed to the *Serious and Impartial Enquiry*, of Dr. Dassigny, the rise and progress of what Laurence Dermott affirmed to be "the root, heart, and marrow of Masonry," are fully and eloquently narrated, and those readers who have benefited by its perusal, will, on turning to p. 108 of the current volume of *Ars*, find a further treat in store for them, under the title of *The Ancient Stirling Lodge*, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.

(To be continued).

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By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

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And tells our joys and sorrows at a glance.  
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Who, with us always strengthens and sustains;  
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Wiander House, Bradford,  
20th September 1893.

Our contemporary, the *Voice of Masonry*, draws attention to the publication in our issue of the 5th August of three "Gleanings" from its pages, without acknowledgment. We are very sorry indeed, as we are rather sensitive on this point, making a feature of acknowledging our extracts in the hope that some of our friends may pay us a like compliment. We certainly offer our critic the *amende honorable*, and assure him the lack of acknowledgment at the time was a pure oversight.

### SUMMER HEAT AND OBESITY.

Summer, with its sultry heat, is not a source of unmixed pleasure to those who suffer from excessive corpulence. Health cannot be maintained under conditions of great obesity. In general the mental energy of the highly corpulent becomes impaired, and their capacity for the conduct of business is consequently much diminished. Our readers, will, therefore, be interested to know it is an indisputable fact that excessive corpulency can, in all cases, be cured by the system which has now for many years been successfully practised by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, W.C. Mr. Russell possesses hundreds of testimonials from persons in all classes of society, many of them holding distinguished positions in the learned professions and in Her Majesty's services, which, taken collectively, prove to a demonstration that any one suffering from obesity, who systematically applies his remedy for a few weeks consecutively, can be cured. The patients under his treatment are not asked to be "fasting men;" and it is remarkable that in the case of many of Mr. Russell's subjects their appetite increases as their weight diminishes. A pamphlet containing most interesting and trustworthy information, *together with the recipe*, may be had by writing to Mr. Russell, enclosing 4d stamps for postage. With such a remedial agent at their command as Mr. Russell's specific, excessively corpulent persons have only themselves to blame if their unwieldy persons are not speedily reduced to fitting proportions.

### EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS IN THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY.

Our corpulent readers will be glad to learn how to positively lose two stone in about a month with the greatest possible benefit to health, strength, and muscle, by a comparatively new system. It is a singular paradox that the patient, returning quickly to a healthy state, with increased activity of brain, digestive, and other organs, naturally requires more food than hitherto, yet, notwithstanding this, he absolutely loses in weight one to two pounds daily, as the weighing machine will prove. Thus there is no suggestion of starvation. It is an absolute success, and the author, who has devoted years of study to the subject, absolutely guarantees a noticeable reduction within twenty-four hours of commencing the treatment. This is different with other diseases, for the patient, in some cases may go for weeks without being able to test whether the physician has rightly treated him, and may have derived no real or apparent improvement in health. Here, we repeat, the author guarantees it in twenty-four hours, the scale to be the unerring judge. The treatment aims at the actual root of the disease, so that the superfluous fat does not return when discontinuing the treatment. It is perfectly harmless. We advise our readers to call the attention of stout friends to this, because, sincerely, we think they ought to know. For their information we may say that, on sending cost of postage (fourpence), a reprint of Press notices from some hundreds of medical and other journals—British and foreign—and other interesting particulars, including the "recipe," can be had from a Mr. F. C. Russell, Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C.—*Belfast News Letter*.

### GOOD NEWS FOR STOUT PEOPLE?

It does not follow that a person need to be the size of Sir John Falstaff to show that he is unhealthily fat. According to a person's height so should his weight correspond, and this standard has been prepared by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Bedford Square, London, W.C., so that any one can see at a glance whether or no he is too stout. People in the past have been wont to regard fatness as constitutional, and something to be laughed at rather than to be prescribed for seriously; but this is evidently an error, as persons whose mode of life has caused a certain excess of flesh require treating for the cause of that excess, not by merely stopping further increase, but by removing the cause itself. It is marvellous how this "Pasteur" and "Koch" of English discoverers can actually reduce as much as 14 lbs. in seven days, with a simple herbal remedy. His book only costs 4d stamps, and he is quite willing to afford all information to those sending as above; it is really well worth reading.—*Forget-Me-Not*, 19th November 1892.

### A POSITIVE CURE FOR CORPULENCE.

Any remedy that can be suggested as a cure or alleviation for stoutness will be heartily welcomed. We have recently received a well-written book, the author of which seems to know what he is talking about. It is entitled, "Corpulency and the Cure," and is a cheap issue (only 4d), published by Mr. F. Russell, of Woburn House, Bedford Square, London. Our space will not do justice to this book; send for it yourself. It appears that Mr. Russell has submitted all kinds of proofs to the English Press. The editor of the *Tablet*, the Catholic organ, writes:—"Mr. Russell does not give us the slightest loophole for a doubt as to the value of his cure; for in the most straightforward and matter-of-fact manner he submitted some hundreds of original and unsolicited testimonial letters for our perusal and offered us plenty more, if required. To assist him to make this remedy known, we think we cannot do better than publish quotations from some of the letters submitted. The first one, a marchioness, writes from Madrid:—"My son, Count—, has reduced his weight in twenty-two days 16 kilos.—i.e. 34 lbs." Another writes:—"So far (six weeks from commencement of following your system) I have lost fully two stone in weight." The next (a lady) writes:—"I am just half the size." A fourth, "I find it is successful in my case, I have lost 8 lbs. in weight since I commenced (two weeks)." Another writes: "A reduction of 18 lbs. in a month is a great success." A lady from Bournemouth writes: "I feel much better, have less difficulty in breathing, and can walk about." Again, a lady says: "It reduced me considerably, not only in the body, but all over." The author is very positive. He says: "Step on a weighing machine on Monday morning and again on Tuesday, and I can guarantee that you have lost 2 lbs. in weight without the slightest harm, and vast improvement in health through ridding the system of unhealthy accumulations."—*Cork Herald*, 27th August 1892.

## 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, 23rd September.

1679 Henry Muggridge, Anderton's, Fleet Street  
R.A. 176 Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
R.A. 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E.

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham  
308 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple  
411 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross  
1146 De Moulham, Mowlem Institute, Swanage  
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
1579 St. James, George Hotel, Enfield  
1893 Greenwood, Public Hall, Sutton  
2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
2353 Broxbourne, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne  
2421 Carrington, Crown Hotel, Amersham

## Monday, 25th September.

79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich  
1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
1828 Shepherds Bush, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
R.A. 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48 Industry, Masonic Hall, Gateshead  
61 Prohiby, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
85 Faithful, Swan Hotel, Harleston  
89 Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield  
102 Unanimity, King's Arms, North Walsham  
148 Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley  
302 Hope, New Masonic Hall, Bradford  
307 Pr. Frederick, M.R., New Rd., Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Halesworth  
408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth  
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brighlingsea  
467 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham  
491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
543 Cleveland, Golden Lion, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Callington  
607 Chicheley, Lodge Rooms, Thrapston  
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport  
699 Boscawen, Masonic Hall, Chacewater  
985 Alexandra, Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge  
1177 Tenby, Masonic Hall, Tenby, Pembroke  
1218 Pr. Alfred, Commercial, Mosley, Manchester  
1271 Friendship & Unity, M.R., Bradford-on-Avon  
1272 Tregenna, Masonic Hall, St. Ives  
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Suffolk Walden  
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1399 Marlborough, Marlborough Arms, Walsley  
1477 Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1486 Duncombe, Masonic Hall, Knightsbridge  
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford  
1564 St. John, Prince of Wales Hotel, Woking  
1575 Olive, Corlet Arms, Market Drayton  
1600 Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Alford  
1733 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton  
1764 Claremont, Masonic Hall, Croydon  
1895 Thames, Masonic Rooms, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon  
1991 Agricola, Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, York  
2187 Adur, Assembly Rooms, Henfield  
2257 Powell, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrels, Victoria Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester  
2420 Research, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
R.A. 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
R.A. 1754 Tennant, Masonic Hall, Penarth  
M.M. The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
M.M. 9 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton  
M.M. 146 Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster

## Tuesday, 26th September.

141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel  
1441 Ivy, Surrey M. Hall, Camberwell New Road.  
R.A. 148 Wellington, Bridge House H., Southwark  
R.A. 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant  
126 Silent Temple, Bull Hotel, Burnley  
253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower St., Derby  
293 King's Friends, Lamb Hotel, Nantwich  
1299 Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
310 Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle  
373 Socrates, George, High Street, Huntingdon  
378 Loyal Welsh, Masonic Hall, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham  
443 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax  
597 St. Cybil, Masonic Hall, Holyhead  
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, M.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
954 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport  
1016 Elkington, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
1024 St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon  
1028 Royal Alfred, The George, Alfreton  
1052 Callander, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1266 Honour and Friendship, M.H., Blandford  
1359 Torbay, Lodge Rooms, Polsham, Paignton  
1390 Whitwell, Masonic Hall, Milham  
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1522 Olicana, The Crescent, Ilkley  
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield  
1587 St. Giles, The Bank, Bank Street, Chesham  
1609 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Ruby, Search Mem. Hall, Staindrop  
1675 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor  
1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton, Staff.  
2025 St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse  
2405 Ionic, Masonic Rooms, St. Helen's, Lanc.

R.A. 103 Beaufort, Freemason's Hall, Bristol  
R.A. 124 Concord, F.M.H., Old Elvet, Durham  
R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Chester  
R.A. 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester  
R.A. 960 Sir George Elliot, M.H., Cardiff  
R.A. 1094 Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 1224 Martyn, Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury  
R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
R.A. 2262 Dagmar, Angler's Rest, Weavering  
K.T. 110 Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

## Wednesday, 27th September.

753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, N.W.  
754 High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham  
898 Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon  
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
2332 Boro' of Greenwich, William IV., E. Greenwich

32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
117 Salopian of Charity, The Square, Shrewsbury  
128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire  
163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston  
257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth  
274 Tranquillity, Star's Head Inn, Newchurch  
290 Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield  
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds  
372 Harmony, Rolfe Arms, Balfeigh Saltorton  
387 Airedale, Institute, Saltair, Shipley  
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Commercial Hotel, New Moor  
533 Eaton, Masonic Hall, Cogleton  
555 Fidelity, The Crown, Framlingham  
608 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
724 Dorby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
730 Ellesmere, Town Hall, Chorley  
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Clockheaton  
851 Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Assembly Rooms, Worthing  
906 Soudes, Masonic Hall, East Dereham

1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
1083 Townley Parker, Grand Hotel, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Masonic Hall, Jarrold  
1210 Strangeways, Old Bear's Head, Manchester  
1243 Ryburn, M.H., Central Bldg., Sowerby Bridge  
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.  
1386 St. Hugh, Masonic Rooms, Mint St., Lincoln  
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashire  
1403 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Local Bldg., Carnock  
1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Hall, Ormskirk  
1633 Avon, Old Wincathead Hotel, Manchester  
1645 Colne Valley, Masonic Hall, Slaithwaite  
1714 Albert Edward, Cambridge Hotel, Cambridge  
1723 St. George, Masonic Hall, Bolton  
1731 Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Masonic Hall, Scarborough  
1775 Leopold, Commercial Hotel, Church  
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Clarence H., Tellington  
1808 Salford, Angel, North Walsham  
1809 Fidelity, Masonic Temple, Guernsey  
1864 Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Olham  
1933 Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Sowerby  
1967 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton  
1989 Stirling, Mkt. Hall, Cleator Moor, Cumberland  
2019 Crook, New Masonic Hall, Crook, Durham  
2044 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tanstall, Staff.  
2120 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Chertsey, Surrey  
2149 Gordon, M.H., Cheapside, Hanley, Staff.  
2216 Egerton, Bull's Head, Swinton, nr. Manchester  
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire  
2279 Thornham, Half-way House, Thornham  
2320 St. Martin's, Church Inn, Castleton, near Manchester  
2357 Barry, Royal Hotel, Gwynedd, S. Wales.  
2414 Noel, St. James's Hall, Kingston-on-Thames  
2419 Bradshaw, Masonic Hall, Broadstairs.  
R.A. 320 Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram  
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford  
R.A. 606 Segontium, Carnarvon, Castle, Carnarvon  
R.A. 2109 Prince Edward, Ass. Hall, Heaton Moor  
M.M. Howe, Masonic Hall, New St., Birmingham  
M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle  
M.M. 19 Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
M.M. 174 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham

## Thursday, 28th September.

General Committee Girls' School, F.M.H. 4.  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.  
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark  
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.  
1563 The City of Westminster, Regent M.H., W.  
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch St.  
2192 Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inn's of Court Hotel, Ilbourn  
M.M. 118 Northumberland, Masons' Hall, E.C.  
39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter  
51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Asheton Arms, Middleton  
111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Durlington  
202 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Devonport  
215 Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Huddersfield  
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Buncup  
324 Moira, Wellington Inn, Stalybridge  
348 United Brethren, The Grosvenor, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton  
350 Charity, Railway Hotel, Moses Gate, Kearsley  
361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde, Cheshire  
410 Grove, Spring Hotel, Ewell  
419 Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin  
450 Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Hayle  
456 Forresters, Town Hall, Uxeter  
472 Friendship & Society, T. Hall, Shaftesbury  
590 La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
625 Devonshire, Masonic Hall, Glossop  
636 D'Oyley, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
807 Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Norwich

901 Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Rotherham  
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, St. Albans  
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek  
971 Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, St. James St., Batley

1151 St. Andrew, Masonic Hall, Tywardreath  
1166 Clarendon, Wellington Hotel, Hyde  
1313 Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashmun-ter-Lyne  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Golden Lion, Romford  
1505 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1514 Thornhill, Masonic Hall, Lintley  
1519 Albert Edward, Albion, near Ayrington  
1578 Merlin, Masonic Hall, Pontypridd  
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle  
1745 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gwent  
1713 Castlemartin, Assembly Rooms, Pembroke  
1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge Hotel, Sharnburgh  
1971 Army and Navy, Masonic Hall, Alleshott  
2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Epsom  
2181 Royal Victoria Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
2189 Ashburton, Masonic Hall, Ashburton  
2195 Military Jubilee, Masonic Hall, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Wesleyan Schools, Stratford, Staffordshire.  
2215 Anfield, Sandon Hotel, Anfield, Lancashire  
2263 St. Leonards, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield  
2269 Peace, Masonic Hall, King St., Wigan.  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Coffee House, Church Road, Waverley.  
2342 Easterford, Angel Hotel, Kelvedon  
2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoylake, Cheshire.  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, F.M.H., Manchester

R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
R.A. 303 Benevolent, Holland's Road, Taunton  
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
R.A. 441 St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland  
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich  
M.M. 32 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
K.T. 8 Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Barnley  
K.T. 34 Albert, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale

## Friday, 29th September.

Council, Boys' School, F.M.H., 4

810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton  
1102 Mirfield, Masonic Hall, Mirfield  
1355 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, Masonic Hall, St. John's  
1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge, Glam.  
2330 Benevolent, Wincathead Hotel, Manchester  
R.A. 242 Magdalen, Guildhall, Dunster  
R.A. 471 Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.  
R.A. 897 Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hull Street, St. Helens  
R.A. 915 Abbey, Council Chambers, Abingdon

## Saturday, 30th September.

1462 Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
1959 Passes, Parish Rooms, Bromby  
M.M. 11 Prince Edward's, Sandon Hotel, Stanfield

## INSTRUCTION.

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## Saturday, 23rd September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30  
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.,  
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N. 8  
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,  
1299 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,  
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7  
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

## Monday, 25th September.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
45 Strong Man, Bull and Bush, Ropemaker St.,  
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8  
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon  
332 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge  
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30  
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8  
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Loughboro' Junc.  
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, 212 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,  
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7'30  
1577 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney  
1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30  
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hotel, 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, 26th September.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8  
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7  
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45  
177 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30  
183 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8

212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town,  
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound  
 Hotel, Croydon, 8  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 581 Old Boar's Head, Manchester  
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30  
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8  
 820 Lily of Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 7:30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30  
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1473 Bootle, 148 Berry Street, Bootle, 6  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting  
 Hill, 8

### Wednesday, 27th September.

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.,  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8  
 593 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7  
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,  
 761 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  
 1358 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30  
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-  
 ford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,  
 S.W., 7:30  
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30  
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell  
 New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 R.A. 177 Donatic, 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, 28th September.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 740 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.,  
 1168 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 Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbled., 7:30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, G.  
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Cambe w. 11, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7:45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30

1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5:30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,  
 Clerkenwell, 9  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,  
 St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,  
 Canonbury, 8

### Friday, 29th September.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 831 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1165 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, St Holloway Rd., N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30  
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 1901 Solwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The  
 Criterion, W., 8  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of  
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,  
 Camberwell, 7

### Saturday, 30th September.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's  
 Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8  
 1273 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8  
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

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The tour of Sir Augustus Harris's Italian Opera Company, which started on the 11th inst., at the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, has been, so far, highly successful. The pieces presented have been received with the most enthusiasm by the crowded audiences attending each performance. The programme during the week at every principal town visited by the company is as follows:—On Monday, "Orfeo" and "Pagliacci"; on Tuesday, "L'Amico Fritz" and "Cavalleria Rusticana"; on Wednesday, "Les Huguenots"; on Thursday, "Il Trovatore"; on Friday, "Carmen"; on Saturday morning, "I Ranzani," and in the evening, "Faust." Every justice is done to these favourite operas by the excellent company selected from the list of artists who took part in Sir Augustus Harris's late season at Covent Garden, and it is said that altogether the present operatic entertainment is by far the best that has been offered to our provincial friends for many years past.

The success of "A Pal o' Archie's," the clever burlesque by Mr. Brookfield and Sir Augustus Harris, which has now been running for several weeks at the Palace Theatre, and is likely to run for some considerable time longer, has been followed by another great success in the new pantomime ballet, "Scaramouche," just introduced by Sir Augustus Harris. Every one speaks of it in terms of the highest praise, so that this beautiful theatre is crowded every night. It is certainly one of the best things at present to be seen on the variety stage in London, and taken in conjunction with the many other attractions of the Palace Theatre, the programme there is just now exceptionally strong.

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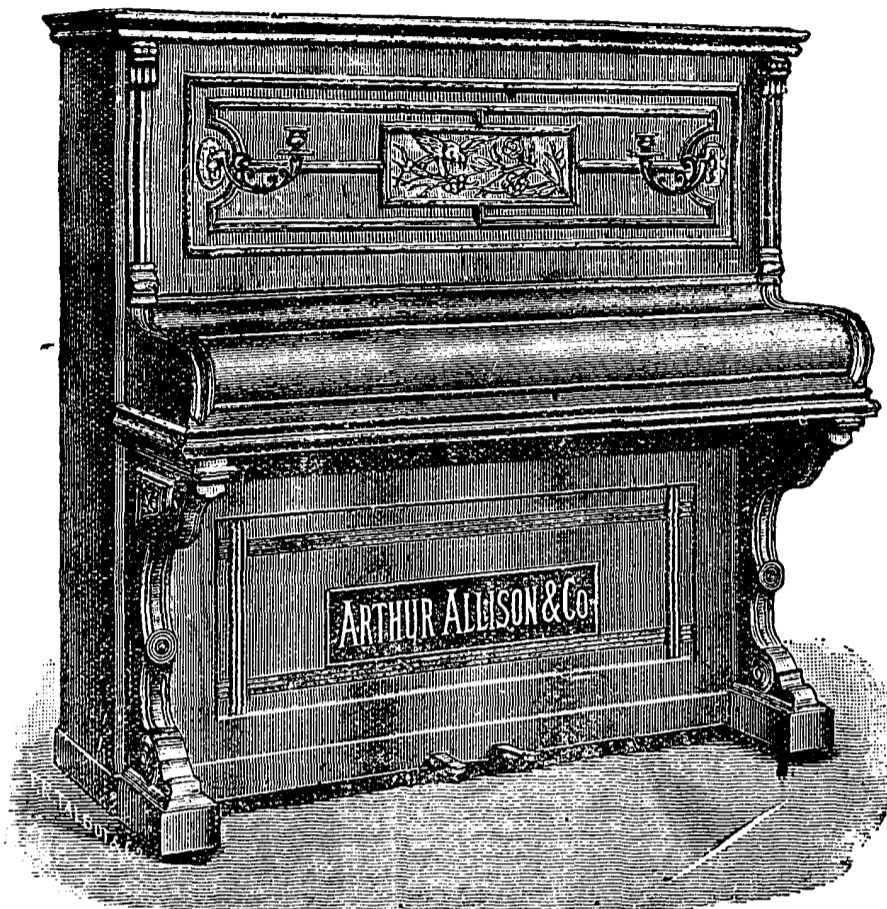
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