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ADMISSION OF LEWISES.

WE recently read in a contemporary a criticism on the custom of admitting gentlemen under the age of twenty-one years as initiates; and although we believe the writer was striving to make out his case by bringing ridicule on the practice, it may be inferred he had some foundation for saying the admission of youths into the Order was becoming so common, as to render it almost necessary for Worshipful Masters to call for certificates of birth, in addition to other credentials on the introduction of a candidate.

It is the almost universal custom in Freemasonry to limit the age of candidates to a minimum of twenty-one years, with the proviso that in case of emergency a dispensation may be granted for earlier admission; and we believe this rule is pretty generally acted up to in most rigorous fashion, the admission of Lewises being seldom permitted. But the question is a fair one for general discussion, inasmuch as many brethren are to be found who argue that members of Lodges should be allowed and even encouraged to introduce their sons before they reach the age of twenty-one years. We do not share that opinion, and are very glad the majority of English Freemasons regard twenty-one years as the minimum, and require very strong evidence of emergency before allowing the proposition, much less the acceptance of an under-age candidate.

The admission of Lewises is, to our mind, seldom desirable; and the only exception we see that calls for a departure from established custom, is in the case of brethren going abroad with their families, and feeling a desire to have their son or sons admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry in the old country before departure for their new home; but even then we should require very good evidence to prove that equal advantages could not be secured later on, near the then residence of the applicant.

The authorities of English Freemasonry may be said to entertain similar views to our own, and require very strong arguments to be used before they grant the necessary dispensation for the initiation of a Lewis, and we are convinced that a continuance of the rigid regulations in this respect will be recommended by those who have the interests of English Freemasonry at heart, and desire to maintain its present high standard.

But it is not only on this ground we can urge the strict enforcement of the limit. We see little or no benefit for the candidate admitted under age, while there are considerations, that must at once suggest themselves to the experienced Mason, which render premature admission a positive disadvantage to the candidate himself, who is brought too early into association with his elders, and taught lessons beyond his scope of reasoning or power of appreciation.

FREEMASONRY IN THE LAW COURTS.

IT speaks very much in favour of Freemasonry that, despite its large membership, it seldom happens disputes arise in connection with its working which necessitate an appeal to the courts of law. We do occasionally see such a heading as the above in the papers, but more often than not an examination of the facts of the case prove that the dispute is not primarily a Masonic one, but rather some side issue arising from Masonic association, or involving some part of the paraphernalia of Freemasonry.

Such a case occurred a few weeks back, when a parcel of Masonic jewellery was discovered in a public conveyance, and the owner objected to pay the usual poundage claimed by the Metropolitan Police. As a consequence the law was invoked to decide the point, but Freemasonry and the Law on that occasion had little or no association, although some of the papers headed their reports of the case as a "Masonic Dispute." Again, a quarrel occurred in connection with some tickets for a Masonic ball, and the same line of procedure was followed in the papers, although, we believe, in this case there really was a Masonic question remotely involved, as one of the parties to the suit had received Masonic sentence and sought to influence it by clearing himself in the law courts.

Another case is before us from Scotland, but inasmuch as it is in association with a work that has become famous all over the world, it possesses almost as much interest here as on the spot where it was decided. The case arose in the Dundee Sheriff Court, where an Edinburgh publisher sued three Freemasons residing in Dundee for £1 10s each, the price of one volume of Gould's "History of Freemasonry."

The plaintiff showed that his canvasser called upon the defendants with a view to securing orders for the book, which consisted of three volumes, costing £1 10s each, and according to the report published in a local paper, "each defender signed an order for a copy of the work in full knowledge of the terms on which the book was sold. One of the defenders stated that he was led to understand the work was to cost 10s a volume and not 30s, and he therefore refused to take it. In this case the Sheriff held that the defender had signed an order for the book bearing that its price was 30s a volume, and although the defender did not read the terms of the order, his Lordship held him bound, and awarded pursuer 7s 6d damages and 3s 6d expenses. In the other cases, evidence was given by a number of witnesses for the defence to the effect that when pursuer's canvasser called he stated that he had been deputed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to call on Freemasons, and that the names of subscribers for the work would require to be submitted to the Lodge before the books could be supplied. The Sheriff held that the second and third defenders had entered into the contract under essential error, and assoilzied them. His Lordship deprecated the prac-

tice of book canvassers calling upon working men and inducing them to buy books to the value of £4 10s, which really contained very little general instruction beyond what was connected with Freemasonry, and he added that book canvassers who went about making all sorts of statements with a view to inducing people to purchase books did so at considerable risk, while the practice was one which ought to cease."

Here is a case where Freemasonry is brought into disrepute on a manifestly side issue; one which, in reality, has no association with the Order itself, although the evidence of those defendants who urged that the canvasser stated he had been deputed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to call on Freemasons, gives the subject a more than usual Masonic bearing, and would even seem to call for official inquiry, by the body concerned. We are sorry such a dispute should have arisen in connection with Bro. Gould's History, as the case has been very freely commented upon by Scottish papers, and opinions have doubtless been formed in many quarters by no means beneficial to Freemasonry, its members, or the book in question, and all the more damaging because they are based on error and the confusion of a work bearing a Masonic title with Masonry itself.

DORSETSHIRE.

A VERY brilliant gathering was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, when the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the banner of All Souls Lodge, of which the Worshipful Master for the year is Brother Herbert J. Groves.

The beautiful Lodge room, said to be one of the most elegantly equipped in the kingdom, is admirably adapted for such a meeting, and when the Provincial Grand Master took the chair at one o'clock, in the presence of about 200 brethren, a very impressive scene was presented. The Provincial Grand Master and his Officers entered the Hall in procession, the grand march from "Eli" being played by the Provincial Grand Organist (Bro. E. Newman). On the dais with the Provincial Grand Master were the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Colonel Brymer, M.P.), Bros. Rev. Mortimer Heath P.G. Chap. Eng., G. Burt P.G.A.D.C. Eng., and the Chaplain for the year, Bro. Rev. C. K. Hilton, with many others.

The roll of Lodges was called by the Provincial Grand Secretary, every Lodge being represented. After the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Dorchester, had been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Chaplain delivered a most impressive lecture on the moral duties of Freemasons, and the beneficial influences to be exerted by true members of the Craft on the outside world.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the state and progress of the Craft and general business of the Province. Congratulatory allusion was made to the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Princess May, and it was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master that a vote of congratulation be sent to the Grand Master on the happy event. The Provincial Grand Master alluded with pleasure to the fact that the work done during the year had been satisfactory, and that there were now 674 members on the roll, 201 of whom were Past Masters. He congratulated the members of the Charity Organisation Committee on the results of their exertions, and on the fact that they had succeeded in carrying their candidates for two of the great Benevolent Institutions. Feeling allusion was made to the loss the Province had sustained by the death of Bros. Yearsley, Daniels, Luff, and Turner, and he moved that votes of condolence be sent to the families of the deceased brethren. Allusion was made to the retirement of Bro. Long, who for many years has served the Province as Provincial Grand Tyler, and who, it is hoped, will shortly obtain the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. His successor in the Province is Bro. Simmonds, the veteran Tyler of the Weymouth Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his accounts,

which showed a sound condition of the finances, and the reports of the Dorset Masonic Charity and the Charity Organisation Committee, both of which were satisfactory, were also presented. On the proposition of Bro. Rev. M. Heath, seconded by Bro. Chickmay, Bro. R. D. Thornton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

It was proposed by Bro. Dugdale, seconded by Bro. Budden, and agreed that £50 be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge as a donation to the Dorset Masonic Charity.

Bro. Zillwood Melledge proposed, "That in accordance with bye-law xi., £10 10s be granted to 'All Souls' Lodge towards the sum necessary to qualify that Lodge as Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows." Agreed.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers for the year.

It was decided to accept the invitation of Bridport Lodge to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge in that town.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of All Souls Lodge for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, which was carried by acclamation. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet took place at the Imperial Burdon Hotel, when more than 150 brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers Present and Past of Grand Lodge, coupled with the names of Bros. Rev. Heath, George Burt and Colonel Brymer. The name of Burt was a household word in Dorset the Provincial Grand Master said; Bro. Heath was one of the oldest Freemasons in Dorset; and Bro. Brymer thoroughly deserved the honour the Prince of Wales had done him.

Bro. Burt, in reply, said it was a source of great gratification to him that in the small province of Dorset they had a list of Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge of which many a larger Province would be proud. He was only sorry Sir R. N. Howard was not present, as he would have been another representative of the honours conferred upon Dorset by the Prince of Wales.

Bro. Rev. M. Heath said the remembrance of his office in Grand Lodge was beginning to fade, but he should always remember with gratification the work which was done by members of Grand Lodge for the consolidation and advancement of the Craft.

Bro. Colonel Brymer, who had a specially warm reception, said he felt it a high honour when the Prince of Wales offered him an office in Grand Lodge. He considered the honour belonged as much to the Province as to himself, and he assured them he should always try to do his best so long as he was a member.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. Colonel Brymer expressed the conviction that Bro. Guest had done more for Freemasonry in the Province than any other man, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the manner in which he had discharged his duties. He did not believe the Craft flourished in any Province in England more than in Dorset, and especially he alluded to the excellent work done by the Dorset Masonic Charity. This splendid instrument of benevolent work had been provided largely through the efforts of the Prov. Grand Master, and it had made a reputation for the Province throughout England. He mentioned there was not a similar organisation south of Lancashire, and their thanks were greatly due to the Provincial Grand Master for his foresight in establishing it. The toast was received with musical honours.

The Provincial Grand Master said it had always been a source of pride to him to be at the head of the Province of Dorset—a position he considered equal to any in the country. Having thanked them for their kindness towards him, he proposed the health of the Deputy. He remarked that his choice could not possibly have fallen on a better man, as Bro. Brymer was active, energetic, and universally popular. No one could have a higher qualification for the office, as he combined so many excellencies in himself, and the way in which he was always received was a source of pleasure and gratification to himself. He need hardly say he considered himself fortunate in having secured so excellent a Deputy.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master briefly replied, and alluded to various matters connected with the Craft.

The contents of the charity box were sold by auction by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and were purchased by Bro. Groves for £10 10s, to be handed over to Bro. Dugdale's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The health of the Provincial Grand Officers was proposed by the Provincial Grand Master, and was coupled with the name of Bro. H. J. Groves, P.G.S.W.

The latter, in reply, thanked the brethren for the reception of the toast. He assured them he felt it a great honour that had been done him that day in appointing him to so high an office, for which he thanked the Provincial Grand Master. In his speech that morning the Provincial Grand Master had alluded to the necessity of young Masons coming forward to take the places of those who were removed by death, and all he could say was that if the same encouragement had been offered to young Masons as had been done that day the Provincial Grand Master would have done a great deal to promote the success of Freemasonry in Dorset.

The other toasts were the Distinguished Visitors, the W.M. and Officers of the Entertaining Lodge, and the Masonic Charities.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M., who ably presided at the pianoforte.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held on the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in whom the charge of the Province is now vested pending the appointment of a successor to the late lamented Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Foster Gough, at the Borough Hall, Stafford. The brethren of the Province mustered in strong numbers, about 220 being present. There are now 31 Lodges in Staffordshire, and nearly all were represented.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were saluted with the customary honours. The roll of Lodges having been called and the attendances noted, Grand Lodge was presented by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Newnham, with the statement of accounts, which was unanimously adopted. From this it was seen that the total receipts during the year amounted to £212 12s 10d, and that the balance brought forward from the last account was £49 3s 10d, making a total on the debit side of £261 8s 8d. The year's expenditure amounted to £145 17s, leaving an available balance at the bank of £115 11s 8d. In addition to this Prov. G. Lodge was possessed of investments in two and a half per cent. consols in December last amounting to £700. The Provincial Grand Treasurer was afterwards re-elected with unanimity.

In his address to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master gave a very flattering account of the state of the Craft in the Province, and referred with much satisfaction to the fact that during the past year new Lodges had been consecrated at Stoke and Walsall, both of which gave eminent promise of much success. He also reported that the membership and finances of the older Lodges had much improved.

The Officers were appointed and invested.

Auditors having been appointed, Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned for the purpose of attending service at St. Mary's Collegiate Church. The brethren, vested in the clothing of Masonry, marched in procession to the church, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. J. Wickham Jones Provincial Grand Chaplain, who took for his text the words of the 3rd and 4th verses of the 1st chapter of the Book of Genesis. The collection realised a substantial sum, of which four guineas was subsequently voted to the Rector of St. Mary's for the special fund now being raised for the restoration of St. Mary's Almshouses. The balance was voted to the Chaplain as a donation to the schools in connection with his cure. The business transacted after the resumption of Provincial Grand Lodge was of an unimportant character, and was rapidly dealt with.

The annual banquet took place in the evening at the Shire Hall, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding. The attendance of brethren was large, although not so numerous as at Lodge.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 30th ult., in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. There was a large attendance of members, amongst those present being Bros. Alderman Richard Henry Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. England Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The roll of Lodges showed that the condition of the Province was eminently satisfactory, both numerically and financially.

The Provincial Grand Master, in the course of an interesting address, congratulated the members on the satisfactory reports received, and on the fact that great care and discretion was being exercised in the admission of persons into their ranks, and who would prove worthy Masons.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held in Newcastle, under the banner of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541.

In the evening a banquet was held in the hotel, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 75.

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

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HOPE.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast,"
Spurs, stimulates, encourages, and cheers;
And when by spectral shadowings oppress,
Banishes grief and still allays our fears.
When sad misfortune in her sombre dress
Dulls the poor soul till every joy is fled,
'Tis Hope evanishes its loneliness—
And soothes the brain and lifts the drooping head.
'Tis Hope all gloom and dire dismay dispels—
'Tis Hope that lends a brightness to our life;
'Tis Hope that fits us for our morrow's strife,
'Tis Hope, glad Hope, that now and ever tells
The lonesome heart Despair is but a wraith,
And bids the weak be strong, the doubtful full of Faith.

Winder House, Bradford,
2nd November 1893.

An interesting coincidence was brought to light at the last meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97. At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held last month, Bro. J. Robson Pattison, a Past Master of the Lodge, who had filled the office of Assistant Provincial Secretary for the past seven years, was the deserving recipient of the high office and position of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. At the meeting of the Lodge the other night, Bro. Pattison was very heartily congratulated by the members, and upon Bro. J. G. Marshall P.M. P.P.G.S.D. moving that an entry be made upon the minutes, he incidentally mentioned that a former distinguished member of the Lodge, Dr. Tipping Brown, one of the founders of the Sunderland Literary Society, had held the same distinguished office as was now held by Bro. Pattison exactly a hundred years before, being P.G.S.W. of Durham in 1793. A large company of Past Masters of the Lodge were present to greet Bro. Pattison on the occasion.—*Sunderland Herald*.

Some time ago in a Lodge in Toronto a canny old Scotchman was receiving the first, and when asked for a contribution to the charity fund by the Worshipful Master, replied: "I hae na a copper aboot me, sir." "Well, brother, if you had, you would willingly bestow it to assist a needy brother Mason, would you not?" "Indeed, an' I wad'na, sir. I gied thirty dollars to get what ye ca' degrees, an' so far I hav'na seed the value o' my money." And as he retired to the ante-room the brother at the organ played, "This is no my ain hoose, bonny hoosie though it be."—*American Tyler*.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

UNITY LODGE, No. 71.

BRO. J. H. BLACKMAN was installed as W.M. by Brother T. Hodgson P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, at the meeting held on the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft. This was the 146th anniversary of the Lodge. After the installation an adjournment was made to the Suffolk Hotel, where about 50 sat down to banquet.

LODGE OF INTERITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 25th ult., Brother Thomas Hy. Scholfield W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. J. E. Buzzard was passed.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and sketches from the following, viz., Bros. T. G. Sparkes, William Morton, George Garlick, H. A. Owles, C. Slee, and E. Roberts.

There were present.—Bros. T. H. Scholfield W.M., T. G. Sparkes I.P.M., J. Wildgoose P.M., H. H. Warburton P.M., John E. Williams P.M., D. D. Macpherson P.M., J. M. H. Blamey S.W., R. Alfred Hepworth J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Gaskill Secretary, John W. Sparkes S.D., Frederic Walmsley I.G., Richard Simister P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), William Morton, George Garlick, J. Grime, A. Dunn, J. G. Mead, W. Pearson, W. A. Stott, J. E. Buzzard, H. A. Owles, George Taylor, Edward G. Hillier, J. Ingleby, J. W. Wallworth, John Allen, C. Slee, F. Nield, William Woodhouse, J. Clemmey, John Bolton, Arthur Nield. Visitors—Robert Fox 2482, Jno. H. Ratcliff 322, and George A. Bowden 1219 and 2449.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE, No. 630.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Hall, Howden, on the 19th inst. Bro. J. G. Loam S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. G. H. Anderton P.M. P.P.G.S.B. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers. The installation banquet was subsequently held at Bowman's Hotel, where Mrs. Warmley, the hostess, provided a magnificent spread. Bro. Loam W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Among the visiting brethren were members of many of the neighbouring Lodges.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

THE annual festival and installation of Bro. R. Williams was held in the Town Hall, Stoke, on the 5th ult. There was a very large number of brethren present.

During the meeting an interesting presentation was made to the Lodge by the W.M. on behalf of Mr. T. Bird, of the certificate and Master Mason's apron belonging to his late father, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1815 in the Etruscan Lodge, which then held its meetings at the Talbot Inn, Stoke, having been removed there from the Bridge Inn, Etruria. The apron is quite unique, and is a work of art, being hand painted. The gift was received with great pleasure by the Lodge, who passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bird.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE annual meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on the 10th ult. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Whyatt, was ably performed by Bro. A. J. H. Ward P.G.M. P.P.G. Reg. The W.M. appointed his Officers.

The installation banquet was afterwards held in the handsome coffee-room of the hotel, the menu and the wines being in every way in keeping with the well-deserved reputation of the Company's Hotel Department.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 959.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on the 6th inst., when Bro. William Kemp was installed W.M. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Hardwick I.P.M., and there was a large gathering of brethren.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. John White, after which the Worshipful Master invested and appointed his Officers. The installation banquet and usual toasts followed.

ROYAL SOMERSET LODGE, No. 973.

BRO. R. C. ELSE, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Somerset, officiated at the Masonic Hall, North Parade, Frome, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. S. Gough, who subsequently appointed the Officers for the year, and presided at the annual banquet.

FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES LODGE, No. 979.

AT the festival of St. John, held at Crewe, Bro. James Syer Warren, head master of the National Schools, Ness, was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Brother James Salmon P.P.G.S.W. Chester.

Bro. Warren thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence, and promised to do his utmost to transmit in unsullied splendour the office to his successor at the close of the year.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 1024.

THE annual festival was held on the 25th ult., when Bro. C. R. Gowers was installed W.M. by his brother, Bro. E. Gowers P.P.G.O. The Worshipful Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet at the Blue Bear Hotel, Maldou.

MARMION LODGE, No. 1060.

AT the annual meeting Bro. E. S. Sumner was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers. About 25 visiting brethren were present from Birmingham, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Burton, and Cape Colony Lodges. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Col. Bindley, also attended.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Castle Hotel, Tamworth.

TOWNLEY PARKER LODGE, No. 1083.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 25th ult., Bro. George Parker W.M. A goodly array of work confronted the Worshipful Master in shape of four initiations and a raising, but such arrangements had been made that had all the candidates put in an appearance the ceremonies would have been performed. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. James Sturgeon, merchant, Rusholme, which being successful, he was prepared and duly initiated by Bro. Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D. Dir. of Cers. A ballot was also taken for Mr. William Henry Asquith, engineer, Ardwick, and being favourable, he also took his first degree in Masonry, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Selby I.P.M. In both instances the working tools were explained by Bro. R. Lingard J.W.

The Lodge was afterwards opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Harford having proved his efficiency, was duly raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Parker W.M. In this case the working tools were explained by Bro. W. Birkbeck S.W.

It is needless to say that, undertaken by such Officers as those mentioned, the ceremonies were performed in a manner which added to the already assured reputation of the Townley Parker Lodge.

Besides those mentioned above there were present at the Lodge and festive board:—Bro. J. Simister Secretary, J. Chalmers S.D., John W. Taylor J.D., E. Edmondson Organist, J. Bowes Steward, W. Hoyland P.M. Prov. G.P., R. Armitage P.M., J. Goldsmith P.M., W. Hamilton, N. Jones, A. Longworth, F. E. Hughes, H. Wooler, W. Lowe, M. Downs, J. L. Doniger. Visitors:—Bros. G. Rodgers 104, J. Mitchell 163, M. Lomax, J. Lomax, and J. Hart 344, D. G. Allmay 935, Wm. Rushton 1375, E. Roberts P.M. 1459 Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), T. B. Sherwood 1814, and R. J. Stokes 2182.

At the festive board the following amongst others contributed to the enjoyment, viz., Bros. Armitage, E. Edmondson, W. Rushton, and E. Roberts.

BEAUDESERT LODGE, No. 1087.

ON Friday, the 13th ult., Lord Ampthill, the Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, visited Leighton Buzzard, and was present at the installation of this Lodge. His Lordship was supported by many Provincial Grand Officers, and in addition to a strong muster of members of the Lodge there were visitors from Northampton, Luton, Dunstable, Buckingham, Berkhamstead, Bushey, and London. Bro. Thomas Dixon, having been unanimously elected, was installed W.M. Bro. Arthur Spendlove officiated as Installing Master. A banquet was subsequently held at the Swan Hotel, at which his lordship was present, and after the usual loyal toasts he delivered an address, which was an eloquent and masterly exposition of the tenets and merits of Freemasonry.

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 1168.

MAJOR McADAM has been installed W.M. The installation, which took place on Wednesday, 25th ult., at Sherbourne, was performed by Bro. G. Cross, the retiring Master.

WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

A VERY large attendance of members and visitors gathered together at the Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, 26th October, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Joseph Riley S.W.

The Lodge was opened at an early hour in the afternoon by Bro. Wright Wood W.M. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, Bro. J. Mercer Jones P.M. assumed the principal chair as Installing Master, being ably assisted by Bros. John Smith P.M., Walter Newton P.M. P.P.G.J.D., and Walter Eastwood P.M. Provincial Grand Steward Secretary. Bro. Wood presented the W.M. elect, who was duly obligated by Bro. Jones. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, Bros. Newton and Eastwood taking the respective positions of S.W. and J.W., while Bro. Smith explained the W.M.'s jewel.

The brethren having been admitted, Bro. Jones, according to Masonic usage, duly proclaimed Bro. Riley as Worshipful Master of the Waverley Lodge, and exacted the usual salutations. Bro. Eastwood then addressed in turn the newly-appointed W.M., his Wardens, and the brethren generally, Bro. Newton presenting and explaining the working tools in the various degrees.

The following Officers were invested by Bro. Smith, viz., Bros. Albert Sumner S.W., H. M. Bowden J.W., Walter Newton Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies, Walter Eastwood Secretary, Enos Andrew P.P.G.O. Organist and Musical Director, W. Rawlinson S.D., Samuel Grundy J.D., Joseph Taylor I.G., M. Newman, and Samuel Moss Stewards.

The Festival of St. John afterwards took place in the Lodge room, the orthodox Loyal and Masonic toasts being submitted, the same being very pleasantly varied by songs, instrumental music, and recitations, rendered by Bros. A. S. Kinnell J.W. 2156, Chas. Turner P.M. Prov. G.A.D. of C., J. Hulme W.M. 2156, T. Ogden, Alfred Cooper, J. A. Wood, and Edward Roberts P.M. Assistant Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Bro. Wood in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke enthusiastically of the efforts he had made towards making the Lodge successful, and concluded a very excellent speech by saying that he felt certain Bro. Riley, upon whom their choice had fallen, would never cause them to regret that they had placed him in the Master's chair.

Bro. Riley W.M. in reply thanked them for their confidence, and assured them that anything which he could do to maintain the honour of the Lodge should be gladly rendered.

The duty of proposing the toast of the Installing Master was relegated to Bro. Albert Sumners S.W., who stated that he was unable to say with certainty how the work of installation had been performed, he being one of those who, by the rules of the Craft were excluded from the Board of Installed Masters. But judging by former efforts of Bro. Jones, and from remarks which he had just heard, the work must of necessity have been excellently well done, and he congratulated them upon possessing such an Officer as Bro. J. Mercer Jones.

Bro. Jones responded. He said that it afforded him extreme pleasure to have acted as Installing Master that day. He deplored the fact that his abilities were not greater, so that he might have been enabled to perform so noble a duty with perfection, but under all circumstances he endeavoured to do his duty. He reverted to the assistance which had been afforded him by Bros. Newton, Smith, and Eastwood, saying that if the ceremony which had been performed by them was efficient, and had given the satisfaction which was apparent, judging from the words of the S.W., then he and his colleagues must indeed feel grateful. When he became a member of the Craft eleven years ago, he had made up his mind to do all the work which should be apportioned to him, and in his efforts to perfect himself he had grown to like Masonry in direct ratio to the success he had attained, and if some day he should aspire to the purple, he hoped to wear it in such a manner that he should not bring discredit upon it.

Bro. Eastwood in proposing the toast of the W.M.s of neighbouring Lodges, gave them a hearty welcome, stating that it was by visiting and friendly intercourse that Officers made themselves perfect.

The W.M.s responded, each and every one characterising the work of installation as very excellent.

Bro. B. K. Hooper proposed the health of the visiting brethren. He said that being the junior member of the Lodge he had felt somewhat taken aback when this duty was required of him. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Waverley Lodge, however, he had great pleasure in extending to the visitors a sincere and hearty welcome. The visitors responded.

In addition to those enumerated above there were present:—Bros. W. Warren P.M., Jas. E. Wilde, Jas. Travis, Wm. Garside, H. Stockton, Ed. Hodgkiss, Robert Wood, Jas. Maudsley, D. Birkby. Visitors:—Bros. Col. John Eaton 430 2322 P.P.G. Superintendent of Works Provincial Grand Treasurer, Jas. Kershaw 300 P.P.G.D. of C., Robert Kilner W.M. 830, R. S. Holland S.W. 320, Robert Johnson Organist 2156, George W. Davis Secretary 1459, S. Reed P.M. 89, J. W. Hulley P.M. 268, John Price P.M. 1144, Captain Qr.-Master A. B. Wilkinson P.M. 2322, W. P. Chambers 210, Joel Mitchell 300, Thomas Potter 300, John Simpson 1088, Robert Batty 1144, and others.

WEST LANCASHIRE LODGE, No. 1403.

THE festival of St. John took place in the Lodge room at the Commercial Hotel, Derby Street, Ormskirk, on the 1st inst. The W.M., Bro. T. Robinson, was in the chair, and besides the Officers of the Lodge he was supported by several visitors. Bro. P.M. Thomas Ball was duly installed by Bro. Goodacre, after which he invested the Officers. Subsequently the brethren sat down to dinner. The I.P.M. presided, owing to the indisposition of the W.M., and the usual toasts were heartily given and acknowledged. In the course of the evening a beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. T. Robinson, by Bro. Turner.

FENWICK LODGE, No. 1389.

THE Provincial Officers of Durham paid an official visit to the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on the 20th ult., on which occasion there was a large attendance. Bro. E. Robinson, W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. W. Headley I.P.M., F. Wade, J. B. Wilkinson, and Dr. Murphy, P.M.s. Bro. A. T. Shepherd S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and it was decided to nominate Bro. F. Wade P.M. for the office of Provincial Treasurer of Durham for next year.

WYCOMBE LODGE, No. 1501

THIS flourishing Lodge resumed the winter session at the South Bucks Auction Mart, High Wycombe, on the 26th ult. A good number of brethren assembled.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, there being a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

Bro. F. Johncock was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. G. T. James I.P.M. P.G.S.B.

The newly-elected W.M. appointed his Officers, and presented to Bro. James, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable and efficient services to the Lodge during his year of office.

At the conclusion of the business the banquet, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., was held at the Wellington Room of the Red Lion Hotel, when the usual toasts were given.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 19th ult., Bro. W. Willoughby Briggs W.M. After the confirmation of minutes Bro. Trevor P. Briggs was duly passed by Bro. S. F. Simons P.M., the latter being assisted by Bro. W. B. Midgley J.W., who described the working tools, and Bro. W. H. Norton S.W., who rendered the charge.

The reports of the Auditors and Inventory Committee were presented, but discussion upon them was adjourned. This business over, Bro. E. P. Mead P.M. Installing Master took the principal chair, and installed Bro. Norton S.W.

Most of the visitors subsequently reverted to the admirable manner in which Bro. Mead and the Past Masters who assisted him performed their work.

The address to the newly-installed W.M. was given by Bro. John Walkden P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. R. Hothersall P.M. P.G.D.D.C., and that to the brethren by Bro. S. F. Simons P.M. Bro. John Wardle P.M. Secretary invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. B. Midgley S.W., Ed. S. Done J.W., J. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Treasurer, John Wardle P.M. Secretary F. W. Maxwell S.D., H. B. Fawcett J.D., E. P. Mead P.M. D. of C., S. F. Simons P.M. Organist, J. S. Ellis I.G., Robert Oliver and E. W. Ogden Stewards. Bro. Hothersall having in the past efficiently performed his duties as Charity Representative was unanimously re-elected.

Lodge business over, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining club room, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, the same being varied by songs, &c., from Bros. S. F. Simons, Harrop, and Orrell. Amongst those who responded to the toast of the Provincial Officers were Bros. John Chadwick Past Grand Sword Bearer Prov. Grand Secretary (East Lancashire), John H. Orme P.M. 1688 P.P.G.J.W. (Derbyshire), J. H. Lawson P.M. 1235 W.M. 1688 P.P.G.S.W. (Derbyshire), Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., 301 1045 Prov. G. Chaplain (Cheshire), and James Walker P.M. 37 P.P.G.J.W. (East Lancashire), who were unanimous in their praise of the manner in which the work of installation had been performed. Bro. Chadwick was so highly pleased with the efforts of Bro. Mead as to point out the fact that he deserved honorary distinction.

Bro. Norton W.M., in a vigorous and masterly speech, drew attention to the important work which Bro. Briggs I.P.M. had performed in connection with the Lodge, showing how loyally under every circumstance he had attended to his onerous duties, and concluded by presenting to him, on behalf of the Concord Lodge, a magnificent gold jewel in recognition of such services.

Bro. Briggs, in responding, alluded to the eloquence with which the W.M. had proposed the toast of his health, but thought he had slightly exaggerated in the amount of praise which he had lavished upon him. Recognising, however, the spirit by which Bro. Norton was actuated, he would try to perform what duties might fall to his lot in the future so as to merit similar approbation. With regard to the jewel which had been presented to him, he should exhibit it to his friends as an evidence of the fact that the work which he had performed had given satisfaction.

Bro. Walkden proposed the Masonic Charities, coupling with it the name of Bro. Hothersall. Bro. Walkden, whilst admitting that the toast of the W.M. was by some considered the first in importance, yet he was of opinion that the Charities took precedence of it, and reverted to the ritual for substantiation. Of all attributes, said he in conclusion, that of charity is the greatest.

Bro. Hothersall, in reply, also expatiated upon this theme, and said that the Concord Lodge still held its ground as possessing the greatest number of Life Governors of any Lodge in the Province. He granted that they might not be able to maintain such a position for many years, but at present the gratifying fact remained as he had stated.

Bro. Thompson, in what might be truly described as an admirable preoration, proposed the health of the Visiting Brethren, and expressed his pleasure in being confronted by so many illustrious

representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge, not only of East Lancashire but of surrounding Provinces. Of Brother Chalkwick, than whom he respected no man more, he spoke in glowing terms, saying that if every Officer was to be found so faithfully at his post as the Prov. Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, Freemasonry must of necessity prosper. The Visitors responded.

Bro. Norton W.M. then proposed the health of Brother Walter M. Simons, whose business would compel him to leave England in a few days' time for Java. Bro. Simons had endeared himself Masonically and socially to the brethren, and by his enforced absence they were suffering a great loss.

Bro. Simons replied.

Besides those previously mentioned there were present:—Brothers Ed. Hilton P.M., Robert I. Bennett P.M., John Robert Fletcher, Alexander Allan, Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors—Bros. J. R. Meacock W.M. 2279, Ernest C. Symons I.G. 1357, Jno. Satecliffe P.M. 430, A. Mercer P.M. 1170, C. F. Wardley 1688, Chas. Harrop Treas. 2363, and others.

HOMFRAY LODGE, No. 1562.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Risca, on the 19th ult., when Bro. Jesse J. Bailey was installed. There was a good gathering of members and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Joseph Jones, while Bro. R. A. Forsyth was Director of Ceremonies.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1705.

ON Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Lodge room, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, Bro. R. A. Renfree was installed W.M. The ceremony was performed by Dr. E. T. Crouch P.M. P.G.D.C., in the presence of a considerable number of the Craft, including many W.M.s and visitors from Portsmouth. Dr. Crouch was presented with a P.G.D.C.'s jewel in recognition of his services during his second year of office as W.M. When the business of the evening had concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the W.M. presided at the festive board. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. G. Pearman P.P.G. Org.

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

BRO. H. MANFIELD, C.C., Prov. G.J.D. was installed Worshipful Master at the Masonic Hall, Prince's Street, Northampton, on the 17th ult. The retiring W.M. Bro. James Carrall P. Prov. Standard Bearer presided, and conducted the installation ceremony in a manner which elicited the warmest encomiums from the brethren present. He was supported by the D.P.G.M. Brother Butler Wilkins P.G. Std. Br. England, and many other distinguished Craftsmen. The W.M. subsequently presented Bro. Carrall, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel.

The usual banquet which followed was of a *récherché* character, and was supplied by Bro. W. F. Tipler in a most admirable manner.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 20th October, Bro. Thos. Threlfall W.M. There were also present:—Bros. John L. Smith I.P.M., Thos. T. Sefton S.W., Wm. Mosley J.W., R. H. Berry Treas., James Clough Sec., Wm. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G. D. of C. Director of Cers., Wm. Lambert I.G. Robt. Winstanley, Wm. Thos. Blease, and W. Allen Smith Stewards, Thomas Kay P.M., F. Townson P.M., Rd. Duxbury P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D., Ed. Holland P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), W. H. Landless, J. L. Kitchen, Wm. Woodeson, Richard Hilton, J. Handley, Edwd. Hewitt, John Harwood, P. B. Hayden, Walter H. Barrett. Visitors:—Bros. T. H. McGill J.W. 992, Edward L. Littler P.M. Treas. 1730 P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. (West Lancs.), John H. Jenkins P.M. 999 P.P.G.S.D., J. Bowers P.M. 1730, F. Galloway 2322, John McKinlay 1459, H. Lord 325, Lees Knowles, (M.P., West Salford) 859.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place on behalf of Mr. Alderman Richard Mottram, a member of the Salford Town Council, the ballot being successful. Mr. Mottram was then prepared, and upon his admission into the Lodge the Worshipful Master performed the ceremony of initiation, in which he was assisted by Bro. W. Mosley J.W. Bro. T. T. Sefton S.W. was unanimously elected as principal Officer for the ensuing year, Bro. Townson being elected Treasurer.

At the festive board loyal and Masonic toasts were given, after which Bro. Duxbury proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother.

Bro. Mottram, in reply, said that the duty of responding to such a toast afforded him very great pleasure, especially as it had been done in so able a manner by his old friend Bro. Duxbury. It was rather late in life for him to enter upon Masonry, and though he had often heard exaggerated statements concerning it, yet these had not been sufficient to deter him from joining. Apart from the very beautiful lessons which had been taught that evening, he could fully realize the fact that a typical Mason must necessarily be a good citizen, a good subject of the Queen, and a good man.

Bro. Hardcastle, in proposing the health of the Visitors, stated that it had been intended to submit that duty to Bro. Statham, but, unfortunately, illness had prevented this worthy brother from being present. He, however, had great pleasure in drinking to the distin-

guished guests who had honoured their social board that evening, at the same time entering upon a humorous enumeration of the same. The Visitors responded.

Bro. Lees Knowles, M.P., regretted that he had come too late to see the ceremony performed, but important engagements, some of them connected with his Parliamentary duties, had detained him. Whenever in Salford he liked to visit the Albert Victor Lodge, where he felt so much at home. He deplored the troublous times and sincerely hoped that the strikes would soon come to an end, for he felt thoroughly distressed by the same. (Bro. Knowles is connected with a large colliery concern in the neighbourhood). He had recently been at a distribution of loaves in this connection, and felt it to be a Masonic act outside. Bro. Knowles regretted the absence of Bro. Statham, but congratulated Bro. Mottram for his glib tongue, and also for the manner he had rolled out his Masonic sentiments, making him (the speaker) believe that the Alderman was an older Mason than himself.

Other toasts followed.

The following contributed to the harmony of the evening, viz., Bros. Clough, Hilton, Harwood, and E. Roberts P.M.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE members of the Lodge met on Saturday, 14th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, for the last time this season. The W.M. Brother Joseph Brnton P.P.G.D.D. of C. passed Bro. Preston to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised Bro. Noton. Bro. Walter Battery S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Dudgeon P.M. P.P.G.D. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Davey and Flack were elected members of the Permanent Committee. It was decided to have the Lodge represented at the next festival for the Girls' School, and Bro. Battery was elected to act as Steward. After the work of the Lodge was finished, an excellent banquet was provided by mine host, Bro. J. W. Wingrove.

On the health of the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Essex being proposed by the W.M., it was most enthusiastically received.

The W.M. explained how the Province of Essex was to be congratulated in having such an excellent Master as Lord Brooke, as, during the time he had presided, Freemasonry had flourished in Essex, notwithstanding the depressed state of agriculture. The organisation that existed with regard to the votes for the Masonic Charities so as to secure success to any Essex candidate was not to be beaten by any Province in the Kingdom. It was the little Province of Essex that demanded the investigation into the management of the Boys' School, and when through that inquiry matters were put on a more satisfactory basis the Provincial Grand Master took the chair this summer at the Boys' School festival, held at Brighton, and as a proof of the popularity of Lord Brooke among Masons all over the Kingdom, the sum of £23,000 was raised on that occasion for the charity.

Bro. Dudgeon responded for the Province, and proposed the W.M.'s health, which was received with cheers.

After the W.M.'s reply, he proposed the toast of the Visitors.

Bro. Pascall 2090, in reply, said he had visited the Tilbury Lodge several times and hoped to come again, as he always felt at home—the right hand of friendship being extended to him by every member of the Lodge from the W.M. downward.

On the W.M. proposing the health of the Officers, he stated the Lodge had reason to be proud of its Officers, as all were such enthusiastic Masons, even going to the extent of weekly meetings to make themselves perfect in their work. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Battery S.W.

In responding, Bro. Battery thanked the Worshipful Master for his encouraging remarks, and said that they were endeavouring to learn their work in the hope that when each came to the chair they might emulate the example shown by the W.M.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by Brothers Battery, Thompson, and Wingrove, Bro. Wilfred Davies officiating at the piano.

OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, East Cowes, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. W. H. Brading, the Senior Warden of the past year, was installed as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was carried out with great ability by Bro. H. Deacon P.M. P.G. Std. Bearer. During the transaction of the first part of the business the chair was occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Rogers, whose services were heartily acknowledged by the brethren.

The newly elected Master invested his Officers. The usual banquet followed.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

A MEETING was held on the 28th ult., at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham. The Lodge was opened and Bro. Eaton was raised. The main business then took place, Bro. Hammond, the W.M. elect, being presented to the W.M. as a fit candidate for the chair of K.S. Bro. Ringrose, who acted as Installing Officer, then inducted Bro. Hammond into the chair in a masterly manner.

The ceremony of installation being ended, Bro. Ringrose was presented with the Past Master's jewel, and the auditor's report having been passed, the Lodge was closed. The banquet was admirably served by the host, Bro. Joyce, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

HORSA LODGE, No. 2208.

THE annual installation was held at Bournemouth, on the 16th ult. There were over 60 brethren present, including about 20 Past Masters, several of them being also Provincial Officers. Bro. H. E. Hawker the W.M. elect was installed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. LeFevre. After the ceremony the installation banquet was held in the Hotel Mont Dore, the usual Masonic toasts being honoured. During the evening the charity box was passed round in aid of the Worthing Relief Fund.

WHITE HORSE LODGE, No. 2227.

BROTHER ALFRED P. HALL S.W. was installed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor Provincial Grand Master Wilts as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, at the meeting held at Westbury on the 12th ult. There was a large company present, and the proceedings were followed by a banquet at the Lopes Arms.

EUSTON LODGE, No. 2283.

THE annual installation took place in the Lodge room, at the New Inn, St. Neots. There was a fair attendance, including several visitors. The new W.M., Bro. George Taylor, was installed by Bro. John Sibley P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Wade Pell P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. The Officers were appointed. The brethren afterwards attended the banquet provided in a praiseworthy manner by the landlord of the New Inn, and the usual Masonic and other toasts were given.

SMYTH LODGE, No. 2284.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on the 8th inst., when Bro. John Tonge was placed in the chair according to ancient custom. The new Master invested the following Officers to assist him during the ensuing year:—Bros. David Smith I.P.M., George Doughty S.W., Joseph C. Hill J.W., C. F. Carter P.G.J.D. Chaplain, Jack Sutcliffe P.P.G.S.W. Lecture Master, M. Cook P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, A. Wykes P.P.G.A.P. Secretary, E. A. Lewis D.C., H. Colton S.D., W. Robinson J.D., Rev. R. Smith Organist, C. Mawer I.G., H. W. Hizen and J. Wharton Stewards, W. Martin Tyler. The banquet, which in this Lodge takes the form of a complimentary dinner to the retiring Master, was held at the Yarborough Hotel in the evening.

DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE regular meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, 11th ult., when there were present Bros. Beavan W.M., J. W. Folkard I.P.M., G. Everett P.G. Treasurer England, A. Harvey S.W., J. Langdon J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treasurer, Charlie Woods Secretary, J. Lyell S.D., J. Mitchell A.D.C., H. Mitchell I.G., G. Winny Organist, A. Robertson Steward, Patrick Tyler, W. Baldwin, J. Wyer P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. Stracey, C. J. F. Shannaw. Visitor—S. Barter 957. Various letters were communicated.

Masonic business being ended the brethren assembled around the festive board, and after doing justice to Bro. Shannaw's spread, and the dessert provided by Bro. Baldwin, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. George Everett responded for the Grand Officers, and pointed out that they did all they could to uphold the dignity and importance of their rank.

The I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., referred to Bro. Beavan's real interest in the Lodge.

The Visitor's toast was responded to by Bro. Barter, who expressed his pleasure at being present.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John were held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 23rd ult., Bro. F. W. Wollaston W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Seth Wrigley I.P.M., W. A. Brabner S.W., Cyril H. Beaver J.W., Chas. Harrop Treasurer, Henry Nall P.M. J.D., Fred. Hilton P.M. Prov. G.D. of C., J. Crompton Wood Chaplain, M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, Humphrey C. Lilly Steward, Charles Duckworth P.M., E. Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Sam Luke, H. W. Brockbank, Joseph Hilton, Richard Brown, Thomas Hammett, C. H. Normanton, W. F. Ferneley, W. W. Hitching. Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick P.G. Sword Bearer Provincial Secretary, N. A. Earle P.P.G.W. 62 64, James Heelis P.M. 62 P.P.G.S.W., Jas. W. Abbot P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D. of C., T. Archer Lowe W.M. 2482 P.P.G.S.B. (West Lanc.), Stanley Baldwin P.M. 280 P.P.G.R. (Worcestershire), S. Bramwell W.M. 204, John Smith W.M. 1052, Chas. Smith W.M. 1055, T. T. Shann W.M. 2109, Major John Heap W.M. 2322, Arthur Keymer W.M. 2368, Thomas T. Sefton S.W. 1773, Alfred Pickford J.W. 1375, Thos. Sawyer P.M. 204, Thos. Shorrocks P.M. 204, W. H. Ballard P.M. 350, Robert Dottie P.M. 1161, Arthur A. Moss P.M. 1375, W. H. Hargreaves P.M. 2157, John Lilly P.M. Southern Cross, J. H. Studd 163, John Hinchliffe 204, W. Rushton 1375.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Thomas M. Ferneley, professor of music, late of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, who was

desirous of becoming a joining member. Upon the conclusion of the ordinary Lodge business a board of Installed Masters was formed and the installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. W. A. Brabner S.W. took place, Bro. Wollaston acting as Installing Master.

The festival of St. John was held in the dining room of the hotel, and was a very brilliant affair. Bro. Thomas, by a happy inspiration, had provided a card embellished with choice quotations from the works of Shakespeare, and these gave rise to much humorous and friendly criticism.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, and the Provincial Grand Officers in responding acknowledged that the ceremony of the day had been excellently well performed.

The duty of proposing the toast of the W.M. devolved upon Bro. Wollaston I.P.M., who paid a very flattering tribute to his successor, not only on account of his worth as a Mason, but for his intellectual attainments, Bro. Brabner belonging to the world of letters in his capacity of poet and dramatic author.

Bro. Brabner in responding said that those who were familiar with him could not accuse him of nervousness, but still on the present occasion his chief desire was for his speech to be over. The direction taken by the three Worshipful Masters who had preceded him, left him no uncertain goal to which to steer. In one essential they were his superiors, they had gone into the chair with the experience derived from other Lodges as Masters, whereas he came to the chair in ignorance. It was, however, human to make mistakes, and he being only human was subject to the same failing, but he would ask their indulgence in advance and rely upon the preceding Masters to put him right. Reverting to his position, he declared that he felt proud of the Lodge, of its members, and of the objects which had been achieved. When the gavel was formally placed in his hand he felt that it had invested him with a definite power which could be used well or ill. In many matters he might be a martinet, but he hoped that he should wield this newly acquired power judiciously, using it with a velvet glove. Bro. Brabner then proceeded to propose the health of the Installing Master (Bro. Wollaston), saying that he had known him for years in many connections, but more especially in connection with the Minnehaha Minstrels, which combination was truly Masonic in its character, and had done laudable work. He praised Bro. Wollaston for the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, saying that it was most excellent and praiseworthy. With respect to the jewel which he had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Wollaston, the latter would wear it, not for its intrinsic value alone, but as a proof of the affection and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge. He concluded by calling upon Bro. Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, as a special mark of favour, to support him. The jewel bore the following words:—

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

Presented to

BRO. F. W. WOLLASTON P.M.

for his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1892-93.

Bro. Chadwick, in response to Bro. Brabner's call, said that he considered Bro. Wollaston to be a child of his, for he had proposed him, initiated him, and watched with feelings of gratification his career in a Lodge to which he himself belonged, and this he was proud to acknowledge. The ceremony which his protégé had performed that day surpassed in its perfect regularity anything which he had seen for a very long time.

Bro. Wollaston replying said that he sincerely thanked Bros. Chadwick and Brabner for the kind words which they had uttered. To him this was a melancholy moment, for he was conscious of the fact that he was now retiring somewhat into the background, but although this was the case he should endeavour not to relinquish any of his active work. The handsome jewel which had been presented to him he hoped to wear as long as he lived.

Bro. Brockbank proposed the toast of the Past Masters, saying that many of them were esteemed personal friends of his, whom he could heartily thank for their various kindnesses. This remark would refer especially to Bro. Thomas, who on the installation card had added to toast No. 9 the legend from Othello, "As you have proved us, praise us." Now Bro. Thomas was the first Past Master of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, Bro. Wrigley the second, while Bro. Wollaston, their retiring W.M., was the third. Might he (Bro. Brockbank) give in this connection a paraphrase from another well-known poet, viz:—

"Thomas Wriggled as well he might,
Wollaston came and crushed the fite."

The usual toasts followed, the proceedings being varied by songs, &c., from Bros. Harrop, Thomas, Beaver, Shorrocks, Brabner (who sang one of his own compositions), Wrigley, Allen, Ballard, Nall, and others.

ANDERIDA LODGE.

THE first anniversary meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, 18th ult. Bro. H. Sutton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. E. Morrison the retiring Master. Subsequently a banquet took place, at which the W.M. was supported by a number of brethren and visitors.

How to SOLVE THE UNEMPLOYED PUZZLE has occupied the attention of our shrewdest philanthropists for many years, but it is still as far off being solved as ever it was. It would be impossible for any Government to establish a permanent system of relief works to give remunerative employment to every one requiring it. On the other hand there is great room for improvement in the help given through the casual wards. Deserving workers should be given an opportunity to retrieve the ground they have lost. No matter, however, what defects there may be in our social laws there is no flaw in the method by which Holloway's Pills and Ointments cleanse the system and enable it to withstand the attacks of disease.

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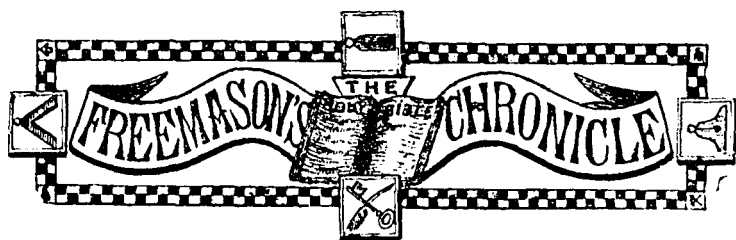
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SATURDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 1893.

Little Essex, as many of its members love to term the Province, takes all the credit to itself for having reformed the Boys' School, or at least that is so if we are to believe that the utterances of one of its Worshipful Masters represents the popular opinion of the district, and we see no reason why it should not. As the Worshipful Master of 2006 pointed out, it is something to be proud of to know that it was Essex Masons who called for the investigation into the management of the School, Essex Masons who saw it was properly done, and the Essex chief who presided at the first Festival after the reformation, when the handsome total of £23,000 was realised.

We are informed that early next year it is in contemplation to found a Lodge in connection with the Imperial Institute and that several distinguished Masonic officials have signified their approval of the scheme and willingness to join. It is proposed to request the M.W. Grand Master's acceptance of the post of Permanent Master, the Earl of Lathom that of S.W., and Lord Carrington that of J.W. Lord Herschell, who is taking great interest in the movement, will probably be the first Deputy Master in the chair. If the Lodge be held in one of the fine apartments of the Institute there would hardly be a more handsome Lodge room in the metropolis.

"The following are the names of those brethren who signed their names in the Tyler's book, whose handwriting was decipherable," is the way in which one of the leading daily papers of the country introduces the list of those present at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. This is hardly courteous or respectful to so distinguished a body as the attendants at a Provincial Grand Lodge, but we can well believe the sarcasm of the writer was fully justified. A long experience in such matters has convinced us that many Englishmen seem to regard it as out of place to take any care in writing their name; in fact, it almost seems as though the majority take infinite trouble to make their signatures as illegible as possible—and they often succeed in their efforts.

Responding to the toast of his health on the occasion of the installation banquet of his Lodge, the W.M. of No. 2169, meeting at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, expressed the hope that a new Lodge room would be erected during his term of office. We are always pleased to see such evidence of progress, and hope the desire of Bro. Brading will be carried to a successful issue.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, late Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New South Wales, was on Monday, the 6th inst., presented by Sir Saul Samuel, Agent General for the Colony, with a beautifully illuminated address from the Corporation of Sydney. It expresses high appreciation of the statesmanlike manner in which his lordship had, during his occupancy of the office of representative of the Queen, presided over the destinies of that portion of Her Majesty's dominions, and spoke of how greatly Lord Jersey had endeared himself to the people of the Colony by his sympathy with the aims and aspirations and endeavours of that young country.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CHESHIRE.

BY command of the Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at the St. George's Schoolroom, Hyde, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. In the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at three o'clock by Companions James Salmon P. Prov. G.H. as Z., John Clayton P. Prov. G.J. as H., and W. Cartwright P. Prov. G. Treas. as J. There were upwards of 70 Companions present.

The minutes of the last annual convocation, held at Knutsford in November 1892, having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Scribe E., Comp. R. Newhouse, called over the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and the Chapters in the Province. All the Chapters (20) in the Province were represented.

The Report of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes was read and adopted, and it was further resolved that it should be printed and issued to the Chapters in the Province. The Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows: Nominated by the Grand Superintendent—Comps. Salmon, Bellyse, and Lindsell. By Provincial Grand Chapter—Comps. Johnson, Eardley, and Sidebottom.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. Dr. Appleby, submitted the annual financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £63 11s 4d, and on the motion of Bro. W. Cartwright, seconded by Bro. H. Finch, who were the appointed Auditors, it was adopted subject to an item of £5, which appeared to have been paid without authority, being satisfactorily explained to the Auditors.

The acting Grand Superintendent Comp. Jas. Salmon Prov. G.H. said he was requested by Comp. Spencer-Stanhope, their chief, to express his regret at being unavoidably absent through illness. He was pleased to see so numerous a gathering. Their numbers, as they had heard from the Report of the General Purposes Committee, had not increased very materially. He was satisfied that as regards the quality of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province, there was every reason to be content. He alluded to the proposed change in the Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter, whereby a Master Mason could take the Royal Arch degree in one month instead of twelve after his being raised, and thought it would be for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry. He had been called upon at short notice to preside and was not prepared with a speech, for which they must excuse him. He announced that it was the Provincial Grand Superintendent's intention to hold the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter at Macclesfield.

On the motion of Comp. J. E. Steward P.Z. 361, seconded by the Acting Grand Superintendent, Comp. Salmon, Comp. Joseph Wild, of the Chapter of Industry, No. 361, Hyde, and Mayor of the Borough, was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Wild expressed his acknowledgments to the Provincial Grand Chapter.

Comps. W. Cartwright and H. Finch were re-elected as Auditors.

The acting Provincial Grand Superintendent then proceeded to invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. Lieut.-Col. G. A. Ferneley 321	H.
Wilmot Eardley 321	J.
R. Newhouse 1045 (re-appointed)	S.E.
Jonathan Bailey 361	S.N.
Herbert Finch 323	Principal Sojourner
Mark Billinge 361	1st Asst. Sojourner
Joseph Clarke 477	2nd Asst. Sojourner
Joseph Wild 361	Treasurer
W. H. Finchet 425	Registrar
J. Armstrong 605	Sword Bearer
Jno. Goff 758	Standard Bearers
S. Spencer 425	
Martin Stone 1045	
T. H. Annett 758 (re-appointed)	Director of Ceremonies
Sheriff Roberts 425	Asst. Dirs. of Cers.
R. Carriss 425	
T. Wadsworth 295	
M. Middleton 361	Organist
Stephen Smith 425	Janitor

A sum not exceeding five pounds was voted to the Industry Chapter, No. 361, Hyde, towards the expenses of the meeting.

Pursuant to notice of motion, Comp. Herbert Finch moved that a sum of twenty guineas be voted to the newly established local Charity—the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that it be apportioned by ballot in two sums of ten guineas each amongst the Chapters of the Province who were in good standing, to qualify the M.E.Z. as Life Governor in perpetuity. This was seconded by Comp. Fenlow and carried unanimously. The ballot for the two Chapters was thereupon taken, and the Warren Chapter, No. 533, Congleton, and the Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, Chester, were the “prize-takers.”

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Officers retired, and the Chapter was closed by the Officers of the local Chapter, No. 361.

The Companions afterwards dined at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Companion Salmon, and afterwards of Lieut.-Col. Ferneley the newly appointed Prov. G.H.

CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the room of the Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121, Penzance, on Monday, the 6th inst., the Right Hon. Lord Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G. Superintendent presiding. The Chapter was constituted in the Alverne Hall, which presented a beautiful appearance, the banners and emblems of the Order being brightened by charming shrubs and plants, kindly lent by Comps. Major Ross and Percy Chirgwin.

The Prov. G. Superintendent (Earl of Mount Edgcumbe) was attended by a large number of his Officers.

The roll of the Chapters was called, and all those working in the Province were represented.

A grant of ten guineas each was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls respectively.

The Prov. G. Superintendent invested his Officers for the year, as follow :—

Comp. Sir Chas. B. G. Sawle, Bart.	-	H.
Major Ross	-	J.
E. T. Anderson	-	Scribe E.
W. J. Baker	-	Scribe N.
G. H. Small 121	-	Treasurer
Thomas White 450	-	Registrar
W. Colensoe 121	-	Principal Sojourner
G. Williams 410	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
Bray	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. H. Clarke	-	Sword Bearer
J. Duckett	-	Standard Bearer
N. Couch	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. Carter	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
R. Rowe	-	Organist
J. M. Richards	-	Assist. Scribe E.
J. E. Rogers	-	Janitor

The usual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Mitchell's Western Hotel, when a capital dinner was excellently served and thoroughly enjoyed.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE annual Grand Chapter was held at the Town Hall, Wells, under the banner of the Avelon Chapter, No. 446, when there was a large gathering of Companions. The handsome Council Chamber was arranged with taste, and evoked great praise from the visitors. The Chapter was opened shortly before two o'clock by the Grand Superintendent Comp. R. C. Else P.G. Standard Bearer England, Comp. W. Long P.G.H., and Comp. E. White P.G.J. The roll of the Chapters was called by the Scribe E. (Comp. E. Noke), and all, with one exception, were represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter was read and approved, and the Treasurer's accounts, showing a substantial balance in hand, were passed. It was decided to invest £100 in suitable and approved securities in the names of the three Principals and the Treasurer. Comp. B. H. Watts was re-elected Treasurer with acclamation, and the Officers were appointed and invested. Comp. Haddon, on behalf of Comp. T. Meyler, who was unavoidably absent, proposed, after due notice, “that a sum of ten pounds be granted from the

funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the widow of a late Companion.” After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the matter left to the three Principals and the Treasurer to deal with as they considered expedient. This concluding the business on the agenda, alms were collected and amounted to £1 16s, which were voted to the Wells Nursing Institution, and handed to Comp. Crosse. The Chapter was then closed in accordance with ancient custom, and the Companions subsequently sat down to a dinner at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of the Z. of the Avelon Chapter, Comp. H. B. Crouch.

ROYAL PAVILION CHAPTER, No. 315.

THE annual meeting was held at Brighton, on the 17th ultimo. Comp. E. T. Cookey was installed M.E.Z., the other Principals installed being Comps. John Wood H. and James Terry J. On the closing of the Chapter the Companions sat down to a banquet, the visitors including Companion General Randolph Provincial Grand Superintendent.

INKERMAN CHAPTER, No. 1222.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, when Comp. F. W. S. Wickstead P.Z. was installed in the chair of First Principal, Comp. S. J. Sellick Second, and J. P. Capell Third. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. R. C. Else Past Standard Bearer of England G. Supt. of the Province assisted by Col. Long Second Principal of the Province.

MARK MASONRY.

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FRIENDSHIP, UNANIMITY, AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 191.

AT the quarterly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Highbridge, on the 23rd ult., Bro. G. C. Strawbridge S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year.

The history of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, whose meetings are held at the Cannon Street Hotel, is being written by Bro. George Kenning P.M.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will be held in the Free Trade Hall Assembly Rooms, Peter Street, Manchester, on Friday, 24th inst., at half-past two o'clock.

“The other day,” writes our Manchester representative, “I came across the September number of the *South Australian Freemason*, and in glancing over Lodge news, saw the name of Bro. R. K. Threlfall, who is acting in the capacity of Treasurer to the United Tradesmen's Lodge, No. 4, Adelaide. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Threlfall about twelve months ago at the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, Pendleton, where his respected brother is now Worshipful Master, and I was very much impressed at the time with the very excellent remarks he uttered, and the amount of information he tendered with regard to work in the Antipodes. If the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE should reach Bro. Threlfall, will he accept fraternal greetings from one who wishes him well?”

Bro. Edward Terry made his reappearance in London, after his Australian tour, on Monday evening, before a crowded audience at the Elephant and Castle theatre, in Mr. A. W. Pinero's play “Sweet Lavender.”

The Dore and Chinley line of the Midland Railway, constructed at a cost of nearly a million sterling, was opened for goods traffic on Monday. It is 20 miles long, and has the second longest tunnel in the kingdom. The Midland journey to Manchester will be shortened by 20 miles by this new route. Passenger traffic will commence next spring.

ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THE first regular meeting of the members after consecration of the Lodge on 20th ult., took place in the handsome Masonic temple of the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Friday last. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Sir Augustus Harris P.G. Treasurer) Bro. J. Hawkins P.P.G.D.C. Sarrey occupied the chair, as he had been invested with the rank of I.P.M. of the Lodge, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. F. Osmond Carr, M.A., S.W., Walter E. Clifford J.W., W. J. W. Beard P.M. Treasurer, William E. Chapman P.G.S.W. Secretary, W. S. Hooper S.W., J. A. Harrison I.G., Arthur Tite Steward, together with many other brethren and visitors. There was every appearance of future prosperity for the Lodge in the fact that no less than seventeen joining members were balloted for and accepted, while six gentlemen were proposed as candidates. Of these latter five put in an appearance, viz., Messrs. Thomas Fraser, Frank Parker, Charles Danby, Lionel Wormser Harris, and James Langford Kirby, who, having been regularly approved, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by the acting W.M., the ceremony being performed in a highly impressive manner. The Committee appointed to draw up the bye-laws of the Lodge presented their report, when the various regulations were agreed to by the brethren, and the Secretary was directed to submit them to the Grand Lodge for approval.

Membership of the Lodge is restricted to those who belong to the Eccentric Club, in Shaftesbury Avenue, but as there are upwards of six hundred members the number of brethren need not necessarily be very limited.

The annual installation festival will take place on the first Friday in October, and the brethren will meet six times during the winter months.

There being no other business, the Master received the good wishes of the visitors, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. A very pleasant evening followed, several talented brethren taking part in the entertainment.

In response to the toast of the Initiates, Bro. Charles Danby gave a most admirable speech, which made considerable impression upon the brethren. After stating that his province in life was to cause people to laugh by making fun of everything, he said that he found himself for the first time in a position that certainly was not humorous. He could hardly tell what opinion he had had of Freemasonry, but the ceremony that afternoon and the obligations he had taken upon himself to perform had impressed him deeply and would be ever engraven on his heart. He trusted he might become a true and worthy brother, for he was assured by what he had seen and heard that day that if he were a good Mason he must of necessity be a good man.

DUCHESS OF YORK LODGE, No. 2482.

THE first regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 16th ult. Bro. T. Archer Lowe P.P.G.S.B. (West Lanes.) W.M. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. W. A. Brabner W.M. elect 2363, J. M. H. Blamey S.W. 163, W. H. Wilson Asst. Sec. 2464, and E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The principal business of the evening was the reading of the minutes of consecration, and the initiation of Messrs. George Henry Russell, accountant, Manchester, and Oswald Dearden, Bury, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—Held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, 20th ult. Bros. Garner W.M., Smith S.W., Ganard J.W., Tubby S.D., Ellinger J.D., Lewis I.G. Preceptor, Scales Treasurer, Saunders Secretary, Johnson Assistant Secretary, Price Organist, W. A. Scurrah, A. Scurrah, Thom, Edmunds, Whiting, Surridge, Hose, McEwan, and Barry. Ceremonies of passing and raising rehearsed. Lodge resumed. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. McEwan was heartily congratulated on his being installed Master of the Metropolitan Lodge.

Honor Oak Lodge of Instruction, No. 1986.—At the first meeting of the Honor Oak Lodge of Instruction, held at the Crystal Palace Hotel, Crystal Palace Road, on the 5th ult., Bro. P.M. Andrews, by desire of the brethren, took the chair, and appointed his Officers. A letter from the Grand Secretary was read, stating that no consecration ceremony or formal inauguration was necessary for the constitution of a Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Dr. Lawson W.M. of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1,986, announced that the mother Lodge had given unanimous consent to the formation of the Lodge of Instruction, and that the formal warrant was being prepared. Several portions of the various ceremonies were worked, and the following Officers were elected: Bros. Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Britten Secretary, Hino Treasurer. The joining fee of the Lodge is fixed at a 1s, and the attendance fee 3d for each night. It was carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the Lodge be accorded to the Preceptor, Secretary, and Officers of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction for their kindness in lending furniture, &c., the same to be recorded on the minutes, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Selwyn Lodge to that effect. Bro. Wimble P.M., Secretary of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, returned thanks.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

THE Trinity-in-Unity Preceptory held a regular meeting on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Barnstaple. Sir Knight Rev. Thomas Russell, M.A., was elected the E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, and E.S.T. John Brewer was re-elected Treasurer. V.E. Sir Kt. Prov. Prior Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D. (Oxford), was received in due form. E. Sir Kt. H. J. Edwards, Mus. Doc., the E.P. presided. Among the Kts. present were Rev. H. G. Morse Chaplain, the Rev. T. Russell, J. Brewer, Major D. C. Davie, Jos. Harper. Bro. Robert Harper was inducted a Kt. of the Order. It was the first occasion on which the Preceptory had been visited by a Provincial Prior.

We are pleased to announce that Brother J. Townley Trotter, F.S.S., accountant, 27 Brazennose Street, Manchester, also of Eccles and Ashton-under-Lyne, has recently been admitted a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Brother Trotter, we may observe, is a rising Officer in the Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, West Gorton.

A testimonial is being organised to the well-known pianist and teacher, Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe Past Grand Organist, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday next month. The idea, says the *Daily News*, first took shape in Brighton, where for upwards of forty years he resided, and where for ten years, between 1870 and 1880, he carried on the Musical Festivals, which, although they did not bring much profit to himself, gave to the world so many choral and other novelties by British and foreign composers. Bro. Kuhe was born at Prague on the 10th December 1823, and first came to London in 1845. In the following year he returned to accompany Jenny Lind on tour as pianist, and in 1847 he settled down in Brighton, giving his first concert in that year at the Newburgh Rooms. He annually during the season visited London, where he has a large connection as a teacher, and about three years since he took up his permanent residence here.

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Saturday, 11th November.

108 London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426 The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1416 Mount Edgcombe, Swan, Battersea
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's, Fleet Street
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1864 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2029 King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

1755 Eldon, Royal Hotel, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095 Caterham, Masonic Hall, Caterham, Surrey
2147 Crays Valley, The Institute, St. Mary Cray
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.C. 43 Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Brighton

Monday, 13th November.

5 St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H., W.C.
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90 St. John, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
193 Confidence, Anderton's, Fleet Street, E.C.
1366 Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670 Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1759 Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
2243 Argonauts, Cromwell Hall, Putney B. Road
2394 Galen, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2426 Wood Green, Fishmonger's Arms, Wood Green
2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant
R.A. 720 Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862 Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1704 Cable, Cafe Royal, Regent Street
K.T. 140 Studholme, 33 Golden Square, W.

40 Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Masonic Hall, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104 St. John, White Lion Hotel, Stockport
105 Fortitude, 1 Princess Square, Plymouth
106 Stn, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Faversham
151 Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
159 Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Masonic Hall, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
262 Salopian, Music Hall, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
297 Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Masonic Hall, Teignmouth
314 Peace & Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston
330 One and All, Masonic Hall, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Sunderland
411 Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
587 Howe, M.H., New Street, Birmingham
589 Druids of Love and Liberty, M.H., Redruth
632 Concord, Masonic Hall, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Llanelli
721 Independence, Masonic Chambers, Chester
797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, The George, Wirksworth
893 Meridian, Masonic Hall, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford

1021 Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1069 United Brothers, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
1112 Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174 Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221 Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Market Place, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1380 Skelmersdale, Latham Hall, Seaford
1408 Stamford and Warrington, M.C., Stalybridge
1436 Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440 Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Western Hotel, Moss Side, Lanc.
1592 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618 Handyside, Private Rooms, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urnston, Victoria Hotel, Urnston
1792 Tudor, Masonic Hall, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Exchange Buildings, East Retford
1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Market Hall, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Harrogate Hotel, Kildgrove
1948 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall, Lanc.
1952 High Peak, Town Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington, Som.
2034 Masefield, Moseley and Belsall Heath Institute, Moseley, Worcester
2049 Ellan Vannin, Masonic Hall, Douglas, I. of M.
2144 De Tatton, Stamford Arms, Bowden, Cheshire
2185 Ardwick, Midland Hotel, Ardwick, Lanc.
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man
2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells, Norfolk
2422 Abbissham, King's Head Hotel, Epsom

R.A. 89 Royal Cheshire, Ashley Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 148 Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306 Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall St., Leeds
R.A. 379 Tynte, M.H., Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422 All Saints, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
R.A. 993 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Manchester

R.A. 1259 Kennard, Masonic Hall, Pontypool
R.A. 1873 Priory, Grand Hotel, Tynemouth
R.A. 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Speedwell Commercial Road, Landport
M.M. Egerton, Royal Rock, Rock Ferry, Cheshire
R.C. Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale

Tuesday, 14th November.

96 Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St., E.C.
211 St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, City
235 Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross
549 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hotel
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1269 Stanhope, Surrey Mas. Hall, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668 Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
2127 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras

R.A. 172 Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's, Fleet Street
M.M. 22 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

80 St. John, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
93 Social, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184 United Chatham of Benevolence, Masonic Temple, New Brompton, Kent
241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
319 New Forest, Bugle Hotel, Lyminster
473 Faithful, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
484 Virtue and Honour, Masonic Hall, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Wakefield
502 Rectitude, Masonic Hall, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Freemasons' Hall, Maidstone
573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Halesowen
603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern Hotel, Harwich
698 St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, M.H., Barrack Road, Aldershot
764 Harour of Refuge, M.H., West Hartlepool
877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897 Loyalty, Mas. Chambers, Hall St., St. Helen's
903 Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High St. Gosport
951 St. Aubyn, Ebrington M.H., Devonport
973 Royal Somerset, M.H., North Parade, Frome

1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Wharfedale Ass. Rs., Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Oldfellow's Hall, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bell Hotel, Brimley, Kent
1369 Bala, Plas Coch Hotel, Bala
1402 Jordan, Masonic Hall, Torquay
1414 Knole, St. Nicholas Parish Rooms, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool
1528 Fort, M.H., Newquay, Cornwall
1515 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate
1713 Wilbraham, Black Horse, Walton, Liverpool
1782 Machen, Swan, Coloshill
1837 Lullingsone, Masonic Hall, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Mas. Temple, Stonehouse, Devon
2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Horae Bay
2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Masonic Hall, Hull
2184 St. Germans, Peel Castle Hotel, Peel, I. of Man
2324 Horwich, Bridge Hotel, Horwich, Lancashire
2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Eastbank St., Southport
2420 F. de Rothschild, Five Arrows, Waddesdon

R.A. 70 St. John's, Huyshe Mas. Tem. Plymouth
R.A. 71 Lowestoft, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft
R.A. 111 Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Stockport
R.A. 265 Judea, Masonic Club, Kingsley
R.A. 276 Essex, White Hart, Chelmsford
R.A. 289 Fidelity, Mas. Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 537 Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 660 King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, York
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
M.M. 6 Adams, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
M.M. 15 St. George's, Masonic Hall, Exeter
M.M. 75 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 162 Dover & Cinque Ports, Royal Oak, Dover

Wednesday, 15th November.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.
7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
140 St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St. E.C.
190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham and Chando, F.M.H., W.C.
1278 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav, Victoria Park
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
2241 Cordwainer, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon St.
2345 Duke of Fife, Alexandra, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
2361 Cricklewood, Crown Hotel, Cricklewood
2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice, Forest Gate

R.A. 1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. 151 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Masonic Hall, Penzance
127 Union, King's Head, Margate
137 Amity, Masonic Hall, Market Street, Poole

175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221 St. John, Masonic Hall, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Masonic Temp's, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soans St., Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Grosvenor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester
591 Buckingham, Masonic Hall, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
633 Yarborough, Clarence Hotel, Manchester
662 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tuxford Wells
889 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury

1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1138 Carew, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester
1246 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1334 Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsby, Hull
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ransbottom
1774 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
1983 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales
2050 St. Trinians, M.H., Loch Parale, Douglas
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Chester
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel, North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall, Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse

2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neots
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Queen's Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 126 Nativity, Bull Hotel, Barnley
R.A. 281 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
R.A. 417 Faith and Unanimity, M.H., Dursley
R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 625 Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Dursley
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Surbiton
R.A. 1024 Plume, Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough
R.A. 1060 Marston, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool
R.A. 1375 Arcatote, District Hotel, Didsbury
M.M. Newsam, Masonic Hall, Newsam
M.M. 125 Catterick, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

Thursday, 16th November.

23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
41 Gihon, Guildhall, Tavern, Gresham Street
55 Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169 Temperance, White Swan, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
657 Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
733 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.

1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321 Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1365 Clapton, 191 Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
2310 London Scottish Rifles, Mark Masons, Hall

R.A. 9 Albion, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
R.A. 507 United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 742 Crystal Palace, White Hart, U. Norwood
R.A. 834 Andrew, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith
R.A. 1216 Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
M.M. 361 Onslow, Cafe Royal, W.
R.C. 79 Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
56 Howard, Town Hall, Ararat
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
247 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
322 Peace, Warren Berkeley Hotel, Stockport
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
425 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
523 John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, M.H., Daviz
753 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
892 Repose, Masonic Hall, Derby

1011 Richmond, Old Bear's Hall, Manchester
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Shield Park, near Liverpool
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Creighton, Devon
1337 Anchor, Durham House, Northampton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Breech Hotel, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Danstable

1512 Hemming, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton
1534 Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Riscu, Mon.
1594 Cedewain, Masonic Temple, Newtown, Mon.
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
1872 St. Margaret's, Maple Hall, Surbiton
1893 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
2107 Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
2158 Boscombe, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscombe
2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Sarraz Street, Sheffield
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2318 Princes, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldg., Southport
2341 Clemency, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
2130 Runnymede, Anglers' Rest, Wraysbury
R.A. 97 Strict Benevolence, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 107 Philanthropic, M.H., Kings' Lynn
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cooper St., Manchester
R.A. 603 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton
R.A. 771 Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, Windsor
R.A. 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
M.M. Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 17th November.

Board of Management, Boys' School
143 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate St.
1975 Rose of Denmark, Horns, Kennington
1118 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1963 London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 10 Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H., W.C.
K.T. 45 Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 48 Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
318 True and Faithful, Freemasons' Hall, Helston
347 Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses, Manchester
445 Fidelity, Pomfret Arms Hotel, Towcester
541 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle
568 St. Germain, M.H., the Crescent, Selby
712 Lindsay, Masonic Hall, Louth
951 Prince of Wales, M.H., Stow-on-the-Wold
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1224 Stour Valley, Masonic Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Three Swans, Market Harborough
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penkton.
1794 De Vere, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Stretford.
2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
2447 Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester
R.A. 31 Bertha, M.H., St. Peter's St., Canterbury
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
R.A. 622 St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A. 839 Royal Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., L'pool
R.C. Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 18th November.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham St.
1732 King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1572 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
M.M. 251 Mount Mariah, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
368 Pr. George, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple
811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton
2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 205 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow

INSTRUCTION.

Saturday, 11th November.

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.,
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney,
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 13th November.

23 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.,
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, at 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
1399 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, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1419 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
1439 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, 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. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2030 Abbey Westminster, Town Hall, S.W., 7'30
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8

Tuesday, 14th November.

23 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street, 8
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
74 Athol, M.H., Severn Street, Birmingham, 6'45
141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W.
177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
241 Merchants' Masonic Hall, Liverpool
463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
920 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8'30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
1416 Mount Edgemoor, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30,
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
1707 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.
East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Road, 8
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, 15th November.

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
103 Confidence, Swan's Nest, Moorgate Street, 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
533 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,
751 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
362 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
1475 Peckham, 618 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
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Thursday, 16th November.

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749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
751 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
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1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7'30
1273 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
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1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
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1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
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1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
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R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N., 8

Friday, 17th November.

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
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7'30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1299 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30
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1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 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, 18th November.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7'30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
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1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
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