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RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

IT is probable there is no other feature of Freemasonry of equal importance to the Craft as that of resignation, in regard to which there does not appear to be any definite rules laid down by the Constitutions or other authority. As a consequence we find very wide divergencies of opinion in regard to the question, and practices in vogue in different quarters wholly at variance with what holds good in others. It is pretty generally agreed that a member of a Lodge has a perfect right to resign his membership at any time he chooses, but in some this right is made conditional on the payment of all dues, that is to say, a Brother in arrears cannot stop further responsibilities if so disposed, and his dues go on accumulating indefinitely, or until the exclusion rule is brought into force. Needless to say this particular method of procedure does not work well in practice, and as it in reality acts as a tax on misfortune it is just as well that it does not find favour, else we might see it more generally adopted.

Then there is the question as to when a notice of resignation is to take effect from. Some argue that the Brother who sends his resignation by post ceases his membership the minute his letter is posted, others take the directly opposite view, and say that he remains a member until his resignation is accepted by his Lodge; while others go yet further still, and require him to wait until the minutes of his resignation are confirmed. There are occasions when this question of time leads to others of moment and importance to those specially interested, and therefore it would seem desirable to have some official ruling on the point. As illustrating what we mean we may refer to a case that occurred during the present year, when a Brother sent in his resignation to his Lodge, forwarding his letter to the Secretary by post. He subsequently thought better of it, and sent a second letter, withdrawing his resignation, and intimating his desire to remain a member of the Lodge. To make matters perfectly sure he sent this second letter to the Secretary by hand, and, as a matter of fact, it was delivered to the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting at which the resignation was considered. For some reasons best known to themselves the members of the Lodge were disappointed that the resignation had been withdrawn, and it was ultimately decided that resignation took effect immediately the first letter was sent; that the resignation could not be cancelled; and that the Lodge had no power to refuse a Brother's request to withdraw from the Lodge—as a result, the resignation was accepted, and the Brother concerned was considered no longer a member of the Lodge, although his subscription had been paid some months further in advance. We will not here inquire into the merits of this case as between the retiring member and the Lodge concerned, as it will probably require attention from the authorities, but we may utilise it

to discuss the points we have already referred to, as to when a resignation is to be reckoned from. The arguments used on this occasion were in support of the theory that a notice of resignation takes immediate effect, there being no necessity to wait for its acceptance, confirmation or anything else. We are inclined to think this view is the correct one, without in any way committing ourselves to an expression of approval of the action taken in the case we have mentioned—that need have no effect on the present discussion, except so far, as we have said, it serves to illustrate peculiar ideas in relation to the subject.

Where Freemasonry has no particular laws on any point we think it may be accepted as a fair compromise that outside customs should guide our actions, and we believe the result of this association would be to endorse the view that a resignation takes immediate effect, when once it leaves the custody of the sender. Whether or not the option remains for its withdrawal is another question, and on that point we were inclined to differ from the brethren whose action we have already spoken of. We should have considered that a resigning member had a perfect right to withdraw his resignation, but having weighed the subject in its various bearings we are now inclined to the opinion that a resignation is not withdrawable; it can hardly be so if the resignation took effect the moment it left the custody of the sender, and having supported that view we have no option but to accept this as one of the consequences which appear to follow in natural sequence.

It is not often we are able to bring forward a question that really seems to be of importance and in regard to which the rules of the Craft are silent, but it seems we have been able to do so on the present occasion, and we consequently have all the more pleasure in inviting our readers to give the subject their consideration. It is a fair question for discussion in public, as it involves no references to Masonic ritual or ceremony—it is in fact a public question, one that applies with almost equal force to every association of the age, but it has a special Masonic significance on the lines we have travelled, and if only in view of the differences of opinion now existing in regard to the subject it might well receive consideration at the hands of members of the Craft.

CONSECRATION : No. 2480.

THE ceremony of consecrating and inaugurating the new Masonic Lodge at Boksburgh, registered on the role of the Grand Lodge of England as No. 2480, took place on Saturday, 4th ult. The Consecrating Officer, appointed as such under warrant from His Royal Highness the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, was P.M. Brother Green. The ceremony was held at the Landdrost's Court Room, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Boksburg Freemasons by the Landdrost, and which had been converted for the nonce into a very handsome Temple,

fitted up as it was by that past master in Masonic decoration, the Tyler of the Johannesburg Temple (Brother G. West) who, with the Consecrating Officer, went out by the early train on Saturday morning to assist in making all preliminary arrangements. The 1.44 train from Johannesburg took out a goodly number of local Craftsmen, and when the brethren assembled they made a brave display. Immediately on the arrival of the train from Johannesburg the proceedings commenced, the Consecrating Officer being supported on the dias by several Past Masters. During the ceremony the following oration was delivered by the acting Chaplain Bro. J. W. Pierson W.M. of the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313.

Brethren,—We are gathered together, for the third time in three months, for the purpose of squaring the corner stones and levelling the ground for the structure of a new Lodge, and upon these occasions our ritual prescribes that we should moralise upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

The nature of the occasion at once leads us to contemplate the foundation and structure of that noble moral temple, the mind, and the manner in which Freemasonry can assist in bringing that superb edifice to its highest excellence. Let us endeavour to use aright the skerrit, to mark out and draw that straight and undeviating line for the foundation which will enable us to carry out in its fullest integrity the plan laid down, with unerring and impartial justice, by our great Creator.

May we so square the corners of all our actions that they will bear the test of the level and the plumb, so that when we are summoned to meet our Divine Grand Master, we may do so with a firm but humble confidence that the twenty-four inch gauge will be a faithful measure of our course through life, and that its moral teachings, blended with the benefits of education and the force of conscience, will enable us fearlessly to give an account of all our actions.

In applying all the moral significations of the working tools of a Freemason to our hearts and minds, we must not forget the practical side of Freemasonry—charity, and the pursuit of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of our attainments. In our charity we must remember that it is as greivous a breach of Masonic rule to be too lavish as it is to be too sparing. Charity may be likened to one of the lines across the mosaic pavement, diverging neither to the white square of profusion, nor to the black square of parsimony, but keeping one invisible yet truly geometrical line, having for its extremities justice to ourselves at the one point, and justice to our fellow creatures at the other.

It should be the constant care of every Mason to keep his heart tyled against the intrusion of envy, hatred, and malice, and never to be forgot, amidst the various cares and employments of this busy world, the valuable lessons so frequently inculcated and so strongly recommended in our assemblies. May it be our continual endeavour to be prudent, discreet, and temperate. May we be ever ready to befriend and relieve a brother who may seek our assistance, tenderly pointing out to him his failings and aiding him in reformation, defending him if wrongly traduced, and even when his conduct is justly open to blame, suggesting palliating circumstances in his favour. While so animated on behalf of our Order, let us extend these noble and generous sentiments to all mankind, so proving to the world the beneficial effects of our ancient and honourable institution.

Another thought forcibly strikes one in consecrating a new Lodge in a country town, and that is to avoid the pernicious practice of running into debt. The anxiety of good Masons to meet in a temple set apart solely for Masonic uses is worthy of emulation; but in a town where the population is dependent upon such a precarious source as the mining industry, where brethren are continually changing their place of residence, it behoves you to be careful not to allow the prosperity of to-day to blot out visions of the future, and to prevent you taking heed of the morrow. Nothing can more retard the future progress of a Lodge than for the brethren to find themselves saddled with heavy debts incurred in the fancied prosperity of the past. Rather use the superabundant resources of the present in building up a fund which may be used to give solace to the poor and distressed, and to confer the benefits of the chisel upon your orphans should circumstances require it.

To turn from this thought to one equally interesting and

important, I would enjoin upon the brethren of this Lodge, from the Worshipful Master down to the youngest initiate, to bear in mind the injunction laid upon you very early in your Masonic career, calling upon you to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. To do this it is necessary you should be reading, studious, thinking men, well-versed in the landmarks and constitution of our Order, and thoroughly posted up in all that is going on in the Craft throughout the world. South African Masons have but little excuse for ignorance. Knowledge is brought to their doors by the two very admirable Masonic journals published in South Africa. At a very trifling cost you may receive, week by week, the publication edited by our eminent and learned brother, Dr. Darley Hartley, which is in itself a Masonic encyclopædia.

And to sum up, my Brethren, I can confidently assert that in a Lodge abounding with Masonic ornaments, where charity and learning reign, a social centre will exist which will give dignity to the Master, pleasure to the craftsman, and instruction to the initiate.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony proper, the Worshipful Master elect P.M. Bro. Dr. Ziervogel was installed with all the ancient ceremonial, and he invested Dr. W. B. Hall as his Senior Warden, and W. B. Ramsay as his Junior Warden, the selection and the investiture of the other Officers of the Lodge being of necessity deferred until the Charter members and joining Brethren had been duly elected as members. The working tools in the different degrees were presented to the newly-installed Master, as follows:—The 3rd by P.M. Bro. Chittenden; the second by W.M. Bro. D. McMillan; and the 1st by W.M. Bro. T. W. Goodwin. The Consecrating Officer delivered the charges to the Worshipful Master and to the Wardens, and W.M. Bro. W. H. Webster that to the Brethren generally.

The collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund amounted to £5 7s.

The banquet in the evening was very successful, the catering being capital.—*Johannesburg Star*.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE patent of appointment of Bro. F. Arkwright as District Grand Master, English Constitution, for the Provincial district of Wellington, succeeding the late D.G.M. Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson, has been received from the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Arkwright held office in the Grand Lodge of England, is an ex-member of the House of Commons, and has purchased a valuable estate near Wellington, intending to make New Zealand his home for the future. The Masonic body are to be congratulated upon the selection of such an illustrious Mason. Bro. George S. Graham D.G.M. of Auckland, E.C., was asked to install Bro. Arkwright, and the ceremony was fixed to take place on the 29th ult. It is stated Bro. Graham, owing to physical ailments, intends to resign his District Grand Mastership at the end of the year.

The announcement of Bro. G. S. Graham's retirement from his high office will cause a feeling of surprise to the brethren who have continued their allegiance to the old Constitutions. Bro. Graham's action has been throughout in the matter of the establishment of the New Zealand Grand Lodge rigid in regard to the rights of the Grand Lodge, but conciliatory in regard to compromise. The cause of the retirement of a distinguished Mason who has represented New Zealand in the Grand Lodge of England when presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, cannot be looked upon as an ordinary event. Bro. Graham has worthily represented New Zealand Masonry in England, and with equal excellence he has represented the Grand Lodge of England in New Zealand. It is a pity that his useful Masonic career should be ended by an infirmity which all his brethren will regret.

Brother Graham was installed with the late Bro. Sir F. Whitaker P.G.M. Scotch Constitution, by Bro. Lazar D.G.M., of Westland, on the 30th November 1877 (16 years ago), since which he has installed Bro. C. J. Toxward D.G.M., successor to the late Bro. Sir Donald McLean D.G.M. of Wellington, and assisted in the installation of the late Bro. Sir Harry Atkinson D.G.M., successor to the late Bro. Toxward.—*New Zealand Herald*.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CRAFT.

BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, 7th inst., when Bro. C. E. Tempest was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers.

Before the business of the Lodge concluded, the brethren passed a vote of condolence with the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker) in the loss he has sustained by the death of Lady Henniker.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet presided over by the newly-installed W.M., who referred in sympathetic terms to the heavy bereavement which had fallen upon the Provincial Grand Master and while regretting that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had removed to a distant part of the country, expressed his satisfaction that Bro. Martyn was still devoted to Masonic work in the Province of Suffolk. He coupled with the toast the name of the energetic Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tracy, and Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Fred C. Atkinson.

Bro. Tracy and Bro. Atkinson responded.

The W.M. announced that he had received a telegram for Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., expressing his extreme regret that owing to a severe cold he was unable to be present. The Deputy Mayor (Bro. R. D. Fraser) and Bro. Lord Elcho were amongst those who were unable to be present. He had just received a telegram conveying hearty good wishes from the Framlingham Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the Mayor of Ipswich, Bro. S. R. Anness, who was a most excellent magistrate, and he was sure would fill the office with honour to himself and great advantage to the town.

The Mayor, in response, reminded the brethren that he was present in his Masonic rather than his civic capacity, nevertheless he appreciated the compliment that had been paid him. He little expected the great honour which had been conferred upon him, but having accepted the office he would do his best to carry out the duties to the credit of the town, and although he was not a rich man he would endeavour to uphold the dignity of the position which he held.

Bro. A. F. Penraven, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who was a man of great energy and perseverance. He had done his work in the past in a way which was exceedingly creditable to him, and he was sure they would all join in wishing him a pleasant and successful year of office.

The W.M., in response, expressed the hope that the British Union Lodge would not suffer in any respect under his Mastership.

Bro. Henry Miller jun., in proposing the Installing Master, said it was a great honour to the British Union to have such a distinguished Mason to instal the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, referring to the presence of the Mayor of Ipswich, said he doubted very much whether it would be possible to make any man Lord Mayor of London who was not a Mason. For the last fourteen or fifteen years, with one exception, every Lord Mayor had been a Freemason. They were in a little quandary this summer, because the coming Lord Mayor, Alderman Tyler, a most excellent, cheery, agreeable man, did not happen to be a Mason. What did his wife do? Excellent woman! She said, "my dear George, I think the sooner you are made a Mason the better," and in July he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

Bro. H. C. Casley in proposing the Masonic Charities referred to the excellent work which had been done on behalf of the Institutions by Bros. Tracey, George Turner and Harry Jones. He coupled with the toast the name of Sir John Monckton, who, in response, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Girls' Institution.

The other toasts were the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Peter de Lande Long, and responded to by Bro. Kemp, Bro. Cuckow and Bro. Butler; the Past Masters, the Officers and the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent songs were rendered by various brethren. Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Oxen., presided at the pianoforte.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE election meeting was held on Friday, 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. John Barnett was chosen as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation meeting will be held in January. A detail report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287.

THE installation of Bro. the Rev. Arthur Symonds P.P.G. Chaplain, and the investiture of Officers took place at the White Lion Hotel, Underbank, Stockport. There was a large attendance of brethren, among those present in addition to the Officers being Bro. Richard Newhouse Prov. Grand Secretary, and several other visitors. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. G. McClelland P.M. 287 P.P.G.D., assisted by Bro. James Cookson P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Hy. Smith P.M. 287 P.P.G.D.

At the close of the Lodge proceedings an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Robertson, the hostess, the chair being occupied by the newly-installed Master. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The toast of the newly-installed Master Bro. the Rev. A. Symonds was proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Roberts, and was drunk with musical honours.

Bro. Symonds, in responding, said that notwithstanding the position he held in the town he did not need, he thought, to apologise for appearing in that office. He considered it a great privilege to be allowed to be amongst them, and a very great honour to occupy the position to which they had elected him. He was an older Mason than perhaps some of them thought. He was a member of the Craft of seventeen or eighteen years standing. He became a member when he was very young in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, a special dispensation having been granted to it to allow those in the University to join at an earlier age. In that Lodge, as had been mentioned by Bro. Finch in his remarks in speaking on an earlier toast he (Bro. Symonds) held the post of Secretary, and at that time His Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany was the Master of the Lodge. After leaving the University he (Bro. Symonds) dropped Masonry for several years, though he still remained an honorary member of the Apollo Lodge. When he came to Stockport, for one reason or another he was led to think whether he should not take it up again. He supposed that was because of the "go" that he found characterising everything that went on in the North of England. Comparing the north with the south he said the feature that struck one most was the great amount of energy and spirit that was infused into every Institution in the north—everything being taken up heartily and made to work. That was certainly true of Masonry in Stockport, and he supposed the contagion had extended to himself. He had found that spirit moving him in other things perhaps. When he took hold of a thing he did not like to leave it off. In the course of his further remarks Bro. Symonds thought it would be a very good thing if more of his colleagues in black coats were found in Masonic chairs. He thought the clergy should be in touch with everybody. They ought to be associated with the social life as well as the religious life of the people, and unless they were so associated there would be a good many of their fellow countrymen with whom they would be bound to be out of touch. The clergy were represented outside in very dark colours. Always painted in black. Yes; painted in black and not even given a white choker. The consequence was that one began to have a rather mean opinion of one's self and become rather shy of mixing in affairs outside the Church. He was glad to find, however, that whatever might be said in other directions, amongst the Masons of Stockport, at all events, there was none of that spirit, and he was also pleased to find they had recognised some good qualities in himself. He felt very deeply the honour that had been paid him, and thanked them heartily for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. Before sitting down he presented to Bro. Roberts, the retiring W.M., a Past Master's jewel, as a slight token of the respect in which he was held by the Officers and Brethren, and as some little acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year.

ST. HELEN'S LODGE, No. 531.

THE installation of Bro. C. T. Watson S.W. as W.M. was very impressively performed by Bro. H. Marston I.P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

BUTE LODGE, No. 960.

THE annual election meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of members of the Craft, the Cardiff and Newport Lodges being strongly represented. Those present included the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant. Altogether about 180 members of the Craft were in attendance, with Bro. Harry Samuels W.M. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. Hybart S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, his selection being greeted with hearty applause, both on the part of the Butte Lodge and of the visitors present. Bro. Peace was for the 11th year unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Jenkins the Tyler, their election being as unanimous as that of the W.M.

At the conclusion the Deputy Provincial Grand Master made an eloquent speech on behalf of the Home Charities, in which he was supported by Bros. Harry Samuels and Peace.

Subsequently the interesting ceremony took place of presenting Bro. Harry Samuels with a handsomely framed life-size portrait of himself, in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master of the Lodge during the past year. The presentation was made by the Junior Warden, Bro. Ensor, on behalf of himself and the other Officers of the Lodge, and it is needless to say that the recipient cordially acknowledged this mark of esteem, and thanked his Officers for the assistance and co-operation they had rendered him in carrying on the work of the Lodge. Referring also to the election of Bro. Hybart to the chair for the ensuing year, he said he was quite sure they had selected a brother who would maintain the reputation of the Lodge as it had been maintained in the past.

Refreshments were subsequently served, and numerous toasts honoured, including the health of the retiring W.M., Bro. Harry Samuels, which was proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the W.M. elect, which was proposed by Bro. Samuels, each of which were honoured with the utmost enthusiasm.

TYRIAN LODGE, No. 1110.

THE installation of Bro. J. A. Skinner, as W.M., took place at the Gildridge Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 27th ult. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Fowler. The banquet was greatly enjoyed, and reflected the utmost credit on mine host of the Gildridge. Bro. J. Easter had arranged a capital selection of music, to which he himself contributed. Songs were rendered by Bros. Dean, F. B. Sutton, J. Welch, Avis, Willmot, and others; and Bro. S. G. R. Coles was the accompanist.

WENTWORTH LODGE, No. 1239.

THE twenty-sixth installation of this Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Monday, the 4th inst. The chair being occupied by Bro. Drury W.M., supported by Bro. A. E. Kirkham I.P.M. and the rest of the Officers and brethren of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Stokes S.W., was then presented for installation by Bro. H. Nixon P.M. The ancient charges, &c., having been read over by the Secretary, Bro. T. E. Barker, and to which Bro. Stokes assented to, he took the usual obligation. The brethren below the rank of W.M. then retired, and a board of installed Masters being formed Bro. C. Stokes was installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony throughout was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by Bro. Drury. The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. A. E. Drury I.P.M., M. J. Dodworth S.W., T. E. Barker J.W., J. B. Westenholt P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas., Rev. Geo. Ford M.A. Chaplain, T. Rowbotham Secretary, F. Firth Asst. Sec., W. F. Cole S.D., A. J. Forsdyke J.D., F. S. H. Wilson P.M. D.C., Geo. Wragg Asst. D.C., J. A. Redgers Organist, T. Green I.G., E. Rowbotham S.S., C. Barker J.S., and T. Leighton Tyler. The sum of twenty guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, making up the required amount to endow the W.M.'s chair. Two months ago the sum of fifty guineas was granted for the same object. After despatch of remaining business which appeared on the agenda and tendering of hearty good wishes from visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form, and during the marshalling strains of the organ the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. This was served in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner by the Hall Steward, Bro. R. Turner, and Mrs. Tanner. The tables looked lovely and were beautifully decorated with flowers, &c. Covers were laid for 90, and 89 brethren sat down. The W.M., Bro. C. Stokes, presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and most heartily responded to, and a most happy and harmonious evening was spent and will long be remembered by the brethren present.

SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE, No. 1254.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, on the 4th inst., Bro. R. C. Groves was installed W.M. in the presence of a large number of Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren. Bro. W. Gregory was the Installing Master. After the ceremony the brethren dined together at Bro. Densham's Globe Hotel, when a numerous company attended.

RYBURN LODGE, No. 1283.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sowerby Bridge. Bro. Alf. Cocker was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. William Haigh P.M. P.G. St. Br., assisted by Bro. Thomas Gankroger P.M. P.P.G.P. Bro. Cocker invested his Officers. Bro. William Haigh P.M. P.G. St. Br., was elected to serve on the Charity Committee. After the installation the festival of St. John was celebrated, when the members and a number of visiting brethren sat down to dinner. The W.M., Bro. Cocker presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Buckland, Rickard, Milligan, Benn and Bell contributed songs during the evening, which were much appreciated, and ably accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Henry Gankroger. The Lodge was formed about 25 years ago, holding its meetings in the Royal Hotel, afterwards removing to Central Buildings, and during that year removing to its own premises, affording excellent and commodious rooms.

FENWICK LODGE, No. 1389.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, on the 24th ult. Bro. John Robinson W.M. presided. The W.M. elect Bro. Andrew T. Shepherd was presented by Bro. F. Wade P.M. D.C., and duly installed by Bro. J. W. Hedley P.M. The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the annual festival was held in the evening at the Grand Hotel, Bridge Street.

ST. MARGARET LODGE, No. 1452.

THE annual meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Lowestoft, on the 4th inst., when Bro. J. W. Brooke was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. the Rev. H. Sykes Hume P.M. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, and the regular work of the Lodge was carried out.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1529.

THE annual festival was held at St. Columb on the 22nd ult. There was a goodly muster of members. The W.M. elect Bro. Chas. Brewer S.W. was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The banquet was afterwards served at the Red Lion Hotel. The brethren specially honoured Bro. Davey P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, who is about to leave St. Columb to take upon himself the duties of Master of the Ashton-under-Lyne Union Workhouse. General regret was expressed at his intending departure, and he received many tokens of the high esteem in which he is deservedly held in the Province of Cornwall.

MORECAMBE LODGE, No. 1561.

THE annual meeting was held on the 1st inst., when Bro. Albert Gorton was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. L. Gorton P.M. The newly installed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers. The customary banquet was subsequently held at the King's Arms Hotel.

ELLINGTON LODGE, No. 1566.

AT the meeting which was held in the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Tuesday of last week, the ex-Mayor, Bro. Ernest Gardner S.W. was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, and afterwards appointed and invested the Officers. The annual banquet followed.

BUXTON LODGE, No. 1683.

THE annual installation and banquet was held on Monday of last week at the Palace Hotel, Buxton. The ceremony of installing Bro. E. C. Milligan P.M. 1235 W.M. for the year was conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Lawson, who was assisted by Bros. Orme Brown and C. F. Wardley. The officials were afterwards invested and appointed by the newly installed W.M. The banquet was subsequently held, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

DOUGLAS LODGE, No. 1725.

THE installation meeting was held at the College, Maidstone, on the 24th ult., when Bro. F. S. Stenning P.M. was installed for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. W. Wright P.M. Afterwards the W.M. appointed his Officers for the year, and other business having been transacted, an adjournment was made to the Mitre Hotel, where a banquet was held.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual installation of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, under the presidency of Bro. S. C. Kaufman the Worshipful Master of the past year, who was supported by Bros. W. Shurmur the W.M. elect and Senior Warden of the Lodge, S. Batchelor J.W., B. Nicholson Treasurer, Joseph Cox P.M. Secretary, G. Bishop S.D., W. Johnson J.D., G. H. Clark D.C., E. P. Delevante acting Organist, B. Jacobs I.G. The other Past Masters present were Bros. J. A. Jones, Frank Matthews, H. J. Thrower, and W. Beasley.

The visitors included the following brethren:—F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, F. Dauston W.M. 1326, W. Saville 1278, A. Ellis 651, S. Jacobs P.M., E. Ames P.M. 860, G. Bugler 625, A. R. Bruntton P.M. 860, J. Bunker P.M. 1158, G. Dyke 1275, H. Harris 1275, A. Robertson S.W. 1326, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, G. Cunningham 1607, A. Jacobs W.M. 1349, W. Jacobs 2396, C. H. Beston S.D. 2374, S. C. Bateman S.D. 1707, W. Bleick 2374, H. Dehaue P.M. 1543, W. Martin P.M. 879, G. Corble P.M. 453, J. Speller W.M. 1677, E. G. Cutchley P.M. 1685, W. D. Clinck P.M. 1365, A. Badd 1446, H. Massey P.M. 1928, J. Siegenberg 1668, W. Hawes P.M. 554, J. C. Cawley 1287, T. C. Edmonds P.M. 1507, T. Henderson 1524, W. H. Toye W.M. 1278.

The business on the agenda for the day was of a varied and heavy character, and kept the Officers fully employed during the whole of the afternoon. After the confirmation of the minutes, the third degree was conferred on Bro. James Tandy and Bro. John Smith; the second on Bro. H. Matthews; and the first on Mr. Patrick Ryan, Mr. Alfred Fisher, and Mr. Albert Barner. The installation of Worshipful Master was also performed, and Bro. W. Shurmur received the congratulations of the brethren as ruler of the Lodge, subsequently appointing the following as the assistant Officers for the year:—Bros. Batchelor S.W., Bishop J.W., Nicholson Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Jacobs S.D., Clark J.D., A. Cunningham I.G., W. E. Abbott D.C., H. Prenton Organist, L. Nehm and S. A. Matthews Stewards.

The report of the Audit Committee was received, and a proposition agreed to that a petition should be presented to Grand Chapter asking for a warrant for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard Lodge. Other matters of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, where they were presided over by the new Master, who, in due course, gave the customary toasts. Those of loyalty to the throne and the head of the Order having been honoured, the Master gave that of the Grand Officers, especially referring to the attendance of Bro. Philbrick, who honoured the Lodge with his presence. The name of Philbrick, he said, was everywhere regarded with the greatest respect, but nowhere more so than in the Province of Essex, where as Deputy Grand Master he was universally beloved. In face of the head of the district, whom they had known and revered as Lord Brooke, having succeeded to the Earldom of Warwick, it might be inconvenient for him to continue in the office of Provincial Grand Master, and in such a case he was sure he was but echoing the wish of every Essex Mason when he expressed the hope that Bro. Philbrick might succeed to the higher post. He had won the regard of the district as its Grand Superintendent, and as Deputy in the Craft, and would secure loyal support in the higher office should he be appointed to it.

Bro. Philbrick replied. Were he to trust to the flattering remarks that reached his ears he should be inclined to place himself in the clouds and occupy Jove's chariot as a member of the Royal Family, but other considerations induced him to continue association with more mundane affairs. No Institution was ever better served by those at its head than Freemasonry of the present time, its leaders taking a strong interest in its welfare, and having the great cause of the Craft thoroughly at heart. He believed, from personal experience of their

working, that the general body of Grand Officers were anxious to do their best for the welfare of Freemasonry in general. Speaking personally he might say the Grand Registrar had to fill an appointment that at times made serious calls on him. They would be surprised were he to take them into his Masonic confidence, and show them piles of despatches and correspondence he had to deal with from colonial Lodges, which were very widely spread about, for it must be remembered that wherever the flag of England was flying there did English Freemasonry go. Not the least of the difficulties that were referred to the home authorities arose when it was sought to create a new Grand body; then grave questions had to be settled and differences adjusted. In all these matters they had to respect the rights of others, while at the same time upholding the authority of their own Grand Lodge—the premier Grand Lodge of the world. Paraphrasing the words of a Queen's speech he might say that the Grand Lodge of England was at that moment at amity with all the great Masonic bodies of the world, and he hoped the same satisfactory condition would continue. The speaker then referred to the remarks of the Master *enent* the altered circumstances of their chief in Essex. He failed to see how a change of name altered the man. Whether they called their ruler by the old and beloved title of Lord Brooke, or by his new designation of Warwick he felt sure there would be no difference in the Earl himself, while as for his (Brother Philbrick's) personal position he must say most emphatically that the very last thought that would enter his head would be that of treason to his chief. The speaker concluded an interesting speech by congratulating the Lodge on its prosperity, as evidenced by the desire of the members to complete their work by the addition of a Royal Arch Chapter.

Bro. J. A. Jones Past Master proposed the health of the W.M. He had been asked to submit this toast as the Immediate Past Master felt that the large amount of work he had had to transact had necessitated his voice being heard often enough in the Lodge that evening. As Senior Past Master among those present he felt an especial pleasure in responding to the request. They must all hope the new Master would enjoy a prosperous and busy term of office. He was already well known in Freemasonry, and had won distinction in other quarters where his zeal had proved beneficial and had secured him respect and esteem. He might truly say that it would be impossible to find a more zealous Mason anywhere in London. He had been nominated for the appointment of Grand Treasurer of England, and in cordially asking the brethren to support his candidature he might truly say that if Brother Shurmur was elected the office would lose none of its lustre.

In reply Bro. Shurmur felt he must first express his gratitude at being present. He had been very unwell, and had been afraid he would be obliged to stay away from the Lodge; however, he had been able to attend, and thanked the Great Architect of the Universe for it, and the brethren for their hearty reception. He had been a member of the Lodge for some years, and had worked through most of its offices. He hoped it would be his lot to faithfully discharge the duties of the high office they had that night conferred upon him. He promised them he should devote himself to the utmost of his power so as to win their good opinion. There was always the feeling that a brother who had already passed the chair should be expected to do more than those who filled it for the first time, but even with this in mind he should endeavour to win the approval of his Lodge, the members of which he heartily thanked for their kind and flattering support.

The next toast, given from the chair, was that of the Installing Master. It was quite unnecessary to express any opinion as to how the work had been done, because those present had seen for themselves how efficiently Bro. Kaufman had carried out the duties that devolved upon him. Speaking from a wide personal experience the Master felt justified in congratulating his predecessor on his efforts. It must have been evident to all that he had thrown his whole heart into the work, and as a result he had succeeded. He was deserving of praise for his sterling good qualities, and had well earned the jewel which it was now his privilege to present to him. In making the presentation he might conscientiously say that he did not know a brother more deserving of recognition than he. The members of the Lodge, however, had gone farther, for they considered that the Lodge jewel which was almost regarded as a matter of course did not sufficiently express their gratification at the working of Bro. Kaufman, and in order to emphasise it they had deputed him to present a supplementary jewel as a personal gift from the members, and as a special mark of their appreciation.

The installing Master replied, thanking the brethren for their two handsome presentations. When he first took office his great ambition was to fulfil all the duties that appertained to the appointment, and he was pleased to think, now that he had passed the chair of the Lodge, that his efforts had been somewhat successful. The decoration the Lodge presented to its outgoing Master was, perhaps, a sort of courtesy vote, but the same could not be said of the second jewel he had just received, which really meant a true outburst of approval from the brethren. Although he had now won all the distinction it was possible to win in the Lodge they might rely on him continuing to do all that lay in its power for its welfare and should they at any time desire him to resume office they would find him ready and willing to do his best in it.

Other toasts were given, including those of the Past Masters, the Visitors and the Officers, and the company separated at a late hour.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE sitting of the House of Commons on Saturday did little to mar the success of the installation of this Lodge, which is mainly composed of journalists who fulfil their professional duty in the Palace of Westminster. There had assembled to welcome Bro. John C. Manning, the new Master, an unprecedentedly large number of visiting brethren, including Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer,

Bro. Burnie, M.P., Past Provincial Grand Treasurer (South Wales), Colonel F. C. Maude, who won his Victoria Cross in the Indian Mutiny and Bro. David Christie Murray. All these addressed the assembly in the course of the proceedings. Bro. Eve emphasising the desirability of the Officers of Grand Lodge being drawn from a wider area than at present; Bro. Burnie speaking of the universality of the benevolence fostered by the Craft; Colonel Maude, in proof of this, instancing cases where Masonry during the mutiny had saved lives; and Bro. Murray delighting his hearers with reminiscences of the Press Gallery in the latest days in which Disraeli led the Commons.

The installation took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. C. K. Moore, the outgoing Master, ably inducted his successor, Bro. J. C. Manning (formerly and for many years resident in Swansea), who appointed and invested his principal Officers, as follow:—Bro. Chas. Lock S.W., P. W. Husk J.W., W. M. Dackworth Treasurer, W. T. Perkins Secretary, Rev. J. S. Barrass Chaplain, G. Tarran S.D., B. Streim J.D., S. James I.G., E. E. Peacock D.C., E. A. Peachey and R. S. Masson A.D.C. A gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. C. K. Moore on leaving the chair, as a mark of the appreciation in which he was held by the members of the Lodge. There was a large number of visitors present.

Bro. Manning, the Worshipful Master, was initiated a member of the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, in 1862, and advanced to the degree of Mark Master in the Keystone Lodge, No. 109, Newport, Monmouthshire, in 1887. He joined the Gallery Lodge in 1885.

At the banquet which followed the installation, Bro. Burnie took occasion to refer to Bro. Manning's long connection with South Wales.

A musical feature of the evening was the glee and madrigal singing of the famous Dilettanto Vocal Quartette, whose classical rendering of some of the most melodious of our old English compositions has produced quite a *furore* in the Metropolis wherever they have attended.

ANFIELD LODGE, No. 2215.

THE members held their sixth annual meeting at the Sandon Hotel, Anfield, on the 23rd ult. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Bain W.M. After some routine business Bro. James F. Booth S.W. was installed in the W.M.'s chair by the retiring Master. The Officers were invested and Bro. J. Houlding P.P.G.R. unanimously elected Charity Representative. After the Lodge was closed the brethren and guests sat down to a banquet prepared in first-class style by Bro. Frisk, manager of the hotel, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to songs, recitations, &c. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel from the Lodge was presented to Bro. Bain by the W.M., and a P.M.'s apron and collar from some members of the Lodge as a token of the high esteem in which Bro. Bain is held, by Bro. J. Houlding P.P.G.R., thus closing a very happy and enjoyable evening.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 27th ult., Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M. There were also present:—Bros. F. W. Wollaston I.P.M., Cyril H. Beaver S.W., Charles Harrop J.W., Joe. Hilton Treasurer, M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, Henry Nall P.M. S.D., Fred. Hilton Prov. Gr. D. of C. J.D., Herbert W. Brockbank I.G., J. Crompton Wood Prov. Gr. A.D. of C. Chap., Seth Wrigley P.M. D. of C., Elwin A. Smith Org., Humphrey C. Lilly Std., Thomas Hammett Std., J. W. Lloyd P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Assist. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), A. J. Schofield, Rd. Brown, Sam Luke, W. W. Hitching, G. R. Ward. Visitors—Bros. Wm. Craig Royle W.M. 1170, Edgar Herbert Ritson 1161 and I.G. 2464, Wm. Hammond 295, Joseph M. Blackett 295, John Coupland 1375, W. Lees 1496.

The minutes having been confirmed Bro. E. A. Smith was invested as Organist and Bro. A. J. Schofield as Steward. A ballot as joining member was successfully taken for Bro. Thomas Black 1170 P.P.G.D., after which Mr. Sheldon Harold Stubbs, Engineer, Longsight, was initiated by the W.M., who was assisted by Bro. Thomas P.M., the latter giving the address in the N.E., Bro. Harrop who explained the working tools, and Bro. Beaver who rendered the ancient charge.

The sum of £15 in equal amounts was contributed by three worthy Officers of the Lodge, the same to be forwarded to the charity funds in connection with the Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

At the festive board the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother in an excellent and characteristic speech, to which Bro. Stubbs replied, the latter saying that being amongst those who knew so much he must plead ignorance, but he felt that whatever was deficient in him would be put right. It was perhaps a singular thing that the building in which he was made a Freemason was built by his father, every stone of the hotel having come from his yard. In conclusion he thanked Bro. Hammett for proposing him and Bro. Thomas for seconding that proposal, as also the brethren generally for their kindness throughout.

Bro. Wollaston I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., and paid a very high tribute to Bro. Brabner for having conformed to the working of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, even though the method differed from his own former practice, and further said that the ceremony of that day had been performed without a single mistake.

Bro. Brabner W.M. in response said that he had been exceedingly flattered by the way in which Bro. Wollaston had proposed the toast. For his own part he felt that the position of Worshipful Master should raise a feeling of pride in any man, and he was especially proud to be W.M. of the Minnehaha Lodge. He reverted to his predecessors, and said that it would be his aim to imitate them in trying to make his Lodge one of the first in various ways. An erroneous impression had got abroad that none but those belonging to the Minnehaha Minstrel troupe were entitled to join their ranks, and he wished to dispel this illusion, for they had formed no such standard. They certainly had a jealous desire to admit none but good men who would be

of use, but they were in antagonism with no other Lodge in the Province, and did not wish to outshine any except in the excellence of their ceremonial and in acts of charity.

Other toasts followed, the same being diversified by songs and sketches. Bro. Thomas sang the "Entered Apprentice" song, and also one composed by Bro. Herbert W. Brockbank, entitled "The Wish." Bro. Ritson gave one of his popular and exceedingly funny laughing songs, and there were also contributions from Bros. Schofield, Luke, Beever, and Roberts.

FELIX LODGE, No. 2371.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, on Friday, 1st inst. The ceremony of installing Bro. Cuckow as Worshipful Master was impressively performed by Bro. C. H. Downes, who was subsequently presented by the Lodge with a Past Master's jewel. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year.

In consequence of the recent lamented death of the Treasurer of the Lodge (Bro. H. G. Quilter), the installation banquet has been postponed till the January Lodge meeting.

HICKS-BEACH LODGE, No. 2407.

THE members of this flourishing young Lodge held their annual festival in Badbrook Hall, Stroud, last week, when Bro. James Kyle S.W. was installed W.M. by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith G.S.D. At the conclusion the I.P.M. Bro. N. Philpott was presented with a handsome and well-deserved jewel in recognition of his past services. The Officers for the current year were appointed. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, and was followed by the usual toasts.

HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418.

THE ordinary meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, South Shields, on Thursday, 30th ult., Bro. William Dalziel W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance. The members were favoured with a visit from the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, those present including Bros. Joseph R. Pattison P.G.S.W., R. Hudson P.G.S.B. England P.G. Secretary, Huntley Campbell P.G.J.D., F. S. Cowper P.G.S. of Works, and John Joel P.G. Assistant Secretary.

After the business of the Lodge, supper was partaken of, and the usual toasts were honoured, Bro. R. Hudson responding for the Grand Lodge and Bro. Pattison for the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

The musical portions of the proceedings were excellently rendered by a glee party under the direction of Bro. L. Winstone Organist.

ROYAL ARCH.

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HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 156.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, when Comps. W. E. Chapell H. and J. C. Revill J. were installed. The first Principal elect Comp. Thomas Parker was unavoidably absent. The installing Officers were Comps. W. K. Michell P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. and G. S. Strode Lowe P.Z. P.G.J.

STAR OF GWYNEDD CHAPTER, No. 381.

THE installation was held on Wednesday of last week, at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, the installing Officers being Companions R. J. David and Cornelius Davies. Comp. Robert Owen was installed M.E.Z. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel.

AVALON CHAPTER, No. 446.

THE annual meeting was held at the Vicars' Hall, Wells, on the 21st ult. The Treasurer (Comp. Perkins) presented his report, which was very satisfactory, there being a substantial balance in hand notwithstanding extraordinary expenses in connection with the new place of meeting. Comp. Crosse was presented and inducted into the chair of Z. Comp. R. Norton was installed H., and Comp. Hodge J. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Comp. Perkins for having performed the ceremony of installation, and after some other business had been transacted, the Companions adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where they sat down, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., to an excellent dinner.

HARTINGTON CHAPTER, No. 916.

THE installation was held at the Albion Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 16th ult., when the following were invested—Comp. L. Jeffery M.E.Z., J. O. Lewis H., J. H. Wright J., W. E. Morrison P.Z. Treasurer, C. Warwick Tomes P.Z. S.E., E. Lawson Lewis P.S., J. H. Ewart 1st Assist. S.

FURNESS CHAPTER, No. 995.

THE installation of the Principals and Officers was held on the 20th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Ulverston. The installing Officer was Comp. the Rev. F. G. McNally P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., who was

assisted by Dr. Murray P.Z. The following were duly installed:—Comp. John Cowart M.E.Z., Edward Walker H., J. S. Whitham J., Myles Kennedy Scribe E., J. P. Ashburner Scribe N. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Companions adjourned to the County Hotel, where a most excellent banquet had been prepared for them by the hostess, Mrs. T. Smith. Here the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given.

SAINT PANCRAS CHAPTER, No. 2271.

AT the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 30th ult., there were present Comp. W. A. Scurrah P.Z. P.P.G.S. Middlesex M.E.Z., Longman H., H. Graham J. Chapter was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. The ballot proving unanimous, Bros. J. H. Gunn, Jonathan Mason, and Joseph Mason, of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, were exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., who, though suffering from a severe cold and cough, exalted these brethren in a most exemplary manner, making a great impression on the minds of the candidates. The M.E.Z. was ably assisted by his Officers. There being no other business the Companion adjourned to the banquet. The leading toasts were given by the M.E.Z. briefly but earnestly.

The health of the Z. was given by Comp. Stiles, who in referring to his old friend and companion spoke of the great kindness and services he had always received from the M.E.Z. This toast was heartily received and suitably replied to by the M.E.Z.

The health of the H. and J. was next given.

Comp. Longman H., expressed the great pleasure he felt in having succeeded in doing his duty to the satisfaction of the M.E.Z.

Comp. Irvine acting J. also returned thanks, and expressed the happiness he felt in being able to assist. He should always be pleased to be useful, particularly in the St. Pancras Chapter.

MARK MASONRY.

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BRITANNIA LODGE, No 53.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, 7th inst. Bro. M. J. Dodworth W.M. presided, and was well supported by his Officers and Brethren. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed Bro. Ed. G. Whiteley of the Wentworth Craft Lodge, 1239, was very impressively and ably advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. in a most praiseworthy manner. After the despatch of the remaining business on the agenda paper the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to supper and a very happy evening was spent.

MARK MASONRY AT WIGAN.

ON Saturday an imposing function took place at Wigan, the occasion being the holding of a meeting in commemoration of the Union of the English and Scottish Mark Lodges in 1872. The Rose and Thistle Lodge (158), now stationed at Wigan, was formed for the purpose of marking the Union, and this year it celebrates its coming of age. Opportunity was taken at the same time of marking the twenty-first anniversary of the Union, which may be described as the starting point of the extraordinary progress the Mark Degree has made in England in recent years. The meeting was constituted under the banner of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, which was held by a special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Past Grand Master, in the Municipal Buildings, and there was a large attendance of brethren. After the reception of Bro. Lord Crawford D.P.G.M., and Bro. J. Woodall Woodall P.G.M. for East and North Yorkshire, the ceremony of advancement was worked by the W.M., Bro. W. Simpson Prov. G.S.W. After the M.W. Pro Grand Master of England (the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston), who was accompanied by the Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire (the Right Hon. A. Tatton Egerton, M.P.), Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Grand Secretary P.D.P.G.M. Lancashire, entered in procession, and after the reception the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. Subsequently a conversazione was held in the Wigan Public Hall, and in the evening Bro. Simpson entertained some of the Grand Officers at dinner at his residence.

MASONIC SONNETS.—No. 80.

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

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A WELCOME TO BRADFORD, TO BRO. R. BROWN P.M. 295 P.P.G. STWD. CHESHIRE.

Welcome, my Brother, to our busy town,
Right glad we are to give thee joyous greeting;
We e'en forget dull old December's frown
In sincere pleasure at our happy meeting.
It matters not when kindred spirits meet
However dark and gloomy is the weather;
Since heart to heart in unison will beat
When true Masonic souls are met together.
And they will meet as oft they've met before,
And to the full hold sweetest of communion;
For Bradford ope's her hospitable door,
And thus invites you to complete the union.
So cross its portals—a Fraternal band
Will greet thee well and clasp thee by the hand.

Winder House, Bradford,

12th December 1893.

PRESENTATION TO LADY BLYTHSWOOD.

AS an "expression of the esteem in which Lord Blythswood is held by the Masonic fraternity, and of their gratitude to him for his invaluable services to the Grand Lodge of Scotland," Lady Blythswood was on Friday, the 24th ult., presented with a bust of her husband. The ceremony took place at Blythswood House, near Paisley, the residence of Lord and Lady Blythswood, and the presentation was made by the Earl of Haddington Grand Master Mason of Scotland, in the presence of a large and distinguished company. The bust, which is life-size, is the work of Mr. G. W. Stevenson, Edinburgh, and has been executed in Carrara marble.

Lord Haddington, in making the presentation, said that from his position as Grand Master Mason of Scotland—a position to which he was nominated by Lord Blythswood—he had been deputed by the Grand Lodge to present the bust of her husband to Lady Blythswood, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the fraternity, and of their gratitude to him for his invaluable services to the Craft.

The fifty-fifth annual Masonic ball of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 31st January 1894, on which occasion the whole suite of elegantly decorated rooms will be thrown open. Tickets, 12s each, including refreshments and supper, can be had from the Stewards:—Bros. William Hunt W.M. President, J. N. Street S.W. V.P., John Whaley P.M., Geo. Evans P.M., Carl T. Fleck P.M., F. M. Jordan J.W., C. E. Fuchs, R. Barrett S.D., F. Davies I.G., H. J. Consens D.C., G. Yeowell, A. W. Woods, D. R. McLeod; or from the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Geo. King P.M., Charterhouse, E.C. J. Lings Bareham's band will be in attendance, while Bro. Jarvis will act as M.C.

The centenary of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, Stockport, of which we give the report of the installation meeting elsewhere, was celebrated last year. The last event of the kind in Cheshire was at Macclesfield, and the next will be at Mottram a few years hence (1899). In the year 1906, strange to say, three of the Lodges that were constituted in Stockport in the year 1806, viz., the Unity, now No. 321, and held at Crewe; the Peace, No. 322, holding its meetings at the Warren Bulkeley Hotel; and the Concord, No. 323, meeting at the Florist Hotel, as well as the St. John's Lodge, No. 104, held at the White Lion Hotel, which was revived in the same year, 1806, will hold their centenary meetings, or, perhaps it may be wiser to say, they will have an opportunity of doing so.

The news that the Prince of Wales has re-appointed Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence will be welcomed by all Masons, including the poor and distressed wherever dispersed over the face of earth or water. For Bro. Grey does indeed practise that special Masonic virtue of charity, not merely in his public but in his private capacity, as many a poorer brother has experienced. A Londoner bred and born, he was brought up at Merchant Taylor's School, and went early into his father's business in Water Lane. Over thirty years ago he was initiated in the St. Andrew's-in-the-East Lodge, then meeting at the Old London Tavern, in Bishopsgate Street, where one of his earliest brother Officers was T. W. Boord, now M.P. for Greenwich. Joining the Prince of Wales Lodge, he had the honour of initiating the Duke of Connaught. No Mason has received higher marks of favour from the Grand Master, and no one is more deserving of them. No grand Masonic ceremony is complete without Bro. "Bob" Grey, as his familiars call him, and though neither a member of the Chancery Bar nor, for the matter of that, a barrister at all, he took part, as Junior Warden, when the Prince consecrated in Lincoln's Inn Hall for the first time a Craft Lodge. Although the once jet black beard is turning silver sable, the President looks as if he has many years of work in him.—*Evening News and Post.*

CHRISTMAS BEEF.—The most notable transaction at the annual Christmas Cattle Market was the purchase by Spiers and Pond (Limited) of fifty of the very finest polled Scotch beasts ever brought to London. "The grandest lot ever you see," as a well-known connoisseur was heard to exclaim. The modern art of preparing beasts for market is not to obtain mountains of mere fat, but to produce an animal which shall yield a large proportion of lean and saleable meat; and the herd in question fulfilled every condition which knowledge of the subject has devised. The countless customers of the celebrated caterers may indulge with confidence, during the coming Christmas-tide, not only in the Roast Beef of Old England, but also in the belief that the qualities which first made it famous have, by the lights of science, been so developed that it is the ideal food of man.

The Prince of Wales, who above all things likes to be amused, paid a high compliment to Mr. Frank Lockwood, whom he met on Tuesday night at the dinner given in the hall of Lincoln's Inn on the celebration of the formation of a Lodge of Freemasonry, exclusively recruited from the Chancery Bar. At the dinner H.R.H. asked who was going to respond for the toast of the Bar, and was told it was Mr. Pope, Q.C. Mr. Pope is an amiable and a learned gentleman, who carries a light heart under a heavy weight of flesh. But he is not exactly the kind of after-dinner speaker who sets the table in a roar. His seniority imposed on him the duty of responding for this toast, and he might not be displaced. But the Prince wanted to hear Frank Lockwood, and the ingenuity of the chairman was equal to the occasion. The toast of the visitors was added to the formal list, the Prince himself proposing it, coupled with the name of Mr. Lockwood. The learned Recorder's speech is not reported in any of the papers, which is a pity, since it sparkled with humour. One of its happiest points was made out of an incident that had taken place before dinner. At one stage of the installation of the Lodge only brethren who had passed the chair were by the occult rules of Freemasonry permitted to be present. Lord Halsbury and Mr. Lockwood were among the learned brothers whom this rule temporarily withdrew from the room. Alluding to this incident Mr. Lockwood observed that in a certain class of cases, not unfamiliar to learned judges present, women and children, representatives of all that was beautiful and pure, were ordered to leave the court. "In the same way, sir," he said, turning to the Prince of Wales, "at a particular stage of the ceremony over which your Royal Highness presided, Lord Halsbury and I were ordered to quit the room, and of what thereafter took place we are absolutely ignorant." The idea of Lord Halsbury as a type of female beauty shyly withdrawing from conversation unfitted for the ear of a young damsel was so irresistibly comical that it was some time before the shouts of laughter that welcomed the hit permitted Mr. Lockwood to proceed.—*Sheffield Independent.*

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On Saturday, 23rd December, 1.15 and 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance. The 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter calling at Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, &c., reaching Exeter at 12.0 midnight, and will convey passengers for stations on the Barnstaple Branch. A special fast train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford calling at the same stations between Swindon and New Milford as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train. A special fast train will leave Paddington at 11.50 p.m. midnight, for Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot (for Torquay and Kingswear), Totnes, Tisbury, Salisbury, Plymouth, and stations thence to Penzance.

The usual Sunday trains will be run on Christmas Day, but the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington will also run on Sunday and Christmas Day, 21st and 25th December, as on week days to Oxford, Weston-Super-Mare, and Swansea. The train will be twelve minutes earlier than usual between Didcot and Oxford, so as to connect at Oxford with the 7.25 and 7.40 a.m. trains, thence to Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, &c.

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On Saturday, December 23rd, a special Express will leave Euston Station at 2.30 p.m., for Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. Passengers for these districts will not be conveyed by the 2.10 p.m. train from Euston on this date. Special trains will also be run from Willesden Junction at 2.35 p.m., to Blechley, Wolverton, Rugby, principal Stations on the Great Valley, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from Euston, and from Euston at 2.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham.

On the same day the Night Irish Mail, due to leave Euston at 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.5 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester for Holyhead and Ireland will leave at the usual hours. The Mail Steamer for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board.

The 12.0 night Train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Sunday, December 24th, will be conveyed from Warrington to Kendal and Carlisle as on week days.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—A Special Train will leave Euston at 6.15 a.m. for Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Stafford, Crewe, Manchester, Liverpool, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. Other trains will run as on Sundays.

On Bank Holiday, Tuesday, December 26th, the Express Trains usually leaving London (Euston) at 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will not be run, passengers will be conveyed by the 12.10 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. trains respectively. The 4.30 p.m. London (Euston) to Birmingham and Wolverhampton, will also be discontinued, and passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m. train, except those for Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Wellingboro', &c., who must travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. Numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important Cities and Towns will not be run.

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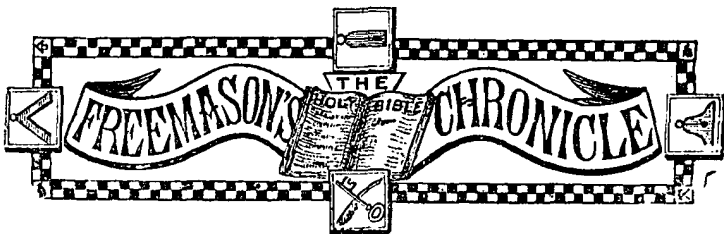
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The remarks of Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, who was a visitor at the installation meeting of the Gallery Lodge, will no doubt attract attention in Masonic circles. Bro. Eve is reported to have "emphasised the desirability of the Officers of Grand Lodge being drawn from a wider area than at present," and we very much regret we were not present to hear what Bro. Eve said in support of his contention, as our distinguished Brother would not have touched upon such a topic without having first mastered its details. No doubt many will share with us the idea that the collars of Grand Lodge are very widely dispersed, except, perhaps, that the Lodges of London are seldom favoured with grand honours, but we are certainly unable to support such a theory at the moment, now that it has been questioned. We should like to hear further on the subject, and shall devote some attention to it later on.

Those who know Bro. Sir John Monckton will understand that his remarks at the installation meeting of the British Union Lodge, Ipswich, which we report this week, as to the association of Freemasonry with the Lord Mayors of London, must be accepted in the

same jovial strain as he is wont to use when addressing a Masonic audience, but Sir John will excuse us for saying that his official position as Town Clerk of the City renders such remarks liable to be misunderstood by the outside world. Of course he knows as well as any one that the fact of a candidate for the Mayoralty being a Freemason has little if anything to do with his chance of success; it is merely a coincidence that the men selected to preside over the affairs of the City should also be members of the Masonic Order, although being popular men in their own sphere of life it is but natural they should be attracted by the popularity and known advantages of Freemasonry.

The installation of the Rev. Arthur Symons as W.M. of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, reported this week, gave that brother an opportunity of addressing a few words to his fellow townsmen as to his ideas of the relationship that should exist between members of the Church and the general public. Naturally his remarks took a Masonic turn, but altogether they bear evidence of a spirit which might be imitated by churchmen generally with advantage, not only to themselves, but more particularly to those with whom they come into contact. Our experience is that the best of churchmen improve by association with the Masonic Order, while Freemasonry certainly gains by their countenance and support.

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. John Barnett on his election to the office of Master of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177. Although Bro. Barnett has already won distinction in the Craft this latest appointment will add honour to his record, the Mastership of so old a Lodge being in itself a high distinction. We wish him every success and a busy term of office.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to inform you there is a slight mistake in your report respecting the nomination of Bro. W. M. Stiles as Grand Treasurer. The Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton said that Bro. Stiles was Vice-President of all three Masonic Institutions; this is incorrect, Bro. Stiles is Vice-Patron of all three. May I ask you to be good enough to insert this in your next issue of the CHRONICLE. And oblige,

Yours faithfully,

W. A. SCURRAH.

12 Rutland Street, Regents Park, N.W.
13th December 1893.

It has been arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Harmony Lodge, No. 298, with proper rejoicings, and the same may be said in regard to another of the East Lancashire Lodges—the Minerva, No. 300, of Ashton-under-Lyne. The Harmony Lodge was established in December 1793, and first met at the Unicorn Inn, Royton, but was removed to the Blue Ball, Rochdale, in February 1794, and has been held in Rochdale ever since. A history of the Lodge has been carefully compiled, and will shortly be published.

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In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford.

On Saturday, 23rd December, the 1.15 and 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter. A special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 p.m. (midnight).

The usual Sunday service of trains will be run on Christmas day, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Sunday, 24th December or Christmas day, the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington will run on both those days as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley, and Wolverhampton.

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN COMPANY

ANNOUNCE that the ticket Offices at Easton, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, 18th December, to Saturday, 23rd December, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train.

Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays) at the following town receiving offices of the Company:—Cross Keys, 1 Wood Street, Cheapside, E.C.; 15 Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate Street, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Swan-with-Two Necks, 65 Gresham Street, E.C.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64 Fleet Street, E.C.; Palmer's, 79 Knightrider Street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap, E.C.; 116 Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285 High Holborn, W.C.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; 43 New Oxford Street, W.C.; 3 James Street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34 Parliament Street, Westminster, S.W.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street, S.W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford Street, W.; 496 Oxford Street, W.; 231 Edgware Road, W.; Lion, 108 New Bond Street, W.; 33 Hereford Road, Bayswater, W.; 34 Albert Gate, Knightsbridge, S.W.; 33 High Street, Kensington, W.; 65 Aldgate, E.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks Canning Town Goods Station, 41 Barking Road, E.; 233 and 231 Blackfriars Road, S.E.; 117 High Street, Borough, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.; "Angel," Islington, 5 Pentonville Road, N.; L. B. & S. C. Office, 8 Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze & Son's Tourist Offices, 142 Strand, W.C.; 4 Northumberland Avenue; and 18 Westbourne Grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.

The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below:—On Saturday, 23rd December, a special train will leave Easton Station at 2.30 p.m. for Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. Passengers for those districts will not be conveyed by the 2.10 p.m. express from Easton on that date. A special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Easton). The 4.30 p.m., Easton to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Easton at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Easton at 4.30 p.m. as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Market Harborough, Wellingboro', Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Wallsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The night Irish mail, due to leave Easton 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.5 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours. The mail steamer for Kingston will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Easton), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Sunday,

24th December, will be extended from Warrington to Kendal and Carlisle as on week days. On Christmas Day, a special train will leave Easton at 6.15 a.m. for Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Stafford, Crewe, Manchester, Liverpool, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. The ordinary Sunday service of trains will be run. On Bank Holiday, Tuesday, 26th December, the express trains usually leaving London (Easton) at 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will not be run, passengers will be conveyed by the 12.10 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. trains respectively. The 4.30 p.m., London (Easton) to Birmingham and Wolverhampton, will also be discontinued, and passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m. train, except those for Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Wellinboro', &c., who will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Easton. Numerous residential trains will not run, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the Company's local notices. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not run on Bank Holiday, but the corridor dining car trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will be run as usual.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY,

TO prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd December, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which is given in our advertisement column. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., on Fridays, 22nd December, for four or eight days, and 29th December for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey. The single fare tickets issued on 22nd December will be available for returning on any day up to and including 30th December, and single fare tickets taken on 29th December will be available for returning any day up to and including 5th January 1894.

Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Wednesday, 20th December, to Dublin, via Morecambe, available for returning on 23rd, 28th, 30th December, 2nd or 4th January; on Thursday, 21st December, to Dublin, via Liverpool, available for 16 days; on Friday, 22nd December, to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush, via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, 23rd December, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning 28th December, or 1st or 4th January.

On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Empire.—The programme offered at this theatre is as usual of a highly interesting character and leaves nothing to be desired. The management are never behindhand in novelties, and amongst the latest attractions is the dance "Farfalla," or "Butterfly," which is performed by Miss Clara Wieland. This is an exquisitely pretty dance, very similar to the "Serpentine" with which Miss Fuller so fascinated our neighbours on the other side of the Channel. The great novelty, however, in the "Farfalla" dance is that mirrors form a semicircle or horseshoe on the stage, and whilst Miss Wieland goes through her various evolutions she is reflected many times. The effect is most charming and is a decided hit. We think there is little doubt that it will meet with continued success. The singing and dancing by the "Diez's French Quartette"—two ladies and two gentlemen—is also exceedingly clever and deserving of praise. Mr. Charles Morritt's latest illusion, "The Flying Lady and Convicts' Escape," Miss Marie Lloyd, Lavater's performing dogs, the Frantz Family (acrobats), Tacchi brothers (vocal eccentrics), and Mr. Charles Tilbury (vocalist) are all worthy of favourable comment, and together with the two ballets "Katrina" and "The Girl I left behind me," which are both good and deservedly continue to meet with public favour, form an evening's entertainment which of its kind it would be hard to excel. The music throughout is excellent, and we must congratulate the management on the perfect way in which all their arrangements for the public's comfort and amusement are carried out.

The pantomime at Drury Lane will be entitled "Robinson Crusoe," with libretto by Sir A. Harris and Harry Nicholls, the music, &c., being arranged and composed by Mr. James M. Glover; scenic artists, Messrs. Casey, Perkins, Ryan and Harker; stage manager, Sir A. Harris (assisted by Mr. Arthur Collins); ballet master, Mr. D'Auban; principal boy, Miss Ada Blanche; principal girl, Miss Marie Lloyd; dame, Mr. Dan Leno; king, Mr. Herbert Campbell. The members of the company already engaged are as follows:—Little Tich, Arthur Alexander, Brown, Newland and LeClercq, the Poluskes, the Gees, Signor Albertieri, Mr. John D'Auban, and Miss Emma D'Auban; principal dancer, Mdlle. Zucchi; clown, Mr. Harry Payne.

At the Lyceum Theatre the subject of the pantomime will be "Cinderella," with libretto by Mr. Horace Lennard and music composed and arranged by Oscar Barrett; scenic artists, Messrs. Henry Emden, J. Pritchard, Barrett and Hawes Craven; stage managers,

Messrs. Arthur Branton and J. R. Cranford; musical conductor, Mr. James Weaver; ballet mistress, Madame Katti Lanner; principal girl, Miss Elinore Terriss (Cinderella). The other artists already engaged are:—Messrs. Victor Stevens and Fred Emery (sisters), Harry Parker, Deane Brand, William Lutz, Charles Wallace and Charles Lauri, Miss Kate Charl (Prince), Miss Clara Jecks (Baroness), Miss Alice Brookes (Jardini), Miss Minnie Terry, Miss Florrie Harmon, Mdlle. Zaufret, Miss Bessie Rignold, and Miss Sasie Vaughan. Principal dancer, Miss Louie Loveday. Harlequinade by Charles Lauri and troupe. The pantomime will be a fairy performance in two parts, with an interval and without a procession. It will be produced on the 26th inst., under the direction of Mr. Oscar Barrett.

At the pretty and popular Parkhurst, which is conveniently situated in the Holloway Road, there will be produced on Saturday evening, 23rd inst., at 7.45, by arrangement with Mr. St. John Denton and Mr. Fred Storey, an original pantomime, entitled "Aladdin in Luck, or the Patent Safety Lamp." Libretto by Mr. Tom Craven, author of the "Ballad Singer," &c., music by Mr. Thos. P. Fish, the popular chef d'orchestre. The company engaged is a strong and thoroughly attractive one, and includes Messrs. Fred Storey, Harry Brayne, J. B. Montagne, Sydney Vincent, Geo. Moolie, and Burton White, Mesdames Louie Cleveland, Madge Lewis, Susie Allayn, Hilda Corral, Maude Bowden and Louie Brandon. The harlequinade by Messrs. Spink and Spink and George Moodie. The scenery has been invented, designed, and painted by Mr. Fred Storey, and will be on an elaborate scale.

A copyright performance of "Gabriella," the new one-act opera composed by Signor Emili Pizzi for Madame Adelina Patti, took place at St. George's Hall, on the 25th ult., the date corresponding with that of the first performance in America (at Boston) by Madame Patti and her company. We may mention that the principal parts were sustained by Mrs. Avon Saxon, Madame Brazzi, Mr. Avon Saxon, Mr. Hirwen Jones, Mr. Franklin Clive.

It was on the 1st of June 1861 that Monsieur Blondin, then in the prime of life, first visited England and electrified the visitors to the Crystal Palace by his daring and wonderful feats on the high rope. Two years previously he had conceived and executed the bold idea of crossing the Niagara Falls on a rope 170 feet above the water-level, the distance traversed being 1,100 feet. He afterwards performed the still more wonderful feat of walking the rope across the Falls on stilts, carrying a man on his back. This was witnessed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was then on his American tour. At the Crystal Palace the rope was stretched from end to end of the Great Central Transept, at a height of 100 feet from the ground floor. So successful and attractive were these performances that over one million eight hundred thousand people witnessed them, there being on two occasions an assemblage of over 84,900. It is not easy to forget the wonderful sight of the sea of upturned faces gazing upon the solitary figure which dared not only to cross but even to disport itself upon the frail bridge stretched at so vast a height above them. The veteran hero, who will complete his 70th year on the last day of February next, will return to the Crystal Palace—the scene of his first British triumphs—on Boxing Day next, and will repeat every evening during the Christmas holidays his thrilling exploits, proving to the public that advancing years have in no way diminished his intrepidity and dexterity. In 1861 visitors willingly paid half a guinea each for seats, the price of admission to the Palace being also increased on the days Blondin appeared. During his forthcoming visit, however, the charge for admission will remain at one shilling, no charge whatever being made for seats.

AN INCIDENT OF NAPOLEON'S CAMPAIGN IN RUSSIA, 1812.

IN traversing that wretched town Oshimiana we saw about one hundred officers, prisoners, crammed in the goal of the place, behind windows guarded by iron bars. These poor fellows were in their shirt sleeves, having been plundered by the Cossacks of their coats, trousers, &c. On seeing us these unfortunates called to us through their bars, begging for something to eat, and fire, and accompanying their heart-breaking cries with impressive gestures. Equally sad spectacles presented themselves at each step. I was therefore greatly surprised at seeing my comrades approach, cause to be distributed among them our remaining provisions and some clothes, and then repair to the Starotz, a slave name given to the mayor or head of the village. They exacted from him that the stove of the prison should be heated; finally they left money in order that clothes, bread and meat might be purchased, threatening severe punishment if their orders were not attended to. I asked Wlodeck the motive of this extraordinary interest. He replied: "These are Freemasons; they made us the sign of distress; being Freemasons ourselves, we were bound to succour our brothers, since it was in our power to do so." —*Memoirs of General Rochefort.*

The Accident Insurance Company (Limited), of 10 St. Swithin's Lane, London, has just paid, on the production of Probate, £1000 for curious fatal claim. Mr. W. B. Lawson, Stockbroker, of Belfast, was for many years an agent of the Company, and in 1875 he effected a policy for the above amount. In September last, while taking a walk in Carrs Glen, Upper Ballysillan, he was accidentally drowned in nine inches of water. He must have stumbled down an embankment as several stones had been dislodged by the fall, and being stunned, dropped into a small stream and therein suffocated.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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Saturday, 16th December.

1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 251 Mount Moriah, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
998 Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
2035 Beaumont, Masonic Hall, Kirkburton

Monday, 18th December.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21 Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate Street
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet St.
R.A. 1657 Aldersgate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 173 Temple, Green Dragon, Stoppney

61 Probit, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
77 Freedom, Freemasons' Hall, Gravesend
85 Faithful, Swan Hotel, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
284 Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, Warwick
312 Lion, Masonic Hall, Whithy
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
108 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Havorth
424 Borough, M.R., Half Moon Lane, Gateshead
433 Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
467 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, O'dham
613 Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
872 Lewis, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesa, Victoria Hotel, Carnarvon
1141 Mid Sussex, King's Head, Horsham
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Ship and Turtle, Congresbury
1205 Metham, Metham Masonic Hall, E. Stonehouse
1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
1255 Dundas, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1280 Walden, Rose and Crown Hot, Saffron Walden
1443 Salem, Masonic Hall, Davlish, Devon
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542 Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Castleford
1575 Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Masonic Hall, Alford
1631 St. Andrew, St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Court Hotel, Worsley
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
2074 St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Landport
2086 Dacre, Assembly Rooms, Steyning
2208 Horse, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shoe
Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield
2452 Duchess of York, Victoria Hall, Manchester
R.A. 32 Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 296 Loyalty, F.M.H., Surrey St., Sheffield
R.A. 345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 428 Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich
R.A. 482 St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779 St. Augustine, F.H., Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827 St. John's, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
M.M. 141 Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton

Tuesday, 19th December.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
330 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
173 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, E.C.
162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339 Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1695 New Pinesbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
2021 Queens Westminster, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2022 Haven, Lyric Hall, Raling
2233 Old Westminster, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
R.A. 11 Froch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M. 284 High Cross, Liverpool Street Hotel, E.C.

160 True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
223 Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth
354 St. David, Masonic Hall, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, George Hotel, Nottingham
414 Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418 Menturia, Masonic Hall, Hoveley
432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nunceaton
468 Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
481 Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield,
Newton-le-Willows
624 Abbey, Hall, Union St., Burton-on-Trent
660 Carnalodunum, Freemasons' Hall, Milton
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
789 Dunheved, Masonic Hall, Llanecoston
830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield
980 Bute, 9 Working Street, Cardiff
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hotel, Crowe

1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg, King's Arms, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1482 Isle of Axholme, Masonic Hall, Crowle,
1531 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1787 Greville, Town Hall, Buckingham
1833 St. Keyna, Lamb and Lark Hotel, Keynasham
1893 Lantley, Estate Office, Skegness
1894 Herschel, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms Inn, Bellingham
1903 Pr Edward of Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Ruzeley
2001 Narberth, Rutzen Hotel, Narberth
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Strand, Glos.
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 80 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Sunderland
R.A. 115 Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419 St. Peter, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
R.A. 645 Humphrey Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 792 Oliver, M.H., Osborn St., Basingstoke
R.A. 1055 Derby, Chester Bank, Prestwich
R.A. 1151 Unity, Town Hall, Twardreath, Cornwall
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hall
M.M. Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266 Amberst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 350 Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, 20th December.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gratham St. E.C.
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
2361 Cricklewood, Crown Hotel, Cricklewood

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
26 Loyalty, King's Arms Hotel, Prescot, Lancashire
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 Temple, Gwent
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
258 Amphilions, Freemasons' Hall, Hockleywike
311 South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lymington
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
341 Wellington, George Hotel, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
372 Harmony, Rolle Arms, Badleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, M.H., Soane St., Ipswich
380 Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
387 Airedale, Institute, Saltair, Shilby
451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burdon
533 Eaton, Masonic Hall, Corzeleth
537 Zetland, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
555 Fidelity, The Crown, Franklington
580 Harmony, Wheatshen, Ormskirk
591 Faith, Grosvenor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester
592 Cottesswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
606 Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
610 Colston, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, Masonic Hall, W. Bromwich
683 Isce, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
697 United, George Hotel, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, The Swan, Stafford
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells
910 St. Oswald, M.H., Rongergate, Pontefract
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
1136 Carew, M.H., Torpoint, Cornwall
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Freem. Hall, Manchester
1216 Holte, Victoria Hall, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1334 Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Masonic Hall, Lancaster
1363 Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glos.
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Torunsea, Hull
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Local Court, Charnock
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Masonic Hall, Camborne
1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Masonic Hall, Staithwaite
1715 Mellor, Corporation Arms, Ashon-under-Lyme
1733 Albert Edward, F.H., Huddersfield
1797 Southdown, New Inn, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
1809 Sutfield, Angel, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Boro' Anc. Rooms, Tonbridge
1888 Mawddack, Masonic Hall, Barmouth, N. Wales
2050 St. Trinius, M.H., Loch Parale, Douglas
2135 Constance, Masonic Hall, Gosport
2153 Hope, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel,
North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District United Service, Masonic Hall,
Cauldwell Place, E. Stonehouse
2283 Euston, New Inn, St. Neots.
2434 Anderida, Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne
R.A. 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 409 Stortford, Chequers, Bishop Stortford
R.A. 691 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726 Royal Chantry of Fortitude, N.W. Hot, Staff
R.A. 750 Friendship, M.H., Whiteclife, Colchester
R.A. 847 Fortescue, Masonic Hall, Hinton
R.A. 1357 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Marily

Thursday, 21st December.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 4
6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly

49 Gihon, Guildhall, Tavorn, Grosvenor Street
169 Temperance, White Swan, Doniford
179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
657 Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
1139 South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1237 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1329 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1613 Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
1681 Londesborough, Regent M.H., Air Street, W.
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich
R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. Bon Accord, Mark Masons, Hall, W.C.

42 Relief, The Grey Mare, Bury
56 Howard, Town Hall, Arundel
98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
204 The Grand Principles, M.H., Daresbury
230 Fidelity, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
247 Unity, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
263 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyme
275 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, White Hart, Caelmsford
283 Amity, Grey Mare Hotel, Hastingdon
323 Peace, Warren Barclay Hotel, St. Asaph
332 Virtue & Silence, White Lion, Huddersfield, Suff.
337 Candour, New M.R., Uppermill, Saddleworth.
343 Concord, The Bull, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
350 Charity, Railway Hotel, Moses Gate, Kearsley
361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde, Cheshire
363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
367 Probit and Freedom, M.H., Rochdale
423 Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
426 Shakespeare, Masonic Hall, Spilsby, Linc.
450 Cornubian, Freemasons' Hall, Harrogate
456 Peacemakers, Town Hall, Uxeter
523 Jo in of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
600 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkdale
630 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Hwdon
659 Blagdon, Mechanics' Hall, Blyth
683 Wiltshire League of F.M.H., Davy
710 Pleiades, Masonic Hall, St. Neots
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn
781 St. John, Old Bell, Dursley
787 Beaureper, Lion Hotel, Belper
802 Repose, Masonic Hall, Dursley

1000 Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1011 Richmond, Old Brar's Hall, Manchester
1032 Townley Parker, Town Hall, Chorley
1037 Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland
1042 Excelsior, M.H., L. G. L.
1164 Eliot, Masonic Hall, St. Germans, Cornwall
1184 Abbey, Masonic Hall, Baitle
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, The Hall, Buxton
1332 Unity, Masonic Hall, Chelton
1347 Anchor, Durham House, Northallerton
1393 Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1432 Fitzalan, Wynnstey Arms, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, Justice Biscuit Hotel, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Dunstable
1534 Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Masonic Hall, Risco, Mon.
1776 Landport, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
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2023 Granite, Narborough Hotel, Narborough
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2268 Hallamshire, M.H., Salford Street, Salford
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1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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Saturday, 16th December.

- 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, 18th December.

- 22 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
 1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7'30
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Al. gate, E., 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junc.
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6'30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. 8
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7'30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7'30
 1585 Royal Commemorative, Railway Ho, Putney
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, Chester Hotel, E.C., 7
 1693 Kingsland, Coc. Tavern, Highbury, N., 8'30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Dencon'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, 19th December.

- 25 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 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, 8
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7'30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8'30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 9
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1041 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7'30
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., 7'30,
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Ho., Kensington
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M.H., Leytonstone, E.
 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, 20th December.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7'30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge St.
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Swan's Nest, Moorgate Street, 7
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 539 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 733 Westbourne, 112 Queen's Road, Bayswater,
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7'30
 1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsey, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8'30
 1791 Creaton, Whentsheaf, Shephard's Bush, 8
 1822 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1893 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton St., W., 7'30
 R.A. 177 Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 21st December.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell St., W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.,
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E. 7
 1183 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7'30
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7'30
 1278 Burdett Counts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1308 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledn, 7'30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6'30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Cambo-w-ll, 8
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Eating Dean, 7'45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1623 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7'30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5'30
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
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Friday, 22nd December.

- 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
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N., 8
 1365 Clapton, G.E. Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7'30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
 1901 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, Grayhound, 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, 23rd December.

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