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IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY. -

MUCH of the success that has attended the three great Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry in the past may be directly traced to the unanimity with which they have worked side by side with each other, and the absence of all friction between their respective managements.

It has often been remarked that a Brother who has been asked to reply on behalf of one or other of the Funds has appeared in his remarks to be more favourable towards the other two than the particular one with which his name was associated, and there is not the slightest doubt that considerable benefit has accrued to each, in turn, as a result.

Bearing all this in mind one can but regret the appearance of anything like opposition between the three Funds, and such it would seem is what is feared if the new law proposed for the Benevolent Institution is allowed to come into force.

We do not wholly agree with those who regard the proposal as a direct source of danger to the Educational Funds, although we can believe that for a time, at least, it might affect them, but we do see in it a source of danger for the Benevolent Institution itself, and on that account, as well because we hope to see amicable relations continued between the three Institutions, we are pleased that Grand Lodge, the members of which has the power to confirm or reject the alteration, have decided to leave further consideration over until the next Quarterly Communication.

We shall revert to the matter at no distant date, and are convinced it will secure sufficient attention before the March meeting to ensure fair discussion.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall under the presidency of Col. Gerald Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, who was supported by the Earl of Jersey Prov.G.M. Oxfordshire as Deputy Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov.G.M. Suffolk as S.G.W., Lord Skelmersdale J.G.W., and many others.

After the confirmation of the minutes H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was nominated for re-election as Grand Master.

Then followed nominations for the Grand Treasurership, Col. Routledge submitting the name of Bro. Ald. Walter Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Lardner proposing Bro. William Mason Stiles, and Bro. W. H. Arber putting forward Bro. Charles William Hudson, the two latter, as is well known, being candidates for the office last year, when, as was mentioned by the proposer of Brother Stiles, that Brother polled a larger number of votes than

had ever been recorded at a previous contest, and was yet unsuccessful. We look forward to a keen competition among the three candidates now nominated for the Office.

It being announced that Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. was re-appointed by the Grand Master President of the Board of Benevolence he was formally invested by the presiding Officer, and cordially greeted by his Brethren in Grand Lodge.

The Senior and Junior Vice Presidents and the twelve Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence—the proposals for which we announced last week—were next formally declared as elected, and then the Report of the Board of Benevolence, containing various recommendations also recorded in our last issue, was agreed to.

Bro. Loveland Loveland President of the Board of General Purposes brought forward the Report of that body. He referred with regret to the loss the Craft was sustaining in the retirement of its old and faithful Officer in the person of Bro. Pendlebury, but there was a pleasure associated with this regret, in the knowledge that Bro. Pendlebury was so well known and so universally respected by the members of the Order that he was sure they would cheerfully agree to the recognition it was proposed to give of his past services. Bro. Pendlebury had served various positions in the Grand Secretary's Office, finally arriving at that of Chief Clerk, his services extending over a period of thirty years—during the whole of which period he had been most faithful and assiduous in his duties. Bro. Pendlebury had not enjoyed good health for some time past, and as the frequent attacks from which he suffered left him worse and worse he had decided to tender his resignation. He therefore formally moved the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes to give Brother Pendlebury a retiring pension of £400 per annum.

Bro. Frank Richardson had much pleasure in seconding the proposal, which was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Loveland Loveland next moved the confirmation of Bro. Lake to the position vacated by Bro. Pendlebury, this was also seconded by Bro. Richardson, and carried unanimously.

The modifications in the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge by the same Board were severally put and agreed to.

The motion by Bro. Richard Eve, enquiring what action the Grand Secretary or the Colonial Board had taken in respect to the Cambrian Lodge, led to considerable discussion, and a lengthy statement from the Colonial Board, which latter was read to Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary. The Earl of Jersey Past Grand Master of New South Wales took part in the discussion, which resulted in the withdrawal, by Brother Eve, of the last portion of his motion, the remainder, on being put to the vote being rejected.

The proposed alteration in the laws of the Benevolent Institution, by which it is desired to give particular votes to Lodges, Chapters and other bodies on making specific payments, also led to considerable discussion, the outcome being that the matter was adjourned until the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

The proceedings were then brought to a conclusion.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, who was supported by the Marquess of Hertford P.G.M., Viscount Dungarvan Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale Senior Warden, Justice Gainsford Bruce Junior Warden, and several others.

The minutes were confirmed and the Report of the General Board was adopted, together with the different recommendations arising therefrom.

The Prince of Wales was re-nominated for the appointment of Grand Mark Master.

Dr. Turtle Pigott proposed Bro. Percy Wallis P.G.D. as his successor in the office of Grand Treasurer, while Bro. Lardner nominated Capt. T. C. Walls, and Brother Richard Eve submitted the name of Bro. W. F. Lamonby for the same honour.

Before closing the Grand Lodge Lord Euston referred to the progress made in the Mark Degree during the year, and tendered thanks on behalf of the Prince of Wales and himself to the Brethren who by their support had contributed to it.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE 30th ult. was somewhat of a red letter day in Masonic circles in Glasgow, for there was held for the first time in that city the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. These functions took place in the Queen's Rooms, and commenced at four o'clock in the Pillar Hall with the annual business meeting. The throne was occupied by Past Grand Master the Earl of Haddington, and Bros. Colonel John Campbell and the Earl of Rosslyn were in their places as Senior and Junior Grand Warden respectively. There was a large attendance of the members of Grand Lodge, including the Grand Office-Bearers, who were afterwards present at the Festival.

The Acting Grand Master proposed that Brother Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., be re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland. This was at once unanimously adopted, and the Grand Master-elect was thereupon introduced to Grand Lodge, preceded by trumpeters and accompanied by several Grand Officers.

The Acting Grand Master intimated the election, and Sir Charles Dalrymple having accepted office, the ceremonial of Installation was conducted with the usual formalities.

In congratulating the Grand Master on re-election to his high office, Lord Haddington mentioned that it had been unanimous, and had his approval, because he thought the Masons of Scotland had acted wisely and well in again electing one who had proved himself a good soldier in the ranks of Masonry, a good and efficient Officer, and, within the last twelve months, a General worthy to command. Proclamation of the appointment having been made, the Grand Master thanked the Brethren for again placing him on the Masonic throne, and announced that he had chosen as Grand Master Depute Bro. Lord Saltoun, and as Substitute Grand Master Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone. These and the other Grand Officers were then invested.

The Grand Lodge thereafter celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew, in the large hall, which was beautifully decorated. The company, consisting of members of Grand Lodge and deputations from daughter Lodges, numbered about 500 Masons. The Grand Master presided.

After dinner, which was purveyed by Brother A. M. Thiem, the Grand Master unveiled a commemorative painting by Brother W. Drummond Young, Edinburgh, embracing portraits of the office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Haddington. This, he said, would be a pleasant memento of a remarkable Grand Mastership.

The Past Grand Master returned thanks to the Freemasons of Scotland, the subscribers, for their magnificent addition to the portraits and pictures belonging to the

Grand Lodge, and said that whenever he looked upon it it would recall to his mind many happy days and many pleasing incidents, much kind hospitality and pleasant deputations, and many who had loyally assisted him.

The Grand Master then proposed the Loyal toasts.

Sir John Stirling Maxwell, of Pollok, in proposing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, said he had never been so impressed with the majesty of Masonry as in seeing that magnificent assemblage under the auspices of Grand Lodge in the western metropolis, except once, and that was when standing in Jerusalem under the ruined walls of the Temple, and looking at those sacred stones which their Craft had helped to build so many years ago. He coupled the toast with the name of the Grand Master, who had done so much to adorn Scottish Masonry.

The Grand Master, in reply, said he regarded that as a great Masonic occasion, unique in itself, and calculated to be of great advantage to their common Brotherhood. He said unique, because he believed it was without precedent that Grand Lodge should hold the festival of St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, elsewhere than in Edinburgh. He could not doubt but that gathering would be of advantage to Masonry, not only in the West, but elsewhere, and he believed they would go forth determined to do all they could in the coming year on behalf of Masonry. For himself, that occasion would be one of encouragement and inspiration. During the past year the entrants to the Order had numbered 5,080, as compared with 5,188 in the previous year. Had the returns due from the Colonies and foreign parts been received that week the number of entrants would have exceeded that of last year. The income of Grand Lodge had been £5,104, as against £5,355 last year. The grants to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £525, and they had paid to ninety-two annuitants £1,005. They had granted thirteen new charters during the year. All these details meant increased numbers, sound finance, and that they were in a position to help poorer Brethren. Grand Lodge had had acquaintance long ago with what was called the day of small things. So humble were the pretensions of Grand Lodge in 1750 that it had a difficulty in paying the postage of its letters, and the then Postmaster of Edinburgh was good enough to frank them. He did not think that anyone would like to frank the letters that went out now from the Grand Secretary. In conclusion, Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the great honour of occupying the chair on that most auspicious occasion, which would long live in the memory of those who had been present.

The Earl of Rosslyn proposed the Grand Master Depute and the Substitute Grand Master.

Lord Saltoun and Bro. Graham replied, the latter being received with prolonged cheering.

The Rev. Professor Story gave the toast of the Past Grand Masters.

The Earl of Haddington, in replying, spoke of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart and Lord Blythswood as two men whose services to Scottish Masonry would never be forgotten.

Other toasts followed.—"Glasgow Herald."

CITADEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1897.

ON the 30th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., Bro. Harry Willsmer W.M., F. Kebbell S.W., A. Rusby J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, A. Wyatt acting Sec., and Bros. Von Holtorp P.M., Geo. Clark P.M., Crane P.M., Ditchman, Whittaker, Mason, Calley, Emery, Lamigeon, Robinson, J. Cole, G. Kebbell.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cole acting as candidate. Bro. Ditchman answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Brother F. Dunstan (Preceptor) worked the first section of the second lecture.

Bro. F. Kebbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Lamigeon, W. Whittaker and J. Woodrow were elected members.

Bro. Dunstan proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the W.M., this being the first occasion that he had occupied the chair in this Lodge of Instruction.

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THE 793rd performance, and the Second Anniversary of "Charley's Aunt" will take place on Friday, 21st inst., at the Globe Theatre. Messrs. Raphael Tuck have been intrusted with the "Souvenir" that every member of the Audience, on that night, will receive.

TEMPLAR MASONRY.

THE Grand Priory of East Anglia was held at Norwich, on Thursday of last week, when the Grand Prior presided, and was supported by the Preceptories stationed at that city, at Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincoln, and Great Yarmouth.

ROYAL ARCH.

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BLAIR CHAPTER, No. 815.

THE Annual meeting and Installation in connection with this Chapter took place at the Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 27th ult.

After the ordinary business had been concluded, the following were duly presented by Companions Col. H. L. Rocca P.Z. P.P.S.N. Dir. of Ceremonies, viz., Comps. F. G. Berry as First Principal, J. W. White as Second Principal, and J. W. Atkinson as Third Principal.

The ceremony was most ably performed throughout by Comp. Major W. H. Hopkins P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., the requisite portions of the Holy Scriptures being admirably rendered by Comp. William Harris S.E. P.Z. P.G.S.B.

Comp. Hopkins also invested the following Officers, viz., Comps. Rocca S.E., R. W. Atkinson Principal Soj., H. H. Ward 1st Asst. Soj., and W. H. Flower Janitor.

Addresses having been given by Comp. Hopkins, the ceremony of Installation was completed, and the Companions adjourned to dinner, which in turn was succeeded by the usual festive board, when Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were submitted and regularly responded to.

MARK MASONRY.

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ROBINSON LODGE, No. 255.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Maidstone, on Tuesday, 27th ult.

After the business had been transacted, the Brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, where a banquet was given by the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge in honour of their Senior Warden, Bro. G. F. Baker P.M., on his election as Mayor of Maidstone.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Geo. Ker P.M. proposed the health of the guest of the evening, the Mayor of Maidstone, Bro. G. F. Baker P.M., alluding to the fact that Bro. Baker had been twenty years a Mason, and was the first initiate in the Robinson Mark Lodge.

Bro. F. G. Baker responded, and thanked the Brethren warmly for the great honour they had done him, in inviting him to be their guest. Much as he valued the confidence of his fellow townsmen, who had placed him in the civic chair, he esteemed in a still higher degree the Brotherly and Masonic feeling that had prompted them to do him this honour, and he would endeavour to carry out the duties the town had entrusted him with, in the spirit of the three grand principles of Freemasonry—"Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth."

The younger members of the police force in our midst have not, it seems, yet got their grievances disposed of. The question of promotion is still causing jealousy and disappointment; and, as usual, favouritism having its foundation in Freemasonry is still the culprit. A correspondent writes to us to-day, pointing out that while the attention which has been directed to this subject has, in general, produced some satisfactory results, the promotions are not of the class that give satisfaction.—"Irish Times."

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The Brethren of Penzance have fixed Friday, 18th January, for their annual ball in St. John's Hall, in aid of the Cornish Masonic Charities. This is always a popular engagement, says the "Western Morning News," and will doubtless draw, as in previous years, a large number of Masonic Brethren and their friends.

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The Marquess of Zetland Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire will, on the 30th of January, conduct the opening ceremony and laying of the last stone, with Masonic honours, of the Missions to Seamen Institute at Middlesbrough.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND CONCERT.

BOTH as regards patronage and musical excellence, the third concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, in the Plymouth Guildhall on the 28th ult., was an unexampled success and extremely satisfactory. The Guildhall was completely full, and although the audience appeared a trifle unenthusiastic for Plymouth, that was probably mainly due to the length of the programme.

Chief interest centered in the re-appearance of Bro. W. Willoughby's charming chorus of 100 children's voices, girls and boys, mostly girls, decked out in the prettiest of costumes, and evidencing very strongly the excellence of the training to which Bro. Willoughby had subjected them. Bro. Willoughby, who arranged and conducted the concert, composed specially for them and the occasion, a vocal waltz and a vocal polka. Both were rendered charmingly, and the polka, "The toy band," introducing very effectively a variety of instruments commonly supposed to be the reverse of musical, was as novel as it was engaging.

Considerable benefit to the Fund may confidently be expected to be derived from the proceeds of the concert, which was held under the banner of Lodge Fidelity, Devonport. There are at present twenty children being supported from the Fund, at an annual expenditure of over £300. Beyond the source of income accruing from these annual concerts the Fund is entirely maintained by the voluntary contributions of the Brethren.—"Western Morning News."

THE CONTINUITY OF THE CRAFT.

BRO. W. J. Hugan delivered a lecture on Wednesday, 21st ult., at Exeter, before a large gathering of Freemasons from all parts of the county, many being from Torquay, on "The Cathedral Builders in relation to the Old Charges of the British Freemasons and the continuity of the Craft under the operative and speculative era of the Fraternity."

Bro. Hugan remarked, at the outset, that the St. John's Lodge, No. 39, under the banner of which they had assembled, was fortunate in possessing the oldest original Warrant of Constitution in England, dating from 1732. The continuity of Freemasonry beyond the beginning of the last century had been denied. It was that fact which led him to enter upon his researches some thirty years ago. There was no doubt that, originally, candidates were entrusted with a copy of the Old Charges, of which he had several fac-similes. When he commenced his researches there were only twelve known manuscripts containing the Old Charges; now there were about sixty.

Up to the beginning of the past century Freemasonry in England was Christian, but now it was cosmopolitan. That was clearly proved by the Old Charges, which contained invocations to the Trinity and numerous Biblical references. It probably arose from the fact that Masons were associated with religious teaching in consequence of their being the builders of the old cathedrals. In that way their continuity could be proved during the past five centuries. They had particulars in the records of 1350 which were preserved at York Minster. At that time Freemasons practically possessed a monopoly, and no one had the power to act as an operative Mason without belonging to a Lodge.

Freemasonry as they had it at the present time, and as it had existed during the past five centuries, was English in origin. Records even went back so far as 500 years. He suggested that some of the Old Charges should be read in open Lodge. They showed that their society was ancient as well as honourable. It had been suggested that the prefix Free had its origin in Free-stone Masons, although some preferred Free Stonemasons. In that connection they had Free Sewers in Exeter in the fifteenth century, as well as the various Freemen in connection with the London and other guilds. Although they had not the records of those times, they had the marks of the Masons in the old cathedrals, particularly in the crypts, and all the principal buildings all over the world. The Masons' Company in London had records of both operative and speculative Freemasons

in 1621, but in the latter part of the seventeenth century the Company dropped the prefix Free, and allowed the term to be entirely utilised by the speculative body.

Both in the works and arms could they trace their continuity, and through the Old Charges, which he regarded as their title deeds, it could be continued back to the twelfth century. Scotland was very rich in those records. In Edinburgh the volumes dated from 1559, and that of the old Kilwinning Lodge from 1649, the earliest English record being 1701, though Ashmole's journal went back to 1646. Their continuity as a secret society could be proved from the fourteenth century. He had found Masons' marks in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, and he suggested that someone should discover the marks of Exeter Cathedral. The new Truro Cathedral marks were on the beds of the stones, and therefore out of sight, but, through the courtesy of the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall he possessed a copy.—"Torquay Directory."

FREEMASONRY IN PARIS.

(From the "Globe" Correspondent.—Paris, Wednesday.)

AN important event in the French Freemason world has, we are informed, just taken place—namely, the election of Dr. Blatin, an ex-deputy, to the post of Grand Master of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, in succession to Dr. Thulié, a former president of the Paris Town Council, who has resigned on account of bad health. Thereon the question of Freemasonry as a secret order has been revived, and an interviewer has called on the new Master, to gather some information concerning its present condition. Dr. Blatin, although anti-clerical and Radical in his opinions, is described as a most amiable and elegant personage, who enjoys the additional distinction of being a Knight of the Legion of Honour. He is a fluent and eloquent speaker, and made himself marked in the Chamber when he was a member for the Puy-de-Dôme. Beaten by the Boulangists in the last election, he withdrew from political life, and has since confined himself to science and Freemasonry.

"I need hardly say," he began, "that I am a most devoted and convinced servitor of Freemasonry. Our institution has rendered great services to the noble cause of progress and liberty. The Revolution itself was brought about by us, for in one of our Lodges the famous declaration of the Rights of Man was drawn up. Some people imagine that Freemasonry is not useful. That is a great mistake. When liberty is threatened, is it not in our temples that resistance against oppression is organised? Others pretend that the Order is dying out. That is an error. The number of our adherents is increasing daily, and twenty-five new Lodges were created last year." As regards the object in view, Dr. Blatin continued:—"We are to-day what we were yesterday. We desire the social and intellectual improvement of humanity. We do not hesitate to combat obsolete dogmas which are unable to offer to present and future generations the moral satisfaction they are entitled to claim. We march resolutely in the path of social solidarity. Our ethics, founded on Altruism, which is fraternity as it should be understood, are destined to replace Catholic ethics, which are falling into ruins. What constitutes our power is our impersonality. Immutable on solid bases, our institution will be able to resist all attacks, and, however violent they may be, they will only tend to strengthen the fraternal ties which unite us."

Questioned as to whether the Grand Orient of France enjoyed much prestige abroad, the Venerable Blatin answered:—"It will be enough to tell you that at the last international gathering at Antwerp, the representatives of our council received high marks of esteem and sympathy on the part of all the other Masonic powers, who were present in great numbers. In Italy, Spain—where, by the way, Freemasonry is making enormous progress—in Portugal, Belgium, and other countries, we have many ardent and devoted friends. In all these countries the Grand Orient is considered an arbiter both wise and powerful. Everywhere Freemasons solicit our advice, and go so far as to accept our jurisdiction entirely. Latterly, on the demand of a great number of

English, we founded a Lodge at Swansea, which is placed under the authority of the Grand Orient. This was quite an event in the English Masonic world. Our beneficent action extends to Africa, Asia, America, and the most distant quarters of the globe. We contribute everywhere to the expansion of democratic ideas, and the love of France, the French and the Republic. We are continually receiving the visits of foreigners of all nations, happy to be able to come to Paris and assure us of their sincere Brotherly affection."

The conversation next turned on the strange ceremonies connected with Freemasonry, or, in other words, the symbolism of the order. Here the new Grand Priest made a most ingenious defence. "You talk of symbolism," he said. "Why, what would humanity be without it? The civilised man, like the savage, is impregnated with it. In all the acts of our existence symbolism is to be found. The simple gesture which constitutes a salute is merely a symbol. An idea symbolised acquires extraordinary power. Thus for example, the idea of the Fatherland symbolised in a flag arouses the most noble energies. In family life symbolism is necessary. When a child is born, when a man takes a wife, or when somebody near and dear to us disappears for ever, it is to symbolism alone that one can have recourse to give to our joys or sorrows a form almost tangible. To satisfy these human and eternal sentiments, we are thinking more than ever of organising family ceremonies for the three principal phases of life—birth, marriage, and death. I shall endeavour to draw towards our order families who are not satisfied with purely religious symbolism, and demand emblematic personifications of the civil phase of human existence."

Here it was suggested that perhaps the female element would be the best auxiliary in this new work, but women are not yet admitted into the Lodges. "Their presence there," says Dr. Blatin "would be attended with more inconvenience than advantage. First of all, our adversaries, especially those in the provinces, would not fail to attribute to us all sorts of abominable designs. Secondly, our meetings being private, the clericals would have plenty of room to indulge in their malicious imagination. It is true a female Lodge exists in Paris, but it is not recognised either by the Grand Orient or by any other Masonic Order. It lives entirely apart from all regular jurisdiction. Of course, we cannot prevent a few women, estimable, no doubt, from meeting together to discuss the questions which interest them. In addition, it must be confessed that the women would not be able to keep the doings of the Order so secret as might be desired."

Respecting secrecy, an anecdote is told. It appears that a short time ago the password for the month, communicated by the chief of the Grand Orient to the members of the Order, was published by a newspaper a few days after its communication. Who and where was the guilty party? After long enquiry, he was discovered. He was a tailor, and being short of money, he sold the "mot d'ordre" for ten francs to a clerical print, which lost no time in making use of it. It is unnecessary to add that the dishonest member was expelled from the Order immediately. But traitors, it appears, are not rare in the ranks of Freemasonry. Only the other day, we are told, another member was expelled for supplying a Paris newspaper with the official programme of the next meeting of the Order. But in regard to what is called the Sacred Watchword, it is said that that has never been revealed, probably on account of the awful pains and penalties which the revealer would incur. In spite of these blemishes, however, the Grand Orient of France, if we are to believe what is stated above, is as flourishing as ever, and all the reports to the contrary are unfounded.

In any case, the new Grand Master of the Council is determined to do his best to make it strong and attractive, and as Anti-Clericalism, Radicalism and Socialism are the order of the day, he will have plenty of ground to work on. Whether this be in accordance with the objects for which Freemasonry was originally created is a question which might be contested, but there is no doubt that it plays a *role* in the politics of the country more important than is generally supposed, as was shown in the last legislative elections.

BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

ON the 25th ult., a special service was held in the Cathedral, Lisburn, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 178, in aid of the Belfast Masonic Charities. Bro. the Rt. Rev. Dr. Welland, Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached, and the appeal he made on behalf of the Widows' Fund met with a generous response. The character of this Fund, and its careful management—out of every £1 received 19s 3d is distributed—should commend it to every member of the Order, and not only them but every one who sympathises with the widow and the orphan. Since it was founded the amount of assistance it has been able to afford and the suffering, sorrow, and pain it has been the means of relieving, even somewhat, is only known to those intimately associated with its working. The very name of the fund should strike a chord of sympathy in every breast, and the fact that there are now some eighty-eight widows deriving benefit from it must impress upon every Freemason its importance and the necessity that they should give it liberal and generous support. The congregation was gratifyingly large. The sacred edifice was crowded, and many had to be provided with seats in the aisles and passages. The attendance of the members of the Order was large and encouraging. Many of the Brethren of Lisburn and district were present, and numbers travelled from Belfast by special train.

The Bishop selected as his text I. Kings vi, 7:—
“And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building.” His observations were listened to with marked attention.

At the conclusion of his address the preacher said: A man might join their Order hoping to find in it amusement, privileges, and advantages for himself, because he knew as he wandered over the world he would ever find a hand that would grip his and a heart that would beat with his; he did not say that those were great objects, but if he were only thinking of himself, his own privileges, and pleasure he had not risen to the high and to the true spirit of Freemasonry. The great ornament and beauty of that Order was love of their fellow-men, love of all men, love particularly of the Brotherhood, unselfishness, desire to help and sympathise with all in their pleasure and in their sorrow; “weep with those that weep, rejoice with those that do rejoice;” and so it was that there were in connection with that institution funds especially for the assistance of those who were in need, those who were still amongst them who were in poverty or distress; and he was glad to say that this fund never refused assistance to a worthy Brother in need. But there was another fund, the Widows' Fund, the objects of which were for those who were left behind when their Brethren were removed by the hand of death, and was it not a blessed relief to them to think that for the love they bore towards them and the bond that existed between them their Brethren would be kind and helpful to those they left behind, and that they would not be forsaken nor forgotten. In that part of the country there were large numbers of their Brethren, and they were glad of it, who were not in a position to make such provision for those left behind, and there was a very heavy strain, therefore, upon the funds of the institution. He found that in the last year there were eighty-eight widows on the roll of this fund, and that a sum of £773 had been expended, but he also found that the subscriptions received from all sources only amounted to £673, £100 less than the sum required for the purposes of the fund. That deficiency was made up from a reserve fund, but he appealed to his Brethren not to draw upon that fund during the coming year, but to give liberally and largely. He made that appeal to the whole congregation, and especially to his Masonic Brethren—to give liberally and largely, and in the true spirit of love, so that in the coming year they might not be obliged to turn from their doors any poor widow and her defenceless family, bereft of her support and guardian, and that they would be able to give her the help she so much needed. He also appealed to them to give cheerfully, because “God loveth the cheerful giver.”—“Belfast News.”

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Midland Railway Company.

TO prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Midland Company have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 21st, 22nd, and 24th inst., and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which can be had on application. 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.

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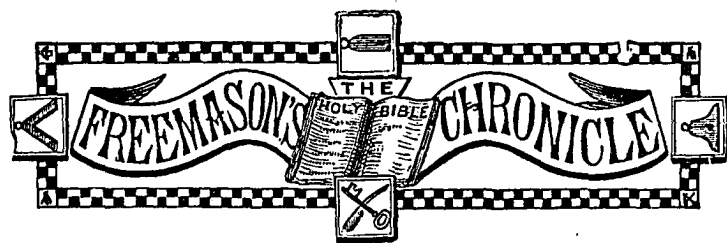
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To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Let us imagine a little scene: Pedantic old fogey of an uncle meets well brought up nephew of tender years. "Good morning, Uncle."—"Good morning, my boy; you look well, how are your parents?"—"Both well, thank you, Uncle; they desire to be kindly remembered to you."—"Dear me, are you quite sure they gave you that message?"—"Well, no, they did not, Uncle, but I happen to know my parents pretty well, and I am sure that had they known I was likely to meet you, they would have wished me to greet you on their part." Will "Visitor," who writes in your last number, assert that the boy had no right to speak as he did? Or will he assert that the youngest member of a Lodge is not as much a member of that particular Masonic family as the oldest Past Master, and perfectly entitled to be courteous on its behalf? Or, finally, will he assert that there can be the least doubt that the Lodge would have gladly entrusted him with a special greeting had the Brethren known of his intended visit? I venture to suggest that were the custom a new one, which it is not, it would be fully justified; but I will do my best to show you that it is quite old.

I do not know of course what exact meaning your correspondent attaches to the term, "of recent growth," but will 150 years continuance of the custom justify it in his eyes? If so, then here goes:

In 1724, and no one knows how much earlier, a strange Brother in Lodge was thus addressed by the Master: Q. "Give me the Solution." A. "I will. The Right Worshipful, Worshipful Masters, and Worshipful Fellows of the Right Worshipful Lodge from whence I came, greet you well." To which the W.M. answered: "That Great God to us greeting, be at this our meeting, and with the Right Worshipful Lodge whence you came, and you are."

If our Brother wants further examples I can supply them, but I fancy this will convince him.

Yours, &c.

G. W. SPETH.

WALTHAMSTOW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION SUPPER.

THE Annual supper of the popular Lodge of Instruction that meets under the sanction of the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Walthamstow, on Monday of last week, and was well attended by members and friends.

Bro. Gower opened the Lodge in regular form, and on its being closed shortly afterwards, the Brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where an enjoyable repast was provided by the Host Bro. H. F. Inman-Hallows.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg. Deputy Grand Master Essex President of the Lodge of Instruction, who was confined to his room by an attack of illness, the supper was presided over by Brother William Shurmur P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Preceptor, who was ably supported and assisted in the duties of the chair by Archdeacon Dunbar.

Early in the evening Brother Shurmur said he felt he was expressing the feeling of the meeting in proposing that a telegram be sent to their absent President, sympathising with him in his affliction, and expressing a hope that he might speedily be relieved of the pain from which he was suffering. This was cordially agreed to in a hearty expression of regret at Bro. Philbrick's absence, and a general desire that he might speedily recover his accustomed health.

Archdeacon Dunbar gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and also that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers present and past. He made two telling speeches in doing so, introducing much that might be regarded as novel in connection with these usually formal sentiments.

All regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick, their President, but they would be very ungrateful indeed if they did not carry out the programme, as he doubtless desired they should do. Most of those present were associated with the Province of Essex, over which their learned Brother exercised so much influence and displayed so much ability. They all knew how well he was received, whether in Lodge or Chapter—and he deserved it, for no Brother was more zealous than he in maintaining the true principles of Freemasonry. Had he attended that meeting it would have been the third year of his so doing, and in regretting his absence they could but feel he was present in spirit, if not in body. They wished him every blessing he could desire for himself, and hoped he might be long spared to continue his help to their Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Wildash P.M. submitted the toast of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction and the Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Associations. It seemed to him many others might have been better asked to propose this toast, but there was no more willing than he to show appreciation of what had been done in the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction. Long ago it was his privilege to belong to the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, at that time the only Lodge in the district. Then Walthamstow numbered some 10,000 inhabitants, whereas now there were 55,000 or 60,000, and it might be said the neighbourhood had gone ahead in Freemasonry in proportion, but the cause of its great progress was due primarily to the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction. At one time it used to be their privilege to meet about the spot where he was then standing, and beneath a large tree that formerly grew there discuss Freemasonry and rehearse its ceremonies, under the preceptorship of Bro. James Pinder, from whom he personally learnt what he knew of Masonry. As he had just said, however, it was really to the Lodge of Instruction whose annual supper they were then celebrating that Walthamstow owed its splendid progress in Freemasonry, and recognising this it was but natural they should look around to discover who had done most of the work. It might truly be said there was one man who, in particular, had done very much for the district and for Freemasonry in Essex and the east end of London generally—their Bro. William Shurmur Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. The members thanked him very much for all he had done for the Lodge, and hoped he would be with them for many years yet to come. Bro. Wildash regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick, who would have been so pleased to hear what the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction had done in the cause of Charity. It was not a Masonic principle for a Brother to give what he could not afford; it was not desirable he should give if he was not in a position to do so; but there were some Brethren who could give, and this principle of Charity was worked out in the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, producing large sums of money. Walthamstow was said sometimes to be a poor place, but it must be a wealthy place, if it was not, the Freemasons must be more liberal than in other places. In a very few years four Charity Associations had been formed; that was certainly within the last eight or nine years. Of the two first he was the President himself, and they collected something like £1,000, but it took four years to do it. After that their good Preceptor came upon the scene, and took charge of the Lodge of Instruction, starting a third Charity Association. Before it was closed 400 guineas had been sent up to the Masonic Charities. But better was to come, for under the auspices of this Lodge Bro. Bestow started the fourth Association, and during the twelve months something like 450 guineas had been subscribed. Considering that the Brethren who belonged to these Associations were mostly members not only of the local Lodges but of London Lodges as well, and often had county claims upon them in addition, it must be confessed the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction had justified its existence; it had not only taught the Brethren the precepts of Masonry, but it had taught them the duty of assisting the poor Masons who had fallen by the roadside.

Bro. Shurmur deemed it a privilege to respond to the toast put before the meeting by Bro. Wildash. He thought he might take it that the all but unparalleled success that had attended the Lodge of Instruction was due to their having followed the good precepts of their Bros. Wildash and Pinder, who had sat "under the greenwood tree" in the days of long ago and discussed Masonry with such happy results. As Preceptor of the Lodge, it had afforded him very great pleasure to take the part of instructor of the Brethren in

the hidden mysteries of the ancient and honourable Order, more especially as it was founded upon the sublime basis of religion, truth, and virtue. He had been very much encouraged in his work by the loyal co-operation and cheery support of many true Masons, notably by the Deputy Preceptor Bro. Gower, the Treasurer Bro. Fortescue, the Chairman of the Local Board Bro. Wildash, Past Master Kauffman, the very genial and obliging Steward Brother Clark, Past Master Ives, and the indefatigable Secretaries Bros. Carter and Bestow, but he must not forget the Organist Brother Stacey. Brother Wildash had already informed them that the Walthamstow Masonic Benevolent Associations had sent up large sums to the Central Masonic Charitable Institutions. He believed the sums amounted altogether to over £2,000. That was very satisfactory, and it was a great pleasure to himself and to those friends who cordially co-operated with him, if they had succeeded in imparting Masonic knowledge and had also inculcated the true principles of Masonic munificence. The Lodge of Instruction had been particularly successful. They really had the Warrant for the Walthamstow Lodge granted to the workers of the Lodge of Instruction, and now they were desirous of establishing a Walthamstow Chapter, which he hoped would be equally successful. All this was exceedingly gratifying, and personally he felt more than repaid for any trouble or time he had devoted to what he considered such extremely good work.

Bro. Shurmur now proposed the toast of the Vice Presidents. It was a source of gratification to him that their Bro. Gower had accepted the post of Deputy Preceptor of this Lodge, as he felt that he might stay away without any fear that the work would be neglected, as he knew Bro. Gower was quite capable of carrying on the duties of Masonic tutor. In their excellent Bro. Fortescue they had one of the Lodge's best friends—he had done all in his power for the Lodge, and it had reaped many advantages in consequence of his association with it.

Bro. Gower replied. Bro. Shurmur had expressed pride in his pupils. The pupils endeavoured to do their best and thereby show their appreciation of their instructor. He felt he did not deserve the post of Deputy Preceptor, but felt the appointment showed he had won the approval of his fellows. He was very proud of the position and also proud of the Lodge.

Bro. N. Fortescue the Treasurer of the Lodge said that what little he had done had been undertaken with a great amount of pleasure. He hoped their worthy Deputy Preceptor would occupy that position as long as he did that of Treasurer, a position of which he was particularly proud, for the reason, among others, that it brought him into close contact with such excellent Secretaries as they possessed in Bros. Carter and Bestow, whose chief delight seemed to be to make calls upon him for cheques to be devoted to the sacred cause of Charity.

Archdeacon Dunbar submitted the toast of the Visitors. However small an abode a man might have it would be void, and however large it would be incomplete without visitors. The Lodge of Instruction had always been proud in entertaining Visitors, almost as proud as they felt in the advances they had been able to make in Masonry. They were particularly pleased that night in having among them Bro. Dr. Scharlach, a Norwegian Brother from whom they were anxious to hear some account of Masonry in that country. He was told the Norwegian Brothers were very minute aprons, but had immense Masonic Temples. Communication between England and Norway had become so easy at the present day that really they must look upon the two nations as closely associated. They had much of the extreme hospitality of the Norwegians, a trait in which the Masonic section of that country specially excelled. Coming nearer home they had a well known Mason among them in Bro. Dancyger, who held an important post in the city, and yet found time to take a large share in the work of the Order. It was strange that those who seemed to have the most to do in business were also able to devote the most attention to such matters as Masonry.

Dr. Scharlach replied, saying it was not the first time he had had the privilege of being present at these annual meetings, and it had afforded him great pleasure to learn something of the ways and works of Freemasons in England. In Norway Masonry was on the increase, as it was everywhere else in all civilised countries. It had most beneficent effects on society in Norway, binding together in close friendship and Brotherhood those who would otherwise perhaps stand apart; because, however much people might be divided in the outer world through their vocations, qualities, and various other circumstances, when they met together in their halls they met as Brethren, and all outside differences were forgotten. Masonry not only connected together men of the same nation, but it was a cosmopolitan institution. It was bound to reach its end beyond the boundaries of nations, and to bring different nations close together. Especially was this so among the Masons of the Anglo-Saxon race, where there existed a closer bond than among some parts of the Fraternity of other countries. Thus a close relationship had always been shown between the Grand Masters of England and Norway—His Majesty King Oscar and the Prince of Wales. Norwegian Masons had frequently had the pleasure of seeing Englishmen in Norwegian Lodges, and they had always seemed to be one with them; whenever he visited Lodges in England he no longer felt strange, being always received as a Brother and not as a stranger. It would be a pleasure to him to report the good work, the Charity, the hospitality and friendship of the Lodge, and if there was anything that would tend to make the reception of an English Brother warmer in Norway than anything else, it would be the accounts of how the English received Norwegian Brethren.

Bro. Dancyger made an excellent speech. He considered Lodges of Instruction of great utility, and felt it a great privilege to meet with such Masons as the one at the head of that Lodge. During a ten years' association with the Order, the speaker said he had done his best, passing the chair in both Craft and Arch, and acting as Preceptor for some years. The Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction might with reason be particularly proud of the position it had achieved in the cause of Charity. The chief workers in the Lodge

were old and tried Masons, but what was more gratifying still was to know that the younger members were coming on, and gave promise of winning equal renown in the future.

Bro. Fowler Poole also responded.

The toast of the Officers and Stewards was next submitted by Bro. Shurmur, who gave to Bros. Carter and Bestow the credit of having been the chief workers in arranging for the annual supper, but as they were always ready to do what they could for the Lodge this particular occasion only supplied another opportunity for the display of their enthusiasm.

The two Brethren replied, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

Glancing through the first part of this report since it went to press we notice we have not mentioned the name of the proposer of the toast of the President Bro. Philbrick, which was submitted by Bro. Shurmur in the terms we record.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT COVENT GARDEN.

RESPLENDENT with light and colour, the Opera House at Covent Garden never looked more handsome than it did on Friday of last week, when Sir Augustus Harris gave the first of this season's fancy dress balls. Encouraged by the success of previous years the enterprising manager has surpassed himself in presenting the public with the most magnificent ball room in London.

The scene on the stage is intended to represent "The Sunny South," painted by Mr. Bruce Smith, with views of "the Riviera of the Mediterranean." In the midst is erected the orchestra, brilliant in white and gold, wherein Mr. J. M. Glover presided over a splendid band of a hundred musicians. From the boxes coloured streamers of innumerable bouquets descended, while flowers, evergreens and stately palms were placed in various corners, the whole forming a most beautiful and elegant spectacle.

But from a dancer's point of view the principal attraction was the parquet flooring covering the whole of the space between the stage and the circle. It is composed of oak and walnut woods fixed together by a patent process which dispenses with nails, and being finely polished presents a most agreeable surface to the votaries of Terpsichore.

The valuable prizes offered by Sir Augustus Harris no doubt largely contributed to the charming variety of the costumes, which were prettier and more diversified than on previous occasions. The ladies' prizes were taken by an Indian Princess, a White Watteau and a Gold Tipped Cigarette, but we imagine the judges must have overlooked a very effective dress representing a Basket of Violets, the magnificent Portia and the stately Catherine of Arragon. Many ladies wore dominoes of accordeon pleated silk of various hues, which were greatly admired. There was also Fame, with her trumpet—and her wings placed upside down—a fanciful Racing dress, Spanish Marchioness, several Directoire costumes, more or less accurate, Vivandières, and Merry Swiss Girls galore.

Among the men were Friar Tuck, Santa Claus, a Winged Bat, Monks, Japanese and Chinese, Pierrots, and several smart looking men in Naval and Military uniforms. The first of the men's prizes was taken by an eccentric costume, labelled "Cracked," the head being a walnut between an enormous pair of nut crackers. Another was King Coal, who must have spent an unpleasant evening, for he could find no partner, and mournfully perambulated the hall.

Meandering through the motley throng, nodding to some, and shaking hands with his more intimate acquaintances, was the genial manager, who received hearty congratulations on all sides upon the success of the ball, which will be repeated at intervals during the winter, and there can be but little doubt that they will be highly appreciated by that large portion of the public who are not opposed to amusement and innocent recreation.

MASONIC AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE second of a series of performances organised by this Sheffield Society for the 18th season was given on the 30th ult., at the Baths, Glossop Road, Sheffield, before a large and fashionable audience. The performance opened with the operetta, "Mr. Jericho," played by special permission of Mr. d'Oyly Carte. Mr. A. W. Pinero's comedy, "The Money Spinner," the first which brought the dramatist into fame, followed.

The staging and music were admirable, and the whole entertainment a great success.

The successful and interesting sporting drama, "The Derby Winner," must shortly be removed from Drury Lane, on account of rehearsals of the annual pantomime; and though it may and probably will be produced at another house, it cannot possibly be seen to such advantage as it is on the fine stage of the national theatre. Visitors should therefore make haste to see it before it is withdrawn.

A Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, England and Wales, &c., will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 6 p.m., the business including the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers. A banquet will follow, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 p.m., at which the Earl of Euston Grand Master has consented to preside.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 53.

THE annual installation took place on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath.

The Lodge was visited by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset, together with Past Masters and Brethren from the various Lodges in Bath.

The W.M.-elect Brother C. Stafford Ellery, was installed by Bro. Allon Tucker W.M., and the Officers were appointed.

General regret was expressed that Bro. Col. J. Randle Ford, who had held the office of Director of Ceremonies for a long number of years, found it necessary to decline its acceptance on the present occasion.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where the Annual banquet took place.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

AT the regular meeting on Tuesday, at Plymouth, Bro. G. R. Stanlake was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. R. Pengelly P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Treasurer and Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. W. Hocking Charity Steward.

The Annual meeting will be held on St. John's Day, 27th inst., and the dinner immediately after.

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BRITISH UNION LODGE, No. 114.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, 6th inst., when Bro. Thomas B. Read was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W., after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers.

The Installation banquet followed, the Worshipful Master presiding, supported by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Peter de L. Long, &c.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Henniker), Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Sir Reginald Hanson, and others.

Brother C. E. Tempest proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He had, he said, very great pleasure in asking them to drink that toast most heartily, and to accord to their Worshipful Master the most fraternal greeting possible, because he was quite sure no one could have deserved the honour conferred that night in Freemasonry more than Bro. Read. He could speak from personal knowledge of the excellent work Brother Read had done in Freemasonry, and the success which had attended his own year of office was largely due to the energy and zeal displayed by his Senior Warden. He knew that every member and visitor to that Lodge joined with him in wishing Brother Read a very pleasant year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he scarcely knew how to express his feelings upon that occasion. He felt that Brother Tempest had spoken of him in terms of commendation far beyond what he really deserved. It had been his pleasure, and as he considered it, his duty, since he had been a member of the British Union Lodge to do all he could to further its interest, and if he had accomplished anything which called for their approval he had been amply repaid. He found that it was just seven years since he was initiated into the Lodge by a Brother who was a very near and dear friend to him—their late Bro. Clark. Since that time he had gone into office step by step. He had filled, he was proud to say, every chair in the Lodge. He assured them that it was one of the proudest moments in his life to find himself in the high position he occupied that evening.

The Master next proposed the toast of the Installing Master Sir J. B. Monckton, expressing the sense of pride which he felt in having been installed in the chair of King Solomon by one of the most eminent Freemasons of the day. He understood from Sir John that this was the 122nd installation he had performed, and which, he thought, they would agree with him was a record very few Freemasons could show, and which spoke volumes for the sterling worth of the installing Master.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in acknowledging the toast, says the "East Anglian Daily Times," remarked that it was between twenty and thirty years since he first occupied for a few minutes the chair of King Solomon in the British Union Lodge. Since that time he had had several opportunities of performing the ceremony of Installation in that Lodge, and he was delighted to have done so, because the subjects of those ceremonies had been good Masons, who had reflected credit upon the Craft, and lustre upon the British Union Lodge ever since. He spoke with particular pleasure at being enabled to fulfil his engagement to instal Bro. Read.

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MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

A MEETING was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Tuesday, when Bro. Henry Brown, H.M. Inspector of Schools, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Matthew Fowler, M.P., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Grabham Tyler.

After the election the festival of St. John the Evangelist was held, when about forty Brethren sat down to an excellent repast provided by Mrs. Thompson, of the Dun Cow Inn, amongst those present being Colonel Rowlandson and Bro. J. G. Wilson (Under Sheriff of the county).

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The installation of Officers takes place the first Wednesday in January.

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HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

AT the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Monday, 3rd inst., at Plymouth, Bro. Charles S. Stebbins S.W. was elected Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. H. F. Hearle P.P.G.A.D.C. P.M. was elected Treasurer and Bro. W. H. Phillips Tyler.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 28th ult., the following being present:—Bros. J. M. H. Blamey W.M., R. Alf. Hepworth S.W., Samuel Gaskill J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Joseph Clemmey Sec., Fred. Walmsley J.D., John Allen I.G., J. Wildgoose P.M., John E. Williams P.M., John Studd P.M., D. D. Macpherson P.M., T. H. Scholfield P.M., R. L. McMillan P.M., Richard Simister P.M., E. Buzzard, A. Dunn, Robert Race, J. Darley, Arthur Nield, J. Grime, Wm. Moorhouse, T. B. Bolton, Chas. Slec, James Mitchell, J. H. Studd, Ben Eastwood, John Bolton, J. E. Mead, Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Bros. Wm. Madeley P.M. 163, Jas. Wright P.M. 210 and 1459, John Moffatt P.M. 1140, Jno. G. Bromley P.M. 1375, Wm. Bee P.M. 1459, A. Williamson P.M. 1774, Isaac Hurlow I.G. 1459, and others.

The principal business of the evening was the balloting for and initiation of Mr. Henry Edward Massie, of the M. S. & L. Railway Company, Manchester, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in that painstaking and efficient manner which always distinguishes the work of Bro. Blamey. To Bro. Gaskill was assigned the duty of rendering the Charge in the N.E., and, as usual, he acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the Initiate being proposed by the W.M., who spoke very highly in praise of the former.

In reply, Bro. Massie said, "I beg to thank you for accepting me as a Brother amongst you. Your magnificent ceremony has so impressed me that I feel totally unable to add much in reply except again to very heartily express my thanks to one and all for the honour received at your hands, and to say that I will endeavour to be a good Mason, true to my Brethren, and loyal to the Lodge of Integrity."

Other toasts followed, the same being interspersed by songs, &c., given by various Brethren.

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LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

THE election meeting was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, when Bro. Harper S.W. was elected to the chair, Bro. John Brewer chosen as Treasurer, and Brother H. J. Hancock Tyler.

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SYMPATHY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 483.

ON the 3rd inst., at the Star Hotel, Gravesend, there were present: Bros. H. Forss P.M. Preceptor, H. Watts W.M., J. P. Moore P.M. S.W., J. G. Dale P.M. J.W., W. Bowen J.D., J. P. White P.M. Sec., Martin Tyler. Visitors: W. H. Quick 282, Bedford, Joseph Solomon P.M. 77, Gravesend.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Quick being the candidate.

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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., Bro. J. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor. There was an attendance of over thirty Brethren, amongst whom were Bros. G. T. Lenard Treas., Alld. P.P.G.D.C. Sec., Chas. Sleigh, G. W. Davies, J. T. Trotter, Thos. Hamnett, R. Lingard, J. J. Dean and Ed. Loebell. Visitors:—Watson 852, Goodfellow W.M. 1030 and Bishop 1219.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ceremonies of Initiation and Passing were rehearsed, Brother L. Hirsch undertaking the first, and Brother H. J. Harrison performing the second, both being exceedingly capable performances.

The names of the following Brethren were submitted as members, and they will accordingly be balloted for at the next meeting to be held on Thursday, 13th inst., viz., Brothers H. L. Falk 633, Caradoc Owens 992, F. T. Hair 1011, A. E. Bishop 1219. On that occasion the ceremony of Raising will be rehearsed.

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PENTALPHA LODGE, No. 974.

THE annual gathering was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford, on Tuesday, when there was a large gathering of members of the Craft.

Bro. Claude Taylor was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the Officers.

After the proceedings in the Lodge Room, the Brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John.

FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, on Monday, when the following were elected for the ensuing year: Brothers S. Gale S.W. as W.M., J. P. Isbell P.M. Treasurer, W. Beal Tyler.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 1071.

THE Installation took place at Saltash, on the 3rd inst., when Brother F. A. Rawling S.W. P.M. P.P.G.A.S. Cornwall was installed by his brother, Bro. W. R. Rawling P.M. 1071 and Bro. Dr. Meadows the retiring Master, assisted by a strong Board of Installed Masters.

The ceremony was ably and impressively performed. Bro. W. R. Rawling expressed his obligations to Brother Meadows for the kindly spirit displayed by him in asking him to instal his brother.

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HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

THE annual banquet was held at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, on Thursday, 29th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. S. Fry. About seventy Brethren were present.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and were interspersed with songs and recitations. The banquet was served in an admirable manner by Bro. Harvey, Steward of the club.

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SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE, No. 1254.

THE Annual Installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Monday evening. Bro. J. Tucker, of Exeter, was ably installed by P.M. E. T. Fulford P.P.G. Treasurer.

The retiring Master Bro. R. Groves, of Exmouth, was presented with a Past Master's Jewel and an illuminated scroll.

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FITZ-ALAN LODGE, No. 1432.

THE festival of St. John and installation of W.M. took place at Oswestry, Bro. T. Owen (Chester) being installed according to ancient rites for the ensuing twelve months.

The ceremony of Installation being concluded, the usual banquet was held. The Masonic toasts were honoured, in the course of which the W.M. referred to that being the twenty-first anniversary of the Lodge. Having attained its majority, he hoped it would continue prospering.

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ST. MARGARET LODGE, No. 1452.

THE Installation meeting took place on Monday, when Brother Kerry Rix was placed in the chair.

The ceremony was performed by Brother the Rev. H. S. Hume, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain (Somerset), in a manner which from its impressiveness and completeness left nothing to be desired. The W.M. subsequently appointed his Officers.

The banquet followed at the Royal Hotel, where the Lodge is now held, says the "Norfolk Standard," the newly-installed W.M. presiding, with Bro. James S.W. as vice-chairman. The dinner was served in a manner which elicited much praise of Bro. Whaley, and the musical arrangements were very satisfactory.

The toast list was of the usual character, the most striking points of which were the praise bestowed upon the Installing Master and the excellent speeches in support of the Charities made by Bros. W. J. Wilton and J. W. Brooke.

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LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge took place on Saturday, the 1st inst. The summons had announced the meeting to be held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, but in consequence of the severe illness of the host, Bro. Tom Wood, the sanction of Col. Starkie the Grand Master of the Province, and other Provincial Officers was obtained for the Charter to be temporarily transferred to the Manchester Masonic Hall, where the ceremony of installing into the chair of K.S. Bro. E. M. Shepherd S.W. was performed.

The proceedings commenced early in the afternoon, and almost as soon as the vibrations of the Town Hall clock, which announced the hour of four, had died away, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. D. of C. Installing Master, Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 and 1459 P.P.G.D.C. S.W., W. B. Russell P.M. 1219 P.P.G.D.D.C. J.W., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Deacon, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 I.G.

It is at all times a pleasure to witness the work of Brother Hebden, which careful study has stamped with the seal of indefectibility, and, to our thinking, the amplitude and beauty of the room, with its essentially Masonic surroundings, had an inspiring effect, for he acquitted himself with a zeal and "empressement" which we scarcely expected even from him. Bro. Hebden received very able assistance from Bro. Abbott, who addressed the Wardens; Bro. Fred Hilton, who presented and explained the Working Tools of the various degrees, and invested and addressed the Secretary and Deacons; and Bro. Buckley Carr P.M. who also took a prominent part in the investiture of Officers.

Subjoined is a list of the latter for 1894-5:—W. H. Worsley S.W., T. P. Cooper J.W., F. Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, A. B. Taylor S.D., L. Hirsch J.D., A. Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D. of C., J. H. Sandiford Organist, J. J. Dean I.G., G. W. Kempston, S. Drew, H. Hellewell Stewards, James Hyde Tyler.

Before the meeting was closed, Bro. Thos. H. Hall P.M. Sec. gave a very interesting account of the Lodge. He said:—"This is a great event in the history of the Truth Lodge, for to-day we attain our majority. On 8th December 1873 (twenty-one years ago), this Lodge was consecrated at the Lamb Inn, Oldham Road, by Bro. W. Romaine Callender P.D.G.M., who was acting for the Prov. Grand Master. Bros. J. W. Turner was the first W.M., Robert Caldwell I.P.M., Jas. Hall S.W., Henry Smith J.W., and G. H. Needle S.D.

"Bros. Caldwell, Needle, and Needham Past Masters, who were present at the Consecration, are, we are pleased to say, still with us, and rank 1, 2, 3 on our books.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was held on 6th December, three days after the Consecration, at which meeting Bro. Williams presented our Bible. The other business was a proposition for Initiation, and propositions for joining members, the first Initiation (performed by the W.M.) being on 3rd January 1874. At the March meeting, Bro. Caldwell started his labours for the Lodge, by passing the first Initiate, since which time Bro. Caldwell has been one of our best workers.

"At the April meeting, Bro. Tom Wood P.M. joined the Lodge, and I am sorry to announce that through severe illness he is absent from our midst this evening.

"Bro. Davies P.M. evidently knew the Lodge in its infancy, for I find it recorded that he paid visits to its May and June meetings. Bro. Iliff P.M., who joined on 5th September 1874, is still with us, and is a good member.

"On 4th July 1874, a removal of the Lodge took place to the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale Street. On 5th February 1876 the Lodge was again removed, on this occasion to private rooms, at the Conservative Club, Oldham Road. That day a very important incident occurred in connection with the Truth Lodge. Brother Hebden, now a Past Master, and Past Provincial Officer, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and he has been a shining light in this Lodge ever since. I also find that we had a musical service on 23rd January 1881, which resulted in a collection of £20, this sum being handed over to the Charities, through the energy of Bro. Iliff P.M.

"We appear to have had Provincial honours twice during our younger days.

"At the present time there are ten Past Masters who are subscribing members, and who have all occupied the chair of K.S. with satisfaction to the Brethren. We have also three affiliated Past Masters who have done good service, and of the eleven missing ones, some have resigned, and others have gone to the Grand Lodge above.

"We have had seven preliminary meetings, and 225 regular meetings in the twenty-one years which have passed, and my earnest desire is that we may all be here to celebrate our golden birthday."

A banquet had been provided in the large dining room of the hall, to which the Brethren subsequently sat down, this being followed by Loyal and Masonic toasts of the orthodox character.

Bro. Abbott, in responding for the Provincial Officers, thanked Bro. Buckley Carr for the feeling way in which he had introduced this toast. He spoke of the respect universally entertained for Bro. George Mellor Prov.D.G.M., and said that it had always been a pleasure for him to accompany that Brother while discharging duties which were now becoming difficult for him, and it was a matter of sincere regret to many that Bro. Mellor could not be seen oftener. However, the Provincial Officers were one and all ready to perform any duties which they might be called upon to do. Bro. Abbott spoke of the old days of the Truth Lodge, and the active part taken in it by Bro. Caldwell, who at one time often performed ceremonies in other Lodges. He regretted the absence of Bro. Caldwell, for whom he had a great respect, and hoped for his speedy return to good health, that he might take his accustomed place amongst them.

Brother Hebden said he was proud that he had worked the ceremony on the 21st birthday of the Truth Lodge. It was perhaps fitting that the Installation should have been performed by him, as he was the oldest Initiate. He explained at length his connection with the Lodge, and reverted in enthusiastic terms to the assistance which from time to time had been rendered by Brothers Abbott, Warburton, and Caldwell. Although the oldest Initiate he felt quite young yet, and confidently hoped to double the period.

Bros. Hilton and Russell also responded.

Bro. Fred Hilton proposed the health of the W.M., saying that in a previous speech he had reverted to the absence of Brother Shepherd, who had been compelled to leave the meeting through a domestic affliction. In assuming the position which the latter ought to have occupied, he felt the duties weigh heavily upon him. They were aware that through the dangerous illness of Brother Tom Wood it had been necessary to transfer the Lodge to the hall in which they were then assembled. All present must regret the circumstance, and it was with a desire to learn his present condition that a Brother had made a visit to Mrs. Wood, and in an informal manner conveyed the sympathy which they all felt for her. The domestic affliction which had caused the W.M. to retire was equally unfortunate, but he expressed a fervent hope that the clouds might soon be dispelled, so that he could return to perform the duties of the office which he had so recently attained, and of which his former efforts had been so good an augury.

Bro. Hilton also proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. H. L. Burgess, and spoke very highly of the work which he had done, taking the opportunity of presenting to him, in appreciation of the satisfaction with which he was regarded by the Brethren, a very beautiful gold jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. HAMLET L. BURGESS I.P.M.,
by the Brethren of the Truth Lodge, No. 1458.
1st December 1894.

In response, Bro. Burgess thanked them for the hearty reception of the sentiments which had been uttered by Bro. Fred Hilton, but felt he did not deserve all that had been said about him. The presentation of the jewel to him was an evidence that he had done his duty, and he felt a proud satisfaction in this knowledge.

Bro. Hilton proposed the health of Brother Hebden, Installing Master. He said he thanked the Brethren for the cheers which had followed the mention of the toast and which relieved him of a great responsibility. If he addressed them for a week he could not evoke more enthusiasm than had just been displayed at mention of Bro. Hebden's name. He spoke of the excellent ceremony which had been performed that day, and hoped it would not be the last time that they should have the gratification of seeing him act as Installing Master.

Bro. Hebden responded, saying that he scarcely knew how to find words in which to express his thanks for the very flattering way in which they had accepted the toast of his health. Personally he was not ambitious of repeating the ceremony of Installation, as in looking around him he saw many Officers who would in the future be able to take his place and do it equally as well as himself, in which efforts it would be his greatest endeavour to assist. As the oldest Initiate in the Lodge, he had spent some of the happiest moments of his life in his association with it. He had always been in office, and so long as it was his privilege to be connected with them he would do his best to retain their good opinions.

Bro. W. H. Worsley S.W., in a neat and effective speech, proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge of Truth. He felt it was unnecessary for him to go through the whole category of their accomplishments and virtues, but he felt proud that the Lodge possessed a band of men who were a credit to it. At the same time Bro. Worsley made special mention of Bros. Carr, Hall, Hebden, J. Archdale and M. Davies.

The Past Masters responded.

Bro. Hebden proposed the health of the Visitors, saying he was always anxious to welcome Brethren who came in this capacity. They had that evening a large array who were fairly representative of the Manchester Lodges. He enumerated all of them, and was proud to say that he might reckon them as friends, good fellows, and good Masons. Bro. Hebden referred to others who, through various reasons, were not able to be present, viz., Bros. Warburton, Thomas and Selby,—names well known to all. In conclusion he asked them to drink heartily to their health.

The Visitors responded.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. A. Marr, Fred Hilton, W. W. Loffhouse P.M. 1052, A. Jacobson W.M. 1633, Jas. Robinson I.P.M. 1219, Ed. Roberts P.M. 1459, W. H. Worsley S.W., T. P. Cooper J.W., A. B. Taylor S.D. and W. G. Kempston Std.

Besides those who have been fully mentioned above, there were at the Lodge and banquet, Bros. Edwin Parker, S. R. Muller, J. H. Norris, Joseph Hilton, Chas. V. Bretherton, W. S. Mutteen, Arthur Leech. Visitors:—Bros. Henry B. Brown W.M. 581, J. Standing W.M. 1011, John Horsefield W.M. 1077, G. W. Davies W.M. 1459, G. T. Lenard S.W. 1077, W. Baron S.W. 1219, G. Parker I.P.M. 1083, W. T. Allitt P.M. 993 and 1633, A. H. Duffin P.M. D.C. 1134, and others.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 26th ult., Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Chas. Harrop S.W., Henry Nall P.M. J.W., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. S.D., Thos. Hamnett J.D., Sam Luke I.G., F. W. Wollaston P.M. Chaplain, Edwyn A. Smith Orgst., W. W. Hitching Steward, R. Brown, A. J. Holt, W. F. Dearden, S. H. Stubbs, H. Bowes, Fredk. Arden, G. R. Ward, A. W. Bennett, E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors:—Bros. Sam Locke W.M. 1387, S. Gaskill J.W. 163, A. B. Taylor J.D. 1458, Leopold Hirsch S.S. 1458, W. Muir 204.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Wollaston read one of the Antient Charges, after which the W.M. invested Bros. E. A. Smith and R. Brown as Organist and Steward respectively. A ballot for Joining Members, which was successful in each case, was taken for Bros. Wm. Thos. Watts 1052, and Albert Wm. Bennett 1375, this being followed by the passing to the second degree of Bro. Harry Bowes. The latter ceremony was performed by the W.M., he being assisted by Bro. Harrop S.W., who presented and explained the Working Tools.

These proceedings were followed by the usual festive board, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured.

That of the newly-passed Brother was proposed by Brother Wollaston, who spoke in very commendatory terms of the manner in which Bro. Bowes had conducted himself during the ceremonies of Initiation and Passing, and drew a pleasant augury of his future success as a Freemason.

Bro. Bowes, in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast, adding that it would be his earnest endeavour to prove himself as good a Mason as Bro. Wollaston had insinuated he might become, otherwise they might doubt that Brother's veracity.

The health of the newly-joined Brethren was proposed by Bro. Sam Luke, to which Bros. Watts and Bennett responded.

Before the finish of the toasts, Bro. Beaver W.M. explained that there was a Brother among them that evening who held the proud record of having attended every Lodge meeting since his initiation. Unfortunately that record was about to be broken, for Brother Hitching, to whom his remarks applied, was shortly leaving England for an eighteen months' sojourn in Columbia, South America. Continuing, Bro. Beaver said that he could not let that opportunity pass without wishing Bro. Hitching God speed, and he sincerely trusted that they would see him again in health and strength, and with every advantage derived from his residence abroad.

Bro. Hitching said, in reply, that one could not say much on an occasion like that. He had always thought very highly of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, and his appreciation of it had been shown in a practical way by a regular attendance on all occasions. He regretted that he could not maintain his record, but would endeavour to gain access to American Lodges, and upon his return might be able to give them some interesting particulars of such visits. In conclusion he thanked them very heartily for their good wishes towards him.

The various toasts were enlivened by songs given by Bros. Fred Hilton, Ward, Gaskill, Thomas, Harrop, Stubbs and Taylor.

NEXT WEEK.

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| 5 St. George & Corner Stone, Freemasons-hall | 1168 Benevolence, Sherborna |
| 29 St. Alban, Albion | 1174 Pentangle, Chatham |
| 59 Royal Naval, F.M.H. | 1221 Defence, Leeds |
| 90 St. John, Albion | 1237 Enfield, Enfield |
| 136 Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel | 1253 Travellers, Manchester |
| 193 Confidence, Anderton's | 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives |
| 957 Leigh, Freemasons-hall | 1280 Walden, Saffron Walden |
| 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion | 1286 Bayon, Lincoln |
| 1571 Leopold, Bridge House Ho. | 1350 Fermor Hesketh, Liverpool |
| 1670 Adelphi, Freemasons-hall | 1373 St. Hubert, Andover |
| 1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall | 1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool |
| 2030 Abbey, Westminster | 1408 Stamford and Warrington, Stalybridge |
| 2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café Royal | 1436 Castle, Sandgate |
| 2394 Galen, Freemasons-hall | 1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber |
| 2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant | 1449 Royal Military, Canterbury |
| 2484 South Middlesex Artillery, Freemasons' Hall | 1474 Israel, Birmingham |
| 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton | 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge |
| 40 Derwent, Hastings | 1496 Trafford, Moss Side |
| 61 Probity, Halifax | 1542 Legiolium, Castleford |
| 68 Royal Clarence, Bristol | 1564 St. John, Woking |
| 75 Love and Honour, Falmth. | 1575 Clive, Market Drayton |
| 85 Faithful, Harleston | 1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds |
| 88 Scientific, Cambridge | 1600 Hamilton, Alford |
| 89 Unanimity, Duckinfield, Cheshire | 1611 Eboracum, York |
| 102 Unanimity, Nth. Walsham | 1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea |
| 104 St. John, Stockport | 1730 Urmston, Urmston |
| 105 Fortitude, Plymouth | 1741 Montgomerie, Diss |
| 106 Sun, Exmouth | 1792 Tudor, Harborne |
| 133 Harmony, Faversham | 1802 Vernon, East Retford |
| 151 Albany, Newport, I.W. | 1852 Forest, Mansfield |
| 189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse | 1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington |
| 237 Indefatigable, Swansea | 1895 Thames, Henley |
| 240 St. Hilda, South Shields | 1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove |
| 262 Salopian, Shrewsbury | 1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall |
| 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley | 1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith |
| 270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley | 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington |
| 292 Sincerity, Liverpool | 1977 Blackwater, Maldon |
| 296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield | 2034 Masefield, Moseley |
| 297 Witham, Lincoln | 2144 De Tatton, Altrincham |
| 302 Hope, Bradford | 2185 Ardwick, Ardwick |
| 303 Benevolent, Teignmouth | 2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas, Isle of Man |
| 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge | 2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells |
| 313 United Friends, Great Yarmouth | 2376 Carnarvon, Layland |
| 314 Peace and Unity, Preston | 2457 St. Annes, St. Annes-on-Sea |
| 330 One and All, Bodmin | |
| 339 Unanimity, Penrith | |
| 379 Honour, Bath | |
| 388 Prudence, Halesworth | |
| 408 Three Graces, Haworth | |
| 411 Commercial, Nottingham | |
| 433 Hope, Brightlingsea | |
| 467 Tudor, Oldham | |
| 481 St. Peter, Newcastle-o-Tyne | |
| 543 Cleveland, Stokesley | |
| 587 Howe, Birmingham | |
| 589 Druid Love and Liberality, Redruth | |
| 607 Chicheley, Thrapston | |
| 613 Unity, Southport | |
| 632 Concord, Trowbridge | |
| 665 Montagu, Lyme Regis | |
| 671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly | |
| 699 Boscawen, Chacewater | |
| 721 Independence, Chester | |
| 737 Wentworth, Wellingboro' | |
| 797 Hauley, Dartmouth | |
| 834 Derwent, Wirksworth | |
| 893 Meridian, Millbrook | |
| 941 De Tabley, Knutsford | |
| 985 Alexandra, Lincoln | |
| 1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth | |
| 1112 Shirley, Shirley | |
| 1149 Dorking, Dorking | |
| | 96 Burlington, Albion |
| | 180 St. James's Union, F.M.H. |
| | 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle |
| | 211 St. Michael, Albion |
| | 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern |
| | 235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross |
| | 255 Harmony, Richmond |
| | 548 Wellington, Deptford |
| | 834 Ranelagh, Criterion |
| | 933 Doric, Anderton's |
| | 1196 Urban, Freemasons-hall |
| | 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich |
| | 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall |
| | 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons-hall |
| | 80 St. John, Sunderland |
| | 93 Social, Norwich |
| | 126 Silent Temple, Burnley |
| | 131 Fortitude, Truro |
| | 160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford |
| | 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton |
| | 241 Merchants, Liverpool |
| | 272 Harmony, Boston |
| | 319 New Forest, Lymington |
| | 366 St. David, Milford |
| | 371 Perseverance, Maryport |
| | 373 Socrates, Huntingdon |
| | 473 Faithful, Birmingham |
| | 484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield |
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