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BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION LODGE VOTES.

WHEN the members of Grand Lodge rejected, as they virtually did at the December Communication, the proposition put forward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to confer the rank of Vice-Patron and Patron on Lodges, Chapters and Masonic Societies, the chief objection urged against the proposed amendment was the harm it was likely to do to the companion Institutions—the two Schools; the votes proposed to be conferred by the Benevolent Institution being out of proportion to the sums required to be paid for the different qualifications, as compared with those already allowed by the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys.

As we said at the time, we do not wholly agree with those who regard the proposal as a direct source of danger to the Educational Funds, as, in the first place, we do not believe a Lodge or other Society that has decided to give one or two hundred guineas to either of the Institutions would be influenced by mere number of votes received in return for their money, while in the second place it seems to us that matters would soon find their level, for if either of the Institutions gives away votes with a lavish hand the number of proxies needed to secure a candidate's election to the benefits of that Institution is almost sure to rise in proportion. As we said in December, such an alteration as was then proposed might affect the Schools for a period, but we think it would lead to serious complications for the Benevolent Institution for all time.

The whole question is one that calls for consideration just now, as it will be seen from the advertisement that appeared in our last issue that a Special General Meeting of Governors and Subscribers of the Benevolent Institution is to be held on Wednesday next, to again consider the proposal to enable Lodges, Chapters and Masonic Societies to qualify as Vice-Patrons and Patrons. We can hardly imagine that similar proposals to those of December last will be put forward, but for our present purpose we are justified in considering the possible results on the basis then set forth, and in doing so we think we shall strengthen the hands of those who are opposed to the suggestions as then submitted.

The proposal that came before Grand Lodge at the December Communication was agreed to at a Special Meeting of the Benevolent Institution on the 15th November last, and was to the following effect:

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing One Hundred Guineas in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to thirty Votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the Donation is paid, and the Master, or First Principal, or other Officer of such Lodge or Chapter, for the time being, shall be a Vice-Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of Five Guineas thereafter subscribed, to four Votes at each election. A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing Two Hundred Guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to ninety Votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master, or First Principal, or other Officer of such Lodge or Chapter, for the time being, shall be a Patron of the Institution in right of such payment, and for every additional sum of Five Guineas thereafter subscribed, to six Votes at each election."

The source of the danger we see connected with this proposal is the immense power it would confer on wealthy Lodges or Provinces, if they chose to avail themselves of the privileges offered. It will be in the recollection of our readers that we question the policy of allowing perpetual presentations to the Benevolent Institution at the price fixed by the Committee—twelve hundred guineas, if the matter is to be treated wholly from a business point of view, as we think it is self evident that the Institution cannot afford to promise a regular payment of £40 a year in return for £1,260, that being nearly 3½ per cent., without making any allowance for the management or working expenses of the Institution, which should, to a certain extent, be charged to each annuity in proportionate sums; but it seems to us this latest proposition goes much further, for a Lodge or Province giving the £1,260 outright would be entitled to such an immense number of votes in perpetuity as would enable it to secure the election of a candidate every two, or at most three years, irrespective of the number of annuities it already enjoyed as the result of using the votes received by reason of the payment of the original £1,260—a much better arrangement than purchasing the right to one perpetual presentation, when, of course, only one annuity can be enjoyed at a time. We are not in a position to quote figures in proof of our surmise, but we think six or eight annuities of £40 each might possibly all be in force at the same time, as the outcome of the £1,260 contributed—a fine return for money, it must be admitted, but one that would entail a heavy drain on someone's resources.

To make this statement clearer we may refer to the proposed alteration of November last, quoted above, when we find that the payment of £1,260 would secure 1,310 votes for each election, in perpetuity, as the following summary will show:

100 guineas, first payment, would bring	-	-	30 votes
100 " subsequently (four votes for each			
five guineas)	-	-	80 "
1000 " (six votes for each five guineas)	-	1200	"
		1310	"

If we take the average number of votes needed to secure the election of an Aged Mason to the £40 annuity we think it will be found a judicious use of these 1,310 votes each year will result in the return of a candidate every two years; sometimes it might be necessary to borrow votes, at others it would be found possible to lend some, and we are of opinion this discloses a state of affairs that justifies our statement that the proposed alteration is, in reality, a source of danger to the Benevolent Institution itself, far more so than it is to the companion Charities; and this being so we are anxious to see what course the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution will adopt at the coming Special Meeting, in order to protect its own interests as well as preserve the good feeling that has hitherto existed between the three Funds of English Masonic Benevolence.

It should be borne in mind that this proposal to give a Lodge or Society 110 votes for a payment of two hundred guineas, and a further six for each subsequent payment of five guineas, is very much in excess of what the present Laws allow, the return under existing conditions being ten votes in perpetuity for the first fifty guineas, and four votes for each subsequent ten guineas, which would produce only 470 votes for the 1,200 guinea payment, instead of the 1,310 as now proposed—but wide as this difference is we venture the opinion that the existing law is much more consistent than the proposed alteration, and if the former was adopted as the basis of calculation for the new Lodge qualifications of Vice-Patron and Patron it would probably meet the case in a businesslike manner.

While on the subject it may not be out of place to consider how far the alterations that were proposed affect the relations between the three Institutions, although we do not consider it to be imperative that the same or similar conditions should be observed in all three, and for this reason the figures we are now enabled to give may rather strengthen the arguments we have already used in reference to the Benevolent Institution alone, than support any theory that the Benevolent is seeking to make its voting returns specially attractive at the probable expense of the Educational Funds, which is the argument freely used in some quarters.

As we have just said, the Benevolent Institution confers the rank of Vice-President on the W.M. of a Lodge, or First Principal of a Chapter subscribing fifty guineas, and gives ten votes in perpetuity. The two Educational Institutions give but five votes for a similar contribution, but, inasmuch as there are two elections each year for the Schools, and only one for the Benevolent, a Lodge or other Society gets ten votes a year from each for the fifty guineas. The same proportion is observed in the case of a ten guinea donation, but is not maintained in connection with larger amounts, as the following table, showing the number of votes, &c., given by the different Funds, will demonstrate :

R.M.I. Girls and R.M.I. Boys.				R.M. Benevolent Institution.			
Donation in Guineas.	Personal Votes.	Rank.	Lodge Votes.	Rank.	Personal Votes.	Rank.	Lodge Votes.
5	1	L.S.	none		2	L.G.	2 for 15 years
10	2	L.G.	1	L.S.	4	L.G.	2
50	10	V.Pres.	5	L.G.	20	V.Pres.	10
100	30	V.Pat.	10	V.Pres.	60	V.Pat.	30
200	80	Patron	30	V.Pat.	140	Patron	70
400	180	"	80	Patron	380	"	150
for each further completed 200	100	"	50	Patron	240	"	80

By the new law passed by the Benevolent Institution in November it was proposed that much greater voting power should be given to Lodges, as we have already shown, and the effect of these alterations, if confirmed by Grand Lodge, would be as follows :

R.M.I. Girls and R.M.I. Boys.			R.M. Benevolent Institution.		
Donation of Lodges.	Rank.	Votes	Rank.	Votes.	
200 guineas	Vice-Patron	30	Patron	110 instead of 70 as at present	
400 "	Patron	80	"	350 "	150 "
and each further completed 200 guineas	would give	50	would give	240 "	80 "

It is this immense extension of Lodge Voting power that caused so much alarm among the supporters of the

two Educational Institutions, and will probably lead to more strenuous opposition in the future if similar tactics are adopted at the Special Meeting on Wednesday next.

We have received the following letter in regard to this voting question, and in view of its importance give it insertion here instead of in the usual correspondence column of our paper.

The fact that two such prominent Members of the Order, and such earnest workers in connection with its Institutions as Bros. John Glass and William Morley—themselves supporters of the Benevolent Institution—would be in ignorance, even at this eleventh hour, as to what is proposed to be done on Wednesday next but for the kindly intervention of a Provincial Brother, seems to us to afford overwhelming evidence that some change is necessary in the rules which deal with the notice to be given of such an important alteration as that under review, especially when we bear in mind the general surprise that was expressed throughout the Craft when the alterations agreed to at the November Special Meeting were made public.

As our correspondents state, such an important matter as that now before the Craft, which is in reality a radical change in the constitution of one of its Charitable Institutions, ought to be widely made known by means of full details in the advertisements that have to be published before the meeting can be legally held.

This particular point is one that seems to call for careful attention, although there is the satisfaction that the Craft always enjoys the power of fully considering any proposed alteration, with a full knowledge of its extent, when the matter comes before Grand Lodge for approval, but it is certainly not desirable that such extreme measures as were adopted in December last should frequently be necessary in connection with the Charity work of the Order, as soreness is thereby created and misunderstandings started, the ultimate effect of which it is impossible to gauge.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND LODGE VOTES.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Through the kindness of a Provincial Brother we are in possession of the proposed alterations in Laws which are to be submitted to a Special Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the R.M. Benevolent Institution on the 13th inst.

It will be remembered that the proposals submitted to the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge were opposed by us on the ground that they went far beyond what was granted by the Educational Institutions, and, in fact, would ultimately prove detrimental to the "Benevolent" Institution itself. Grand Lodge decided to defer the matter for further consideration, and we think we are right in stating that the general opinion was that the three Institutions should as nearly as possible be placed on an equality as regards value of Votes and "Ranks" of Donors.

It is a matter of regret to us that the Advertisement convening the Special Meeting does not specify the exact proposals, in order that your readers might be in full possession of the facts—hence we are obliged to trouble you with this letter.

So far from the revised proposals meeting the objections raised in December last, it is still proposed to give to Lodges, &c., the Ranks of Vice-Patron and Patron of the Institution for one-half the amounts required by the Girls and Boys Schools—or, in other words, it is proposed to give to Lodges, &c., in perpetuity such ranks for the same money payment as required from Individuals who enjoy the privilege for Life only. This is certainly contrary to the understanding arrived at by everybody at Grand Lodge.

It is further proposed to give 50 per cent extra voting power after payment of 200 Guineas. To be on equal lines with the Educational Institutions this should not be the case at least until a payment of 400 Guineas was made by Lodges, &c.

We regret that time does not permit us giving figures in support of our contention, but trust the foregoing will be sufficient for your readers to grasp the fact that the "further consideration" of the Benevolent authorities has not conformed to the opinions expressed in Grand Lodge that each Institution should stand on an equality as regards its privileges and voting power.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JOHN GLASS,
(P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W.
Essex, Prov.G.J. Essex)
Vice-President R.M.I. Boys.

WILLIAM MORLEY,
(P.M., P.Z.)
Vice-Patron R.M.I. Girls.

8th February 1895.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

ON the 30th ult. an Institute for the Missions to Seamen was opened at Middlesbrough with a ceremony of more than ordinary interest, in which the Duchess Eleanor of Northumberland was to take the leading part, but was prevented by the severity of the weather. In her absence, Lady Dixon, of Gunnergate Hall, very kindly officiated. There was a large and influential assemblage, including the Marquess of Zetland, who, as Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons in the North and East Ridings, laid a cope-stone at the buttress with Masonic honours.

Near the station the streets were decorated with flags and streamers in honour of the occasion. The building was purchased from the Congregationalists at a cost of £2,000, chiefly through the instrumentality of the Tees Chaplain the Rev. Fred Griffiths. Since his appointment Mr. Griffiths has never missed a suitable opportunity of impressing upon the inhabitants of the town that there was a great and pressing need for a seamen's mission and institute in Middlesbrough, through which many thousands of sailors pass every year. The Building Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Lennard, J. G. Swan, E. Harris, John Giers, C. L. Bell, C. T. Ellington, Captain Johnson, and W. Ashe, with Mr. E. Kirby as Treasurer, and Mr. J. J. Burton as Hon. Sec., decided to make a strong effort to acquire the Queen's Terrace Chapel, and when the Congregationalists decided to build a new church, St. George's, in Lanthorpe Road, this was accomplished. The movement, however, which had its consummation in Wednesday's ceremony, took shape in 1888, at a public meeting, over which Sir Raylton Dixon presided. Appeals were sent out, a large and successful bazaar was held, and money was collected until the needed funds were acquired. The building has been gutted, and the galleries and floors taken out. The basement floor has been raised 4ft. 6in. above the original level, and the upper floor, formerly the chapel floor, has been raised 4ft. The building now consists of an Institute on the ground floor, capable of seating about 500 people, and this was the portion of the building which was opened.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was held under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

A procession of the Brethren from the Hall to the site took place, the Committee of the Institute receiving the Provincial Grand Master at the door of the Institute. Mr. S. P. Austin, J.P., of Sunderland, represented the Committee of the Seamen's Mission, London, and there were also present the Rev. Webb-Peploe, Chaplain to the Tyne Mission, the Rev. F. Griffiths, Tees Chaplain, and the Rev. G. F. Wilson, Superintendent of the Seamen's Mission in the North of England. The Rev. J. Barton, of Sunderland, was unavoidably absent on deputation work. Prayer was offered at the site by the Provincial Grand Chaplains, after which the Rev. F. Griffiths requested the Provincial Grand Master to lay the cope-stone. Mr. J. M. Bottomley, on behalf of the Freemasons of Middlesbrough, then presented a chastely engraved silver trowel to the Marquess of Zetland to lay the stone. The band of the Constabulary played the National Anthem, after which the Marquess of Zetland, having duly adjusted the stone, declared it truly and duly laid according to the regulations of the Craft.

The Brethren then entered the Institute, which was crowded at the opening ceremony. The Most Honourable the Marquess of Zetland presided.

After the singing of a hymn the Architect, Brother J. M. Bottomley P.M. 1848 was presented to the Marquess of Zetland. A most cordial welcome and a vote of thanks was then proposed to the Marquess of Zetland, on the motion of Bro. Lieut-Colonel Sadler P.P.G.S.W., seconded by the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Ald. Taylor.

The Marquess of Zetland thanked all present, and was glad of the opportunity of doing anything to promote the success of the work of that day. He was glad to see such an excellent attendance of the Freemasons of that and the adjoining Province. He also expressed his pleasure at the success of the work of the Architect, Mr. Bottomley. He was sure all would regret the absence of the Duchess of Northumberland, but he had pleasure in asking Lady Dixon to open the Institute.

Lady Dixon, who was received with applause, said in the unavoidable absence of the Duchess of Northumberland, whose absence they all deeply regretted, and which they so much deplored, she was pleased to represent her, however unworthily she might do so. She declared the Institute open, and wished it every possible success.

Upon the motion of the Tees Chaplain a most hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lady Dixon for the graceful manner in which she had fulfilled the difficult task in the unavoidable absence of the Duchess of Northumberland, than whom the Missions to Seamen had no truer friend.

Sir Raylton Dixon acknowledged the kind way in which Lady Dixon had been received that day, as she always had, in

Middlesbrough. They all regretted the absence of the Duchess of Northumberland, and they all felt that in the face of the most serious weather that they must take the will for the deed. The Duchess had always manifested the most kindly interest in the Mission.

The benediction by the Archdeacon of Cleveland closed the meeting.

A luncheon was afterwards served in the Town Hall, at which Sir Raylton Dixon presided, and was supported by the Marquess of Zetland, Lady Dixon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Middlesbrough, Lieut.-Colonel Sadler, Mr. H. Fell Pease, Mr. S. P. Austin, Rev. G. F. Wilson, Rev. F. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lowthian Bell, Mr. M. C. Peck, Mr. J. J. Hutton Hon. Secretary, and others.

A reception was given in the afternoon by the Mayoress, and a public tea and entertainment in the evening added to the success of the day's proceedings.—"Newcastle Journal."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Principals' Chairs were occupied by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., and Major-Gen. C. W. Randolph. Among the Companions present were E. Letchworth, W. B. Coltman, Alfred Cooper, Sir G. D. Harris, Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, Reginald Roumieu, Lennox Browne, E. W. Stanton, Frank Richardson, T. C. Walls, Geo. Lambert, George Read, F. Hilton, Thomas Minstrell, Sir Bruce M. Seton, Alfred C. Spaul, Charles Belton, Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., J. E. Le Feuvre, Eugene Monteuiis, C. E. Keyser, F. West, W. Lake, H. Massey, H. M. Williams, John Almond, Edwin Styles, Henry Lovegrove, Valentine Wing, G. S. Recknell, Neville Green, J. Wilson, J. Berry, D. Legg, Alfred Bannister, J. H. Clare, Henry Weigel, P. Newbould, J. Cowan Z. 1572, Frost G. Organist, and H. Sadler G. Janitor.

The only business of the Grand Chapter was the consideration of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, and these were adopted, as follow: on the motion of Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Frank Richardson, Charters were granted for new Chapters to be attached to Lodges 2425, 2350, 2324, 2170, and 1916; a Charter of confirmation was granted to Chapter No. 757, Bombay; permission to remove their places of meeting was given to Chapters 297, 106, 1470, and 910; No. 1044 was summoned to show cause why it should not be erased; No. 2220 never having been consecrated, the Charter was ordered to be returned; No. 447 was erased; further time was given to No. 515, Wellington, N.Z., to show cause against erasure; and the same leniency was extended to No. 1006; No. 1777 was directed to answer a show-cause summons.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, will be held on Tuesday next, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Brother Thomas Catling W.M. who will instal Bro. Oscar Barrett as his successor. The Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., and will be followed by a banquet in the Grand Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern at 5 o'clock. It is anticipated a large and brilliant company will attend.

As already announced in our columns, the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, this month celebrates its Centenary, the installation meeting to be held on Tuesday next, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, marking the completion of its one hundred years existence. Bro. George Cockrell S.W. is the W.M.-elect. We hope to report the proceedings in our next issue.

A new Lodge for the metropolis, named the Iris Lodge, will be consecrated by the Grand Secretary on Monday, the 25th inst., at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be performed at the Rainbow Tavern, Fleet Street. Bro. Lennox Browne D.G.D.C. will be the first Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Jefford Fowler, J.P., the first S.W., and Bro. Paul L. Waterlow the first J.W.

News has just reached us that Bro. James Salmon Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England P.P.G.W. and Treasurer of Cheshire died on Thursday morning at Chester. His death is a great loss to the Craft at large, but particularly so to the Province with which he was more intimately associated.

DEVON CHARITY.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon was held on the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. F. B. Westlake, in the absence of the Chairman, presiding.

The attendance was small, in consequence of the inclement weather and the almost impassable state of the roads in some parts of the Province.

Applications for relief were dealt with, and assistance was voted to a late member of 156, the widow of a late member of 1205; a late member of 1247, and the widow of the late W.M. of 1091; who was accidentally killed under very distressing circumstances about a month ago. Bro. W. G. Rogers was re-elected chairman, Bro. J. B. Gover Secretary, and Bro. Rev. W. Whittley the representative of the Committee in London.

WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

UNDER the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker P.G.Treas. a meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. There were ten applicants for the benefit of the Educational Fund, three for the privileges of the combined fund, and ten for grants from the advancement fund. The cases were fully considered and generously dealt with, says the "Liverpool Mercury."

THOUGHTS ON THE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE.

IF I were called upon to decide as to which one of the several Masonic degrees was the most important, as to which one calls for the most careful explanation at the hands of the Worshipful Master, I would answer at once "The Entered Apprentice." It is true that this degree does not usually receive much consideration, the trend of interest setting fairly towards the Master's degree. In many excellent Lodges the E. A. lecture is ordinarily postponed to a more convenient season which lags behind the awaking zeal of the young Brother until the pressure of circumstances and his natural desire for more light compel him to deem it of little importance. Anciently, we are informed, it was customary for the newly-made Brother to abide for a period within the walls of the Entered Apprentice Lodge, there to be instructed in the first principles of correct Masonic life and conduct. He was not permitted to advance until he had given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge, not only of what pertained, *per se*, to the first degree, and differentiated it from the other symbolic degrees, but also and particularly of what its real significance was.

Not the veiled mysteries of the other degrees were at this time made manifest to him, but he was instructed in such manner as to prepare him for a logical and beautiful unfolding of the lessons partly given and partly hinted at upon his feet journey towards the East. The fallow ground of his understanding was ploughed, harrowed and sowed, and he was given to believe that thorns and thistles would not spring up from the good wheat committed to the fostering care of our Mother Earth. He could confidently expect a harvest commensurate with the quality of the seed, for it is quality that counts, after all. He sought admission to the Lodge in order to learn, and his faltering steps under guidance of a true and trusty friend upon whose fidelity he might with confidence rely, were directed towards a goal he could indeed but dimly discern, but of whose existence he was inwardly conscious because it must of necessity lie before him. If he reflected upon the matter at all, and if he was qualified to become a good Mason, he must have thought deeply, he would have known that within the husk of ceremonial and ritual lay the ripened grain of Masonic truth, and that beyond the symbols of Square and Compasses stretched the great realms of knowledge whose metes and bounds are measured and circumscribed by these Masonic implements.

The very questions with which he was plied must have aroused within his soul the most profound inquiries of time and eternity, and have brought him face to face with the great mysteries of Here and the Hereafter.

In the whole course of his subsequent Masonic life no more fitting opportunity could arise for impressing upon him the true meaning of Masonry. This could be done without in the least trenching upon the domain of the other degrees, and without plunging him into the deep waters of interpretation. He could be given to know that Masonry is the oldest form of Natural religion, that its foundation stone is a living faith in God, and that it has no secrets except from those who scoff at its teachings. As an Entered Apprentice he could be taught that there is an ever-living, self-existent God, that man is not only responsible to

Him but conscious of that responsibility, that man is a free agent wilfully choosing good or evil, that God is his friend and guide, and that a virtuous, well-ordered life merits and will receive the approbation of the Almighty.

These are but few of the lessons that can be derived, in the most logical manner, from the very first section of the degree. One does not have to wait for the gradual unfolding of the symbolic degrees before he can appreciate the true meaning of Masonry; it stares him in the face before ever he stands as a cornerstone to sustain the weight of the explanations and admonitions of the F.C. and M.M. degrees.

No part of Masonry is more replete with suggestions as to the highest type of religion, fuller of help in the everyday affairs of everyday life, more simple or more beautiful than the first degree. It is, perhaps, more ancient than any of the others, and comes nearer the primitive type. Its philosophy is broader, its philanthropy more intense, its essence more spiritual and heavenly than anything that follows it.

The full-blown rose that has opened its glowing heart to the warm kiss of June may be more attractive to the casual observer, but the unfolding bud which hath within its emerald walls the promise and potency of fragrance and beauty, which half conceals and half reveals the glorious handiwork of nature, is possessed of a double attractiveness—what it is and what it will be.

It is thus with the Entered Apprentice degree, and the more one reflects upon Masonry and its relations to God and man, the more will it appear that the first steps are the most important.

Brethren, let us study the first degree more, without neglecting the others. It is a vast storehouse of Masonic lore, hard to get at, but satisfying to the soul when once possessed.—W. P. B., in "Masonic Guide."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Friday, 18th ult., Bro. Joseph Nicholson, Maryport, died at the age of eighty-seven years. The deceased was one of the oldest and most widely known Freemasons in the north of England, having been honourably associated with the Craft since 1835, when he became a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, and two years later he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. John's Chapter, 327, Wigton, of which Chapter he was M.E.Z. At the time of his death Bro. Nicholson was P.P.S.G.W., P.M. of Perseverance Lodge, 371, Maryport, which he formed in 1840, and in connection with which he held the office of Treasurer and Almoner for nearly fifty years. He was founder and first M.E.Z. of Nicholson Chapter, 371, Maryport, P.P.G.J. of the Province, founder and first W.M. of the Whitwell Lodge Mark Master Masons, 151, and P.P.S.G.W. of the Province. On the death of Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the vacant office was offered to Brother Nicholson by the late R.W. P.G.M.M.M. the Earl of Bective, but he declined the appointment, suggesting that the honour should devolve upon the present R.W.D.P.G.M.M.M. Col. F. R. Sewell, of Brandlinghyll. In the Jubilee year the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master conferred upon him the office of Past Grand Deacon of England. He was founder and P.M. of the W.M. Sewell Council Allied Masonic Degrees; founder and Past Commander of the Collin Royal Ark Mariners Lodge; founder of the Sewell Mark Lodge, Egremont; and the F. R. Sewell Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, Whitehaven. A few years ago the deceased subscribed a handsome sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and presented the robes to the Nicholson Chapter, 371, Maryport.—"Kendal News."

THE death of Bro. William Woodward took place at Burnham, on the 1st. Deceased had attained the honoured age of eighty-five years, and was one of the oldest inhabitants of the town in which he lived. He was a member of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, Highbridge, and of the Vale of Jehosaphat Chapter, No. 291, of which he was Tyler for some forty-five successive years, until his retirement through indisposition eighteen months ago. Bro. Woodward was also a member of the St. Kew Lodge, meeting at Weston-super-Mare, and Past Grand Tyler of Somerset.

THE funeral of Bro. Peter Millar Larsen took place on the 30th ult., at Smithdown Road Cemetery, Liverpool. The deceased had in his younger days taken a great interest in Freemasonry, and was a Past Master of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594. Several Brethren were present at the grave side.

THE remains of Bro. Charles E. Webster, of the George Hotel, West Derby Road, Liverpool, were interred on the 24th ult., at Smithdown Road Cemetery, among those present being several members of the Lodge of which the deceased had been a member.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Monday of last week, under the presidency of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G. Superintendent, who was supported by Companions Le Feuvre H., Atkins acting J., Goble S., G. J. Tilling Treas., and a large general attendance of Companions, the roll of each Chapter being responded to with only two or three exceptions.

The accounts of the P.G. Treasurer showed a balance in hand of £55. Comp. Tilling, who was complimented by the Grand Superintendent, resigned the Office of Treasurer, which he has held for the past six years, and Comp. R. Boughton-Smith was unanimously chosen for the Office.

On the motion of Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Hampshire Masonic Benevolent Association, and twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent invested the following as Officers for the ensuing year:

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G. J. Tilling 1461	-	-	J.
E. Goble 309	-	-	Scribe E.
A. R. Holbrook 309	-	-	Scribe N.
J. Boughton-Smith 394	-	-	Treasurer
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A. Saville 723	-	-	Standard Bearers
H. P. Arthur 394	-	-	
T. G. Dacombe 130	-	-	
G. C. V. Inkpen 1776	-	-	
G. Williams 2058	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
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A. Howell 2074	-	-	
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Exell	-	-	Assistant Secretary
			Janitor.

The Grand Superintendent referred to the growth of Royal Arch Freemasonry. The large attendance that day indicated that many were impelled with a desire to promote this Degree, and he hoped that it would continue to flourish in the Province.

Comp. Atkins, on behalf of the Hengist Chapter, tendered an invitation to the Grand Superintendent to hold the next P.G. Chapter at Bournemouth.

CONSECRATION: ST. ANDREW'S LODGE.

WE briefly reported the remarks of the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Rev. G. Linton Thorp), at the Consecration of this Lodge, in our last issue and now extract the following fuller account from the "Cheltenham Examiner."

"They were told (he said), in the Volume of the Sacred Law, how, without axe or hammer, the gorgeous fabric of King Solomon's temple rose in silence on the heights of Zion; how stones, cut, hewn and shaped in distant quarries, were brought to the work, with great stores of timber, of gold and brass and iron. The Great Architect of the Universe had drawn the plan, and all the workmen's tools, which now symbolise so much to the Craft, played each its part in the erection of the building. But when the work was finished, and those who beheld it exclaimed with one accord at its magnificence, it needed something more to make it a joy to the whole earth. It needed that solemn dedication, with prayer and praise, sacrifice and incense, that consecration to the service of the Most High, ere the cloud overshadowed it and the glory of the Lord filled the great house. And as the Temple at Jerusalem was consecrated, so each individual Freemason's Lodge was also solemnly consecrated, and there was, moreover, a personal consecration and dedication of every Mason when he was admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The successive steps of his progress were designed to keep alive his sense of duty to his God, to himself, and to his neighbour. Thus the body of Masonry was built up a living Temple. Its allegory was nothing unless they applied their hearts and minds to the understanding of its hidden lessons; its symbols were vain unless they strove to fashion their lives on the great and eternal truths they were meant to illustrate. Masonry, according to the general acceptance of the term, was an Art founded on the unerring principles of geometry and directed to the service of mankind, but Freemasonry, embracing a wider range and having a nobler object in view, the cultivation of the human mind, might with more propriety be called a Science.

It was said by some to have originated in the Middle Ages, with the great fraternities of operative masons who covered the face of Europe with the noblest and grandest of its edifices, and to have borrowed its Symbols and Emblems from those great building corporations, as a means of imparting to its members great moral truths. Speculative Masonry embraced all things

fitted to build up a man, to make him a better citizen, a better husband and father, a truer friend, more loyal to his God, his country, his brother and himself; its object was not only to reform the minds of its followers, but to better their hearts by enforcing the grand precepts of morality; to unite men of every nation, religion and condition of life for good and noble purposes.

He urged the members of the St. Andrew's Lodge to ever bear the great principles of their Order in their minds, to be careful in the selection of candidates for admission amongst them, lest by their unworthiness the whole body should suffer, and to remember that Freemasonry would be judged in that neighbourhood by the light which emanated from their Lodge. Let them strive to keep that light undimmed, by maintaining the reputation of the Lodge, and of each member of it, pure and unsullied before men.

The Empire Lodge, specially established as a connecting link between the Mother Country and her Colonies, says the "Daily Telegraph," held its annual installation meeting at the Criterion, on the 22nd ult., and unanimously elected as an honorary member the Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes, who is at present applying to the Grand Master for a Warrant for a Masonic Lodge to be held at Bulawayo. Bro. Hermann Klein was installed Worshipful Master, in the presence of Brothers Philbrick, Q.C., Sir Augustus Harris, J. C. Parkinson, E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Sir George D. Harris, Lennox Browne, and many others.

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Freemasonry in England at the present time is largely concerned in feasting and philanthropy. Both objects are excellent, and indirectly conduce to the Brotherhood of man; but, to admit a plain fact, there is no longer the grim earnestness about the modern British Craftsmen that once distinguished them, and which still marks the practice of Masonry in certain places abroad. Much sunshine of Royal patronage has perhaps somewhat enervated its constitution. Be that as it may, loyal tenacity of mutual service among members of the Brotherhood is perhaps more efficiently maintained in stormy periods than in the piping times of peace. British Freemasonry would be none the worse if there were less and simpler dining, and more determined Brotherhood and friendship among members of the Craft.—"Sunday Times."

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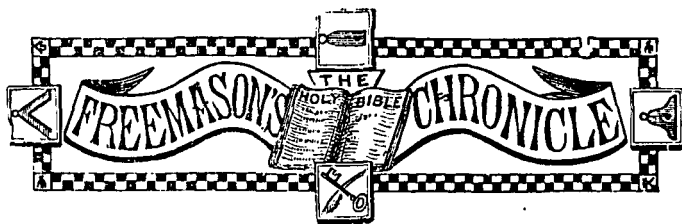
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SATURDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 1895.

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE Rev. J. M. Guilding having been recently appointed Worshipful Master of the Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101, the members decided to attend Divine Worship at St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, on the 6th ult., and afterwards formed part of a large congregation in the church. The Brethren of the Lodge, who were joined by several Masons from other Lodges, assembled in the Small Town Hall.

The lessons were read by Dr. W. J. Maurice, Churchwarden, and W.M.-elect of the Union Lodge.

The Rev. J. M. Guilding took his text from I John 5, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." The Rev. Brother said he had prefaced his remarks to them by a collect from St. John the Evangelist, in which was a prayer for divine light and divine guidance, an aspiration which was never absent from their Masonic assemblies. He had also chosen his text from the same Evangelist, and there were special reasons which rendered such a selection appropriate. Their English Lodges had ever cherished the tradition that when the temple of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman armies, and the Lodges of Palestine were broken up, their dispersed Brethren in that sore extremity applied to St. John the Baptist, then Bishop of Ephesus, and in spite of his advanced age, prevailed on him, who was a Mason from his youth, to take the office of Grand Master of the Order. Be that as it may, it became a custom in all christian countries, and was the practice in our own land up to the year 1813, that their Lodges should be dedicated to St. John the Evangelist conjointly with St. John the Baptist, both serving as bright examples of those virtues which they as Masons were taught to reverence and to practise. This great luminary of their Order, and this exalted son of the Church was often styled the Apostle of Love. He thought that he might be more fitly described as the Apostle of Light and Truth, for St. John was pre-eminently the divine to whom was revealed the

apocalypse of futurity. In what burning words did he remind them in the text that God was the source of all light to the soul, and that divine light alone could dispel the darkness of men, and that the earnest seeker after light should assuredly find it. He would direct their attention to the nature and scriptural meaning of light, and to the importance of making the search after light the great object of their existence. Let them in the first place think of the creation of light as the first recorded work of the Great Architect of the Universe. "Fiat Lux," "Let there be light." This is the very first divine utterance recorded in the sacred volume, the event from which they dated their Masonic epoch, not "Anno Mundi," the year of the world, but "Anno Lucis," the year of light. The Rev. gentleman referred to the wonderful properties of light, and said it was so important to health and vitality that both animal and vegetable life pine and suffer from its being withheld. Having dealt at length on the spiritual meaning of the word light as the symbol of the Deity, and also of the Redeemer of the world, the preacher said that it should be their effort and their study throughout their whole lives to reflect the lustre of that glorious Being by Whom they had been enlightened, in acts of humility, piety, benevolence and sympathy. —"Berkshire Chronicle."

An exciting scene occurred in New York at the funeral of the late Gustav Erdelyi, who was at the time of his death the editor of a Hungarian paper called the "American Guard." The deceased was a Roman Catholic, and also a Freemason, and in consequence of this latter fact three priests who were asked to officiate at the funeral refused to do so. Madame Erdelyi therefore called on a clergyman of the Episcopalian Church, who consented to conduct a service at her house. In the middle of the service one of the priests entered the room and, going up to the coffin, denounced the conduct of the late editor, concluding his remarks with the words, "You have died, but the world does not lose much by you." On hearing these words Madame Erdelyi sprang forward, and seizing the priest succeeded in pushing him out of the room and out of the house. Then she returned, and going to the coffin, which had not yet been screwed down, took the crucifix which lay in the hand of the corpse, and throwing it on the floor stamped upon it. Both Madame Erdelyi and her friends who were present when the unfortunate incident occurred said later in the day that they intend to leave the Roman Catholic Church and join the Episcopalian. —"Dalziel."

I have repeatedly advocated the necessity of Lodges of Instruction with the object of securing rhythm in Lodge work, and with increasing experience the necessity of such institutions, in however humble a way, becomes more apparent. However well grounded in the "work," without opportunity of becoming familiar with the *modus* by rehearsal, such as is got in a Lodge of Instruction, the lessons lose much of their consistency and much of their interest to the candidate. The Order, too, loses much of its importance in the eyes of the applicant for Masonic privileges. In no two Lodges does one find the same procedure, and the more Lodges a newly-elected officer has visited before his appointment, the more confusion is created in his mind as to the proper line to follow. The result is necessarily unsatisfactory. The remedy naturally rests with the R.W. Masters, who should take an early opportunity, after the election, of meeting their fellow Officers to see that all understand their duties. —"The Mallet."

In Spanish Lodges the Worshipful Masters are appointed by Grand Lodge on the recommendation of the members of each Lodge, and they usually hold office for an indefinite time, whilst the remaining officers are elected annually, but in some Lodges—notably in Bilbao—the W.M. also is annually recommended and appointed, thus giving more zest to the work, from the infusion of new blood.

During the Medical Congress which was held recently in Rome, the Lodges there had special meetings to receive the delegates who were members of the Craft. Every possible attention was shown to the visitors, and their stay was made exceedingly pleasant by the hospitality shown to them by their Roman Brethren.

In view of the present unsettled state of society throughout Europe, the M.W. Grand Master of Italy has issued a circular to all the Lodges under his jurisdiction, pointing out to the Brethren the position which he expects them to take up to assist in maintaining law and order. —"Canadian Craftsman."

HULL MASONIC CLUB.

A VERY successful smoking concert, for which Bro. J. Y. Torr P.M. was the entrepreneur, was held at the Hull Masonic Club, on Saturday, 26th ult. A numerous company of Brethren supported Bro. J. G. Wallis P.M., the chairman of committee, who presided, and who, during the evening made a presentation on behalf of the Masonic Brethren associated with the club to Bro. Frederick Blackburn P.M., on his retirement from the chairmanship of the club—a position which he has filled with signal success since the inauguration of the club, five years ago.

In making the presentation, which consisted of a handsome marble clock, Bro. Wallis paid a high tribute of regard to Bro. Blackburn, who, he said, was not only respected by the members of the Craft, but by the members of his profession and the Rifle Volunteers, of which he was an esteemed member. He regretted that illness has caused Bro. Blackburn to retire from active management of the club, of which he was one of the founders, and whose success was in a large manner due to his untiring labours. Brother Wallis concluded by wishing him restored health and a long life of happiness.

Colonel Wellstead and Bro. Peck also spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Blackburn's personal worth and business ability.

Bro. Blackburn, whose health was drunk with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," in reply, said that his reasons for resigning the chairmanship of the club must be his reason for asking them to accept very brief thanks indeed. He had resigned the position with feelings of very great regret, inasmuch as he was the first chairman of the company—a position which he still held, and which he hoped he would continue to do. He thanked them most sincerely for the presentation and their kind expressions of regard. His son had received his baptism in the Craft, and he trusted that when that clock should be inherited by him he should be stimulated to follow the example of his father, and merit the respect, not only of his fellowmen, but the Brethren of the Masonic body. —"Eastern Morning News."

PLYMOUTH MASONIC HALL.

THE seventh annual meeting of the shareholders in the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was held on the 31st ult., at the Club, in Princess Square, Plymouth. Bro. J. R. Lord, Chairman of Directors, presided, and there was a good attendance.

The Directors in their report congratulated the shareholders on the fact that the accounts showed a continued increase in the business of the Club. The number of members had slightly decreased, but this they attributed to the action taken by the Inland Revenue in insisting that all members must be shareholders. They confidently hoped, however, that this temporary difficulty would ultimately result in permanent benefit to the club, by giving every individual member a voice in the management, and they were glad to see that there had been a ready response by the members in taking up shares. The usual dividend of three per cent. on the preference shares had been paid, and the directors recommended that a dividend of four per cent. be paid on the ordinary shares, a substantial balance being carried forward to the credit of the next account. The directors added that the perfect catering of the club steward and stewardess (Brother and Mrs. Harvey) continued to give every satisfaction.

AUSTRALIAN IRRIGATION COLONIES.

A LARGE audience assembled in the sale room of Bro. Hudson, at the Railway Gates, Queens Road, Brighton, on the 24th ult., to hear a lecture by Bro. James Stevens, on the subject of "Fruit growing in Australia." Bro. C. W. Hudson occupied the chair, and briefly introduced Bro. Stevens, who was cordially received, and interested his audience in the subject with which he has now so long been associated as representative of the Irrigation Colonies Company. At the conclusion of the lecture the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and said he had himself spent a very enjoyable evening and gained a considerable amount of instruction. The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Stevens.

It is not often we find Masonic matters in the law courts, but an action to recover damages for libel, which was contained in a letter sent to the Secretary of a Lodge, was recently decided in the Court of Queen's Bench, when, after a trial lasting the whole of a day, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at twenty shillings. Judgment was therefore entered for the plaintiff, with costs.

The Royal National Life-Boat Institution has now 306 Life-Boats under its charge, and last year it granted rewards for saving 778 lives from shipwrecks on our coast. At the present time pecuniary aid is especially needed to assist the Committee in maintaining its great Life-saving fleet in a state of thorough efficiency, which can only be effected by a large and permanent annual income.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE regular quarterly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on the 28th ult., Comp. C. F. Dunsterville acting as Z.

Comp. R. H. Rae was elected H. in the place of Comp. Wood, who was duly elected in October last, but who, on account of his sudden removal to Aldershot, was unable to carry out the duties of the Office. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with.

During the evening Bro. Seargant, of Lodge Sincerity, was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the refectory for refreshments.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at York. Comp T. B. Whytehead P.Z. was the installing Officer, and the new principals installed were Comps. H. Longford (Thirsk) Z., G. Lamb (York) H., and W. Storey (York) J.

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THE RIGHTS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The point raised by "M.M." in your issue of the 19th ult. is, I think, a by no means new one. I fancy it has been discussed in print before, but even if it has not been so considered it is certainly one that often causes discussion at Lodge meetings, when it happens the name of a Provincial Officer is coupled with the toast of the Grand Officers, only to be criticised or objected to by some of those present, who rightly, I think, express the opinion that a Provincial Grand Officer is not entitled to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers of England. I think I may go further and say that a Provincial Grand Officer (except the actual heads of the Provinces or Districts) has no special position or honour outside his own Province.

The Book of Constitutions should settle the question, and I think it does so, effectually, as a reference to Rule 6 will show. That Rule settles the rank and precedence of the members of the Grand Lodge, and in the list given there is no notice of Provincial Officers (with the one exception I have just mentioned), so that I presume Provincial Grand Officers are included in the final qualification, which includes the Master, Past Masters and Wardens of Private Lodges, that is to say, such Brethren must attend Grand Lodge by virtue of rank in a Private Lodge and not by reason of preferment in a Provincial one, a line of reasoning almost compulsory when one bears in mind that a Brother may be appointed to Provincial Office without holding any rank in a Private Lodge, and although such preferment is perhaps unusual at the present time I do not think one would have to go far back to find many illustrations of it.

Another part of the Constitutions that seems to bear on the subject is the programme of the ceremony of laying a foundation stone, &c., by the M.W. Grand Master, where I take it Provincial Officers would be included among the "Visiting Brethren," but as I take it these Visiting Brethren would be ranged in some sort of seniority I am afraid this latest reference of mine takes the whole question back to the start again, as I am certainly of opinion that some sort of preference would be shown the wearers of Provincial purple. I should like to see the question further considered in this light.

Yours, &c.

OBSERVER.

DISTRIBUTION OF LODGE WORK.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often been struck by the references in your Lodge reports, notably those in the Manchester district, I think, to the distribution of work that is practised in some of the Provincial Lodges, where a candidate is Initiated, Passed or Raised by the Worshipful Master—up to a certain point, the charge, working tools, lecture or some other part of the work being given by some one of the Past Masters, and I have often thought such an arrangement must be far better than the custom in the metropolis, and round about, I think I may also say, where the one Brother does all the talking. I am aware you have at different times expressed opinions in favour of a division of labour, and I fully agree with you that such a course is desirable, as productive of that "variety" which is "charming," but the question is, how can we in London bring about so desirable an end?

The craze of the present day among Worshipful Masters seems to be to do everything, from the investiture of their Officers to the installation of their successor—a very laudable ambition, it is true, but really one can have too much of a good thing, and for a member of a busy Lodge to have to listen to the voice of his W.M. throughout the Lodge work and for the greater part of the time at the banquet table for the whole of one year, is somewhat monotonous, to say the least of it, especially when, as sometimes happens, the Master has not the best of deliveries, or is not "letter perfect" in the ritual.

Of course there are some men whose utterances it is a pleasure to listen to, and I would respectfully suggest to some of our best workers the desirability of shifting some of the work on to the shoulders of others; they could not be accused of incompetency or laziness, and they would set an example that might be followed by others less favourably circumstanced. I can see the objection under existing conditions of a Worshipful Master of medium ability delegating some of his work to others—he would be thought incompetent, and lose caste as a consequence, but if some of the best men would set the example this feeling would be obviated, and advantage would result to many Brethren, among others to

Yours, &c.

A LISTENER.

A member of the Masonic Fraternity relates a rather novel, but altogether mouldy experience in this month's "Craftsman." One day he was walking through a forest and got into the hollow trunk of a tree to shelter himself from a downpour of rain. He stayed there for some time, but upon attempting to get out found the wood had swollen, and he was fast becoming a tight fixture. Thinking his last hour was not far off his past rose before him, and especially those incidents in his life which gave him least pleasure to reflect upon. Among other things, he reflected with regret that for the last six months, instead of buying his own copy of the "Craftsman" and paying for it like a man, he had borrowed from his Masonic friends. As he thought of this the recollection of it made him feel so small that he extricated himself with ease!

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- C** for the Charity Masons extend,
To Cheer up the needy and their Cause befriend.
- D** for the Dangers we have all safely passed,
Which remind us that Death will claim us at last.
- E** for the East where reigned knowledge profound,
And the Temple was built without metallic sound.
- F** for the Fraternity known Far and wide,
Where Freedom, Fidelity, Faith do abide.
- G** for the Great Architect, Governor, Lord,
The Grand Geometrician we hail with accord.
- H** for the Honours bestowed on the Craft,
By Kings, Princes, Rulers, for aye may they last.
- I** for the Initiation all Masons pass through,
In "helpless Indigence" for Brethren to view.
- J** for the Joy o'er Jerusalem shed,
When the Temple was finished and consecrated.
- K** for the King who for wisdom was famed,
"As Successors to Solomon" all Masters are named.
- L** for the Lodge, the Level, the Laws,
Which admit of a Lewis: and govern our cause.
- M** for the Master all Masons obey,
And Most cheerfully welcome on Installing day.
- N** for the Number to all Lodges given,
Save the "Grand Lodge above" which all Craftsmen call Heaven.
- O** for the Oaths we are called on to take,
And the "Great Obligation" no Brother dare break.
- P** for the Penalties, Posture, and Prayer,
The "Profit and Pleasure" we all wish to share.
- Q** for the Questions before each Degree,
Which show what our Qualifications should be.
- R** for the Ritual, Rich, and Resplendent,
Ripe with those truths which alone bring contentment.
- S** for the Skirret, the Sections, the Square,
To Sooth Brothers afflicted and their Sorrows to Share.
- T** for the Tyler who "close tyles" the door,
And allows none to enter, unless properly vouched for.
- U** for the Universe, God's temple so grand,
Who created Unveiled for Us sea, sky, and land.
- V** for the Volume of His sacred law,
In the pages of which He does His mercies outpour.
- W** for the Warrant all Lodges Work under,
Whose Well-being Wakens the Wide World to Wonder.
- X** for the Exceedingly Sublime Exhortation,
Expressed in the "Raising" of every Freemason.
- Y** for the Years through which our Order has stood,
A monument noble of all that is good.
- Z** for the Zeal which we Brethren show,
To render this earth more an Eden below;
May our efforts prove fruitful; our vows be kept true,
Until a "boundless Eternity bursts on our view."

MORE WOMEN FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Sunday Times."

MADAM,—I have had a number of letters from different women who want to join my Lodge, all of which I have forwarded to headquarters. We limit our numbers and are generally full, but I hope there may be room for those who have applied through me.

Yours, &c.,

VIOLET TWEEDALE.

Milton Hall, Cambs.

A Cambridgeshire lady has determined to start a Lodge of Freemasons on her own account, and she states that the number of applications she has received from sisters anxious to become acquainted with the ancient secrets of the mystic Order testify to an earnest desire on the part of many women to assist men in the working of the Craft. From what quarter she is to receive her Warrant does not appear. Moreover, the Master of every Masonic Lodge is, according to popular tradition as known among outsiders, a representative of King Solomon, who presided over the building of the Temple, when Freemasonry was founded; but how could a mistress-Mason be that? The Salic Law is very strict in Freemasonry. She might say she represented the Queen of Sheba, but the ancient Order would regard that as an "over the left" branch of the mystic Brotherhood. Female Freemasonry is a daring innovation, and women who embrace it hardly know the dangers they run. It is true that a portion of them enjoyed some of the pleasures of Masonry on Saturday night, when members of the Gallery Lodge—the trysting point for Brethren engaged in Press work—gave what they call a "Ladies Night," but there the fair visitors did not attempt to pry into the secrets of the Craft by hiding in cupboards or grandfather-clocks while their aproned husbands were hard at work with mallet, chisel, and plumb-line. They patiently waited until the call from labour to refreshment had been given, and then dined joyously with the Masons, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. C. Lock, and were afterwards treated to a concert of excellent music.—"Daily Telegraph."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE, No. 1589.

A MEETING was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., when Bro. W. H. Wellsman was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

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SKELMERDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE annual banquet and ball in connection with this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Thursday, the 24th ult., and owing to the excellent arrangements made by the committee (of which the Worshipful Master Bro. Stuart Field Bygrave was President), proved an unqualified success.

The Lodge was opened at 5:30 p.m. by the W.M., for the transaction of the usual Masonic business. Bro. Robert Rowlands was unanimously chosen Master, James Hill P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and H. Thomas re-elected Tyler for the ensuing year.

At 8:30 the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where a magnificent banquet was served by Mrs. Venables, in her usual liberal style. This was followed by a few toasts, and subsequently an excellent programme of over twenty dances was gone through to the strains of Mr. Carrington's band. Bro. Erle Douglas Lisle acted as M.C.

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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

A "LADIES NIGHT" was successfully celebrated on Saturday by a dinner at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. Chas. Lock W.M. presided, supported by a number of Past Masters. About eighty ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner. A concert afterwards took place in the Pillar Hall, the artistes including Miss Ada Kempton, Miss Susetta Fenn, Miss Witkowski, Mr. Fred. Russell, the Stavordale Banjo Quartette, Mr. F. Everill, Mr. H. Kendal Ward, Mr. Avalon Collard, Mr. A. Weston, Mr. P. Ridgewell, Mr. W. Nicholl, Mr. Reginald Groome, and Mr. Edwin Bending, the last-named acting as accompanist.

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SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, and was attended, as usual, by a very large number of present and past Grand Officers of England. Bro. John Northcott the Master installed as his successor Bro. Edmund Rosenthal. Bro. Northcott was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 860.

ON Wednesday, 30th ult., the annual supper of this Lodge, whose meetings are held at the Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, was held at the Dr. Butler's Head, Masons' Hall Avenue, E.C., under the presidency of the popular Preceptor of the Lodge Bro. Frederic Dunstan P.M., who was supported by upwards of fifty Brethren and their lady friends, this being one of the special features of these annual gatherings.

Amongst the Brethren were Past Masters George Clark, S. J. Cross, Toye, Beasley; Bros. F. Small, Geo. Kebbell, King, Wildash, A. Cunningham, Siemens, A. Rusby, Frost, Fred Kebbell, R. Collett Jeanes, Islip, Alf. Wyatt, Taperell, Harry Willsmer, Pinder, &c.

The usual Loyal toasts were honoured, and amongst those who contributed to the harmony during the intervals of the toast list were Miss G. Dunstan, Miss A. M. Kebbell and Miss Etherington, Bros. G. Clark, F. Kebbell, S. J. Cross, Taperell, Cunningham, with Mr. Boxius accompanying.

Great credit is due to Bro. Wm. S. Harvey the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Lodge, for his untiring efforts in promoting these annual gatherings and providing so excellently for the comfort of the members and their friends. Neither can too much praise be bestowed upon Bro. Dunstan, whose labours in connection with the Craft deserve special commendation. In addition to his duties as Preceptor of this Lodge he is also the guiding influence in the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, recently formed under such favourable auspices in Stoke Newington and which, under his ruling, aided by the well-known abilities of Bros. Geo. Clark P.M., the Brothers Kebbell, Witte, Jackson, Platt, J. Abrahams, and the Secretary H. Willsmer, is flourishing.

Each lady was presented with a beautiful spray of flowers, and each representative of the male persuasion with a button-hole, and, upon leaving, the ladies were handed each a fancy basket of choice confectionery as a memento of the event.

It is hoped that the suggestion of a Brother that a summer outing should be arranged will be carried into effect. Nothing tends to make our lady friends appreciate Freemasonry more than by being allowed occasionally to join our ranks, and participate in the little festivities we are wont to indulge in.

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ST. PAUL'S LODGE, No. 43.

AT the meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Monday, 28th ult., Bro. S. M. Levi was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of Members of the Lodge as well as Visiting Brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring Master Bro. J. Freedman.

EMULATION LODGE, No. 299.

ON 29th ult. the Lodge held its annual banquet and ball at the Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Dartford.

After the transaction of Lodge business a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed, prepared in Host G. E. Startup's best style. About eighty Brethren attended.

The banquet was succeeded by a ball and concert, at which the attendance reached about 100.

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ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 353.

THE seventy-seventh annual festival and installation in connection with this Lodge, the second in age and one of the most important in the Province of Derbyshire, was held in the Masonic Hall, Burton, on Monday, 21st ult., and was largely attended by Brethren from Derbyshire and the adjoining Provinces.

Brother G. A. Capes S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. D. Rutherford the retiring W.M.

Bro. Rutherford was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the previous year. Subsequently, the Brethren, to the number of about fifty, adjourned to the banquet hall and sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Brother T. Hearn. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and several of the Brethren helped to carry out an excellent musical programme.

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PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

THE installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday, 21st ult., when Bro. Michael Emanuel, J.P., was installed as W.M., the installation being performed by Bro. J. E. Aldis P.M. Prov.S.W.

The customary banquet was subsequently held, and Masonic and other toasts were honoured.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when Bro. W. J. Maurice, M.D., was installed Worshipful Master.

The banquet at the Town Hall, which followed the meeting, was attended by about ninety Brethren, and was admirably supplied by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel.

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SHAKESPEARE LODGE, No. 426.

THE Brethren celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, 17th ult., at Spilsby. The ceremony of installation was undertaken by Brother A. J. Eve P.M. P.G.S.B., who installed Bro. W. S. Rainey.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the usual toasts were honoured.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 455.

BY dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Euston the installation was held in the Assembly Rooms, Conservative Club, Kettering, on Monday, 21st ult.

The proceedings were in every respect of a successful and enthusiastic character. The chief event was the accession of Bro. Alfred Webb S.W. to the chair of the Lodge, and about forty Brethren attended to do him honour.

Bro. J. C. Surman W.M. Prov.G.P. opened the Lodge in due form, and the usual routine business was gone through.

Bro. T. Lewis presented Bro. Alfred Webb for installation to the chair of the Lodge, and he was duly installed, the ceremony and ritual being admirably and impressively jointly carried out by Bro. G. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.St.B. and Bro. J. W. Greasley P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Further business was transacted and the Lodge was closed.

The annual banquet followed, after which the toasts were given.

The W.M. paid great tribute of praise to the Provincial Grand Master for the manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his high office, and the great pains his Lordship took in promoting the interest and welfare of the Province and Masonry generally.

Bro. T. Lewis P.P.S.G.W., replying to the toast of the Provincial Officers, referred to the good work done by Lord Euston, and alluded in feeling terms to the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Butler-Wilkins, and the great loss the Province had thus sustained.

The W.M., replying to the toast of his health, said on that occasion, owing to their ordinary Lodge Room not affording sufficient accommodation, they had to meet by dispensation at that Club, but he hoped before the installation of his successor came about they would have a more commodious Lodge Room of their own. He trusted that during his year of office the success which had attended the Perseverance Lodge would be increased, and he assured the Brethren he would, with their assistance, do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge; and uphold the dignity of the chair to which they had that day elevated him.

Bro. T. Paget proposed the Masonic Charities. Among the different objects of Masonry, he said, none was more important than the looking after their Charities. During the past two years the Perseverance Lodge had done good work in that direction, and he hoped the newly-elected W.M. would endeavour to keep up the same amount of interest on behalf of the Charities, and if possible increase it. They had no greater supporter or worker on behalf of the Charities than the Noble Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Euston.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., Bro. H. J. Harrison W.M. There were also present:—Bros. W. Jones J.W., R. Adshead S.D., Geo. H. Scott J.D., John Chadderton I.G., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost Sec., Chas. H. Griffiths S.S., H. B. Brown I.P.M., John Greenup P.M. D.C., Joseph Richardson P.M. P.P.S.G.D., P. Swift P.M., Thos. Tyers P.M., G. H. Barnes P.M., S. Whittaker P.M., William Kay P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Dr. E. E. Jones, Dr. Chris. Carruthers, George Ashworth, Thos. Bibby, J. T. Moorhouse, J. G. Hewson, H. Crellin, John W.

Fry, Joseph Harrison, P. Davison, S. Andrew, W. H. Wagstaff, James Pollitt, G. E. Mellor.

The meeting was called for an early hour, as three ceremonies were due; one candidate, however, did not put in an appearance. After qualifying themselves, Bro. Peter Davison was passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Thomas Bibby was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., both ceremonies being performed by Brother Harrison W.M. The Working Tools in the former degree were presented and explained by Bro. Swift P.M.

Notices of Motion stood in the name of Brother Whittaker Charity Representative, to the following effect, viz., "That the sum of Twenty Guineas be granted from the Lodge Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

"That the sum of Ten Guineas be granted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and it is gratifying for us to state that both these applications were successful.

A discussion took place with regard to the Soirée which it is proposed to hold upon the next Lodge night (the 20th inst.), after the regular business of the Lodge has been transacted.

Another pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to the Worshipful Master, by Bro. Wagstaff, of a very handsome walking stick, silver mounted, with engraved monogram, which gift Bro. Harrison acknowledged in suitable terms.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the proceedings being enlivened by songs rendered by Bros. Hewson, Crellin and Roberts.

ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 597.

THE annual installation took place on the 29th ult., at Holyhead, Bro. William Guest being installed W.M. by Brother J. Lloyd Griffith G.A.D.C.

The banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel, when there was a large attendance of Visiting Brethren.

ST. EDWARD LODGE, No. 966.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, 31st ult., at the Mechanics' Institute, Leek, when Bro. W. T. Govier was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Brother J. C. Clemesha P.P.G.Std.B. W.M., assisted by Bro. W. Allen P.P.G.J.W., and Brother E. Phillips.

After the installation the Brethren dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1039.

THE installation of Bro. G. Ashmall took place in the Lodge Room at the George Hotel, Lichfield, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., in the presence of a large gathering.

The installation was performed by the acting W.M. Bro. A. Smyrk, and the charges were impressively delivered by Bro. W. A. Wood.

In the evening the Brethren attended the annual banquet, which proved to be a very enjoyable function. The menu provided by Mr. and Mrs. Perry was excellent in every detail, and at the close of the sumptuous repast the toast list was gone through, in addition to which a capital musical programme was provided.

ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. E. C. L. Craze presided over a meeting of about a hundred Brethren who attended the installation banquet of the Lodge at the Masonic Club, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 30th ult., he being supported by the I.P.M. Bro. W. Ferguson.

Bro. R. W. Pitcher P.M. 954 P.P.G.Purs., responding for Devon, said it was generally acknowledged that Lord Ebrington was the right man in the right place, and conducted the business of the P.G. Lodge firmly, wisely, and expeditiously.

Bro. N. Radmore P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer also replied for Devon. Lord Ebrington, he said, had proved himself a most excellent P.G.M., and was highly esteemed by the Brethren. He could only wish his lordship would call the Provincial Grand meetings at such time and place as would make it convenient for him to be present and preside. There were many deserving Brethren present who were worthy to be adorned with the purple, but the choice lay with the P.G.M.

Bro. J. Cassell P.M. 1136 P.G.S.D. Cornwall acknowledged the toast on behalf of the P.G. Lodge of Cornwall. It was source of gratification to the Brethren that their Prov.G.M. always arranged the annual meetings of P.G. Lodge so that he could personally attend. He thought his lordship distributed the collars according to the merits of the Brethren.

Bro. F. A. Rawling P.M. 1071 P.P.G.A.Sec. reminded the Brethren that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who was Deputy Grand Master of England, was to preside at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and he asked the Devonshire Brethren to assist the Cornishmen in making it a grand success, from a financial point of view, as regards the Western Provinces.

Bro. Andrew Goad, in submitting the health of the W.M., heartily congratulated Bro. Craze on having been unanimously elected by the Brethren. Bro. Craze was held in high esteem, and from the admirable way in which he had carried out the work of the various chairs he had no doubt his year of Mastership would compare most favourably with those who had preceded him.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 29th ult. In the unavoidable absence, owing to illness, of the W.M. Bro. John Sayers, the Lodge was opened by Bro. E. Broadbridge P.M. P.P.G.D., who was supported by the Officers.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Edward Mitchell as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Broadbridge.

Bro. Broadbridge was re-elected to serve on the Masonic Rooms Committee, Bro. J. Eberall was appointed Charity Steward, and Bros. W. J. Towner, G. Heckford, and E. Hamlin were appointed on the General Purposes Committee.

On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

In responding to the toast of the Provincial Officers Sir W. T. Marriott said Sussex was especially fortunate in being the only Province in the United Kingdom that had a member of the Royal Family as its Master. Freemasons, he said, were loyal to a monarchical form of government, and Sussex Freemasons were loyal to their beloved Queen—the mother of their Provincial Grand Master. The Duke of Connaught had many duties to perform, but came amongst them as often as he possibly could and did his utmost to advance the success of the Province. Of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master he could not speak so highly, though he did his best; but he could speak in the warmest terms of the manner in which the Provincial Grand Officers carried out their duties.

Bro. W. Balchin jun. P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in submitting the toast of the Worshipful Master, said that, owing to the unfortunate absence of their I.P.M., whose illness they all deplored, and by the kindness of the senior Past Masters, he had the privilege of proposing the toast of the evening. Bro. Mitchell was no half-hearted Mason; he did his work thoroughly and well, thus gaining the regard and esteem of every member of the Lodge. He was sure that during the coming year he would carry out his duties with justice to the Lodge and with credit to himself, and would maintain that Brotherly love which existed among them.

Replying, the W.M. said he had carried out his duties to the best of his ability, and would endeavour to prove that the confidence the Brethren had reposed in him, by electing him W.M., had not been misplaced. He expressed the hope that all the Brethren of the Lodge would do their best to support him at their monthly meetings, and assured them of his great interest in Masonry and in the St. Cecilia Lodge, whose honour and dignity it would be his aim to maintain.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 18th ult., Bro. Wm. Mosley W.M., the following being also present: Bros. Thos. Sefton I.P.M., J. Clough S.W., S. Statham P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Chap., Fr. Townson P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Lambert S.D., Wm. Thos. Blease J.D., W. Allen Smith I.G., Wm. Woodeson Std., Thos. Threlfall P.M., Ed. Holland P.M., J. Harrop P.M., Thos. Kay P.M., Eli Winterbottom P.M., J. L. Smith P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Ed. Hewitt, J. H. Burton, G. L. Hardcastle, John Harwood, Rev. Jas. Preston, Tom Bradbury. Visitors:—Bros. Thomas Shaw S.D. 1387, F. Hewitt S.W. 2216.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Gilbert Lees Hardcastle and John Harold Burton, who had given satisfactory proofs of their proficiency, were passed to the degree of F.C., the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Holland P.M. The Working Tools were explained by Bro. Clough S.W.

At the festive board (from which the W.M. had been compelled to retire for the purpose of taking part in a function promoted by his brother at Bury), the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the same being relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Brothers Bradbury, Clough, Ed. Hewitt, Pearson, Roberts, Shaw and J. L. Smith.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

THE annual meeting took place on Thursday, 31st ult., when Brother J. Marsh S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. W. H. Willis, who had efficiently occupied the chair during the preceding one.

There was a good attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors, representatives being present from Albany, East Medina, Yarborough, Ryde, Sandown, and other Lodges. Several messages of congratulation were received by the W.M. from Brethren unable to attend.

AUDLEY LODGE, No. 1896.

THE annual festival, and installation of Bro. W. J. Massey as W.M. took place on Tuesday, 29th ult., at Newport, Salop, the installation being performed by Bro. Ashmore, the Master of the past year.

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE members held their annual ball at the Chorlton Town Hall, All Saints, Manchester, on Wednesday, 30th ult. There was a large attendance, including the Worshipful Master Bro. J. W. Atkinson, the Senior and Junior Wardens Bros. R. W. Atkinson and W. Goodman, W. J. Melling P.M. Secretary, and other Past Masters.

Bro. T. C. Lilley S.D. officiated as M.C. and had the assistance of Bros. Hyde, Rostron, H. G. Walker, Dove and B. Walker as Stewards.

Dancing commenced at 8 p.m. and was kept up with great spirit until 2 a.m. At midnight, in accordance with a previous arrangement, Bro. W. J. Melling P.M. called the Brethren together to drink the health of the last raised Brother of the Ardwick Lodge, Bro. Captain Joseph Banks Wright, who was on his way to the West coast of Africa in command of the steamship Ambriz.

Bro. Wright's wife was present, and in the course of Bro. Melling's remarks he feelingly pointed out the warmth that existed between the Brethren and her husband, they being linked together by indissoluble ties of Brotherly love and friendship, and that it was not only in that room that those ties were felt in their fullest strength, but in distant lands, on mid ocean, yea, even on the battle field, where in times of difficulty, danger and distress, Masonry extends its cord of sympathy, finding a responsive echo in the heart of every true Brother, and as the ivy winds itself round the knotty stem of the stately oak, beautifies it with its leaves and protects it when tempests rage through its branches, in like manner Masons close round each other, and he was quite sure that must be a consolation to Mrs. Wright and the Brethren to know and to feel that although they were separated from Bro. Wright by thousands of miles, he would at that moment be drinking the health of all at home, and he was quite sure it was their prayer that the All Seeing Eye would watch over him and bring him back again safely to his own native land. The toast was very heartily received.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 28th ult., Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M., the following also being present:—Bros. W. A. Brabner I.P.M., C. Harrop S.W., Henry Nall P.M. J.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., Fred

Hilton S.D. P.P.G.D.C., Thos. Hamnett J.D., Sam Luke I.G., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., Edwyn A. Smith Org., Arthur J. Schofield, W. Thomas Watts, Harry Bowes, F. Todd, F. V. Arden, A. J. Holt, W. F. Dearden, Thos. Black P.M. P.P.G.D. Visitors:—Bros. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., J. Beardmore P.M. 852, T. H. Black 1170, J. H. Edwards 1773, G. N. R. Owens 2295, Geo. E. Black 2387, Thos. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., John Hinchcliffe J.D. 204.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been submitted and confirmed, and one of the Antient Constitutional Charges read (according to custom in this Lodge), Mr. Samuel Lingard Watts, who had already been balloted for, was initiated by the W.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. Harrop S.W. The Charge in this degree was given by Bro. Nall P.M. J.W. Following this was the raising to the sublime degree of M.M. of Bro. Harry Bowes, who had previously given exceptionally clever proofs of his proficiency in the former degrees. This ceremony was also undertaken by Bro. Beever W.M., and performed by him *in toto*.

At the festive board, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the newly-initiated Brother being proposed by Bro. Todd, who spoke of the candidate in the highest terms.

Bro. Watts said, in reply, the Brethren would not expect him to say very much about the impressive ceremony through which he had passed, every feature of which was entirely new to him, for previous to his admission amongst them he had known nothing whatever of Masonry, and although he possessed many Masonic friends, yet they had never divulged anything to him. The beautiful principles enunciated that evening he would try to live up to.

Bro. Sam Luke proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, taking the opportunity of reverting to the admirable manner in which the latter had acquitted himself while passing through the various degrees. Brother Luke further said that the Brethren would never regret having admitted Brother Bowes amongst them.

Bro. Bowes replied, saying that he thanked them for having accepted the toast of his health so enthusiastically. He felt very proud of the honour they had conferred upon him by making him a member of the Minnehaha Lodge, which bore a good name in every quarter for its efforts in charity. Being of a curious nature he had often wondered what Masonic Lodges were held for. While passing through the various stages of admission into their midst he had been enabled to form some idea, and sincerely hoped the good things promised and enjoined would be fulfilled.

Bro. Beever W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, some of whom occupied distinguished public positions. In Bro. Schofield they had a notable representative of literature; Bros. Edwards and Hinchcliffe were well known in musical circles; whilst Bro. Geo. E. Black represented the drama. Bro. Beever also said that when visitors attended their meetings the Officers tried to give them something to think about while in the Lodge, and something worth listening to at the social board. The visitors were always welcome, and on that occasion he tendered to them a very hearty greeting.

Bro. Beever subsequently proposed the health of Bro. Thomas, saying that he did so regretfully, for the subject of his remarks was compelled through failing health to leave this country for foreign climes. Before their next meeting Bro. Thomas would be thousands of miles away, but still he felt sure that he would carry with him a kindly remembrance of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, for had it not been for his exertions the Lodge would never have been formed. On behalf of the Brethren he wished him a speedy return to his fireside.

Bro. Thomas, in reply, said he was both sorry and glad that the toast of his health had been introduced at so late an hour—sorry that the occasion had arisen, and glad because it left him so little time to respond. He hoped their kind wishes and fond expectations would be realised. He was a martyr to an insidious complaint, and it was by the strong recommendation of his medical adviser that he was about to take his departure for Australia, for a six months' holiday. He could assure them that amongst others his keenest leave-takings would be from his family and this Lodge. He was proud of his connection with the latter, and would never forget it, hoping with the Brethren that his trip would do him all the good which was anticipated. Bro. Thomas mentioned incidentally that he had received a communication from Bro. Hitching, a member of the Lodge, who was travelling in foreign parts, and who excepted that day to reach the port of Barbadoes. Bro. Hitching wished to be kindly remembered to the whole of the Brethren.

During the evening Brother Beardmore, a Visitor, extended to Brother Thomas a warm invitation to visit his (Bro. Beardmore's) mother Lodge while in Australia; this is the Cambrian, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W.

Songs, recitations, &c. were rendered by Bros. G. E. Black, Beardmore, Schofield, Thomas, and Todd, a very pleasant evening being spent.

HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418.

ON Thursday, 31st ult., the annual meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year and the appointment and investiture of Officers. Bro. C. P. Bell W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of members and Visiting Brethren.

Bro. Charles R. Toomer W.M.-elect was presented for installation by Bro. W. E. Moffett D.C., and the ceremony was performed in an able and impressive manner. Subsequently the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

The musical parts of the proceedings were admirably performed by the Freemasons' Choir, under the leadership of Bro. L. Winstone.

Afterwards Bro. Toomer, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Bell a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his past services.

The annual Festival took place at the Royal Hotel. An excellent dinner was served by the manageress, Miss Hope. Bro. Toomer W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with glees and songs by the choir and other Brethren.

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PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE election meeting was held on Thursday, 17th ult., at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the presidency of Bro. F. J. Harrold.

A ballot took place for the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, with the result that the Senior Warden Bro. Astley, Solicitor, of Hungerford, was unanimously elected.

Brother Astley, in tendering his thanks, said he especially appreciated the honour from the fact that his late father was one of the founders of the Lodge.

Brother Day was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Bros. Stickland and Stradling Auditors, and Legg Tyler.

Brother Past Master Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, was unanimously elected a Joining Member. The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

ON Tuesday, 22nd ult., Bro. Edward Boase was installed W.M. by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Veal. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors.

The banquet, served in the dining-hall by Bro. H. Champion, White Hart Hotel, gave great satisfaction.

FRIENDSHIP, UNANIMITY AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 191.

THE installation of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the headquarters, the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on Monday, 21st ult., when Bro. T. H. Railton was installed as successor to Brother G. C. Strawbridge, of Taunton, the installation ceremony being performed by the P.G.M. Brother R. C. Else.

FLETCHER LODGE, No. 213.

ON Friday, 25th ult., the Brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven, in goodly numbers, to witness the installation of Brother George Starkey Prov. G.M.O. as W.M.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. J. F. Muir W.M., when Bro. the Hon. H. V. Duncombe P.G.S.D. of England was received and saluted as a Grand Officer. Bro. Duncombe having assumed the chair as Installing Master, Bro. Starkey was presented by Bro. Muir, when the installation ceremony was ably performed.

The year commenced favourably, by having a very old Brother Mason proposed for advancement. The Brethren then adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where the usual Mark toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs, &c.

Bro. Duncombe, in a few eloquent remarks, called the attention of the Brethren to the unique usefulness of the Mark Masonic charities, in which he was ably supported by Bro. G. Dalrymple Prov. G. Treasurer.

WOULDHAVE LODGE, No. 362.

THE regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, South Shields, on Wednesday, 23rd ult.

Bro. R. B. Reed D.Prov.G.M.M. honoured the Lodge with an official visit, being accompanied by several other Provincial Officers.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. Moffet W.M. Bro. Jas. Sedcole S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; C. F. Sutcliffe Treas., Jas. Page and Cousans Auditors and Thos. Potter Tyler.

PRESENTATION TO A CORNISH MASON.

THERE was a large gathering of the children of the Masonic Brethren of the Three Towns at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on the 4th inst., when Bro. James Clift, of Lodges 699, Chacewater and 70, Plymouth, entertained nearly two hundred children—the majority of whom belonged to the choir of Mr. W. Willoughby, Mus. Bac., at his recent concert at the Guildhall in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Mrs. and Miss Clift first held a reception, and the children were afterwards given a sumptuous tea.

An address was read by Master A. Goad, and Miss Louie Hilson presented Bro. J. Clift with a handsome double silver inkstand, resting on a Queen Anne tray.

The address which accompanied the presentation ran as follows:

"We, the undersigned children of Mr. Willoughby's choir, beg you to accept this inkstand in recognition of your extreme kindness in entertaining us on two auspicious occasions. We sincerely trust that God will spare you for many years to come, and that you will arrive safely to the end of the long journey you are about to undertake, also that we may have the pleasure of meeting you in this grand Masonic Hall again."

Bro. Clift replied in a most appropriate speech.

Mr. J. Bickford gave two amusing ventriloquial and "Punch and Judy" entertainments, and Bro. Jacobs sang comic songs in his inimitable style. Other Brethren also obliged. Miss Collings and Master Popplestone also sang good songs.—"Western Mercury."

NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

5 St. George Corner Stone, F.M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons-hall
90 St. John's, Albion
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, Freemasons-hall
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons-hall
1789 Ubique, Criterion
2012 Chiswick, Star & Garter, Kew
2094 Elthorne and Middlesex, Café Royal

2394 Galen, Freemasons-hall
2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant
2484 S. Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
231 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln

302 Hope, Bradford
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
379 Honour, Bath
388 Prudence, Halesworth
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth

607 Chibheley, Thrapston
632 Concord, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
721 Independence, Chester
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
827 St. John, Dewsbury
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
985 Alexandra, Lincoln
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1112 Shirley, Shirley
1149 Dorking, Dorking
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Liverpool
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge

1436 Castle, Sandgate
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-o-Humber
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, East Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1895 Thames, Henley
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas, I. of Man
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea

Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion
180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
211 St. Michael, Albion
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
235 Nine Muses, Grand, Charing X
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
834 Ranelagh, Criterion
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Hot.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1196 Urban, Freemasons-hall
1296 Stanhope, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern
1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons-hall
2127 Drury Lane, Mark M. Hall
2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
241 Merchants, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
293 King's Friends, Nantwich

319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
386 Unity, Wareham
448 St. James, Halifax
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Halesowen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
599 Cherwell, Banbury
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdown Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
686 Jerusalem, Bristol
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 Harbour Refuge, Hartlepool
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 St. Helen's Loyalty, St. Helens
903 Gosport, Gosport
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
1021 Harrington, Barrow-in-Furness
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 Royal Forest Dean, Newnham-on-Severn
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour and Friendship, Blandford

1267 Kenlis, Egrement
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1528 Fort, Newquay
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1587 St. Giles, Chaddle
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-H.
1782 Machen, Colehill
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1837 Lullington, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883 William Wykeham, Winchester
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wiiberforce, Hull
2164 St. Germans, Peel
2256 Warner, Chingford
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2339 Mistley, Manningtree
2360 Victoria, Southampton
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2487 St. Michael, Stone

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4
Special General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons-hall, at 4.30
3 Fidelity, Freemasons-hall
11 Enoch, Freemasons-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons-hall
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel
136 Good Report, Albion
548 Wellington, Cannon St. Hotel
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
1223 Beacon Tree, Guildhall Tavern
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons-hall
1533 St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant
1766 St. Leonard, Great Eastern Ho.
1815 Penge, Anerley
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via Hotel
2272 Rye, Peckham
2347 Grafton, Blanchard's Rest.
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
2410 Æsculapius, Café Royal
2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati
54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe

146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
250 Minerva, Hull
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
323 Concord, Stockport
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Princetown
679 St. David, Aberdare
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing

854 Albert, Shaw
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1242 Tynwald, Douglas
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1465 Ockenden, Haywards' Heath
1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Twickenham
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
1588 Prince Leopold, Stratford
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-o-Tyne
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1703 Windrush, Witney
1715 Arthur John Brogden, Grange-over-Sands
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1798 Zion, Manchester
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1863 Unity, Oldham
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1947 Stanford, Hove
2046 Robinson, Maidstone
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2183 Royal Hampton Court, Hampton Court
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2284 Smyth, Grimsby
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middleswich
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
2423 St. Mark, Coanah's Quay
2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

19 Royal Atlestan, City Term. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons-hall
181 Universal, Café Royal
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons-hall
263 Bank of England, Albion
534 Polish National, Freemasons-h.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hot.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern
1558 Duke Connaught, Camberwell
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons-hall
1804 Coborn, Bow
1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn R.
1987 Strand, Criterion
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
132 Unity, Ringwood Hants.
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
215 Commerce, Haslingden
216 Harmonic, Liverpool

324 Moira, Stalybridge
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton,
442 St. Peter, Peterborough
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
625 Devonshire, Glossop
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
786 Croxteth United Service, Liverpool
816 Royd's, Littleborough
945 Abbey, Abingdon
971 Trafalgar, Batley
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Damerel
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales
1495 Arkwright, Bath
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De La Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'th
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 St. Alkmund, Whitechurch
2343 Sir William, Bedford
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2468 St. John, Douglas. Isle of Man

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School Wood Green, at 2.30
143 Middlesex, Albion
975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn R.
2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton