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LODGE GRANTS TO THE BENEVOLENT.

WHAT promised to be an exciting passage of arms between the supporters of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, in reference to the Rank and Voting power to be given to Lodges and other Masonic bodies in return for donations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has terminated in a most unexpected manner, the proposals that seemed to give so much cause for alarm being unreservedly withdrawn at the Special General Meeting of Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. John A. Farnfield Vice-Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, the calculations of the promoters of the amendments being apparently upset by the opposition aroused by their suggestions, and they preferring, as the chairman remarked more than once, to rather bear those ills they had, than fly to others they knew not of.

Although this puts an end—for a time at least—to a state of affairs that gave promise of causing serious complications, we cannot regard the compromise as wholly satisfactory; and we believe our anxiety to see what will be the next step is shared by many who displayed an interest in the suggested alterations.

It may be unfair on our part to doubt the sincerity of the action of the would-be reformers, but this is excusable when we consider the extent to which they carried out their programme. They would listen to no half measures, it was a case of "aut Cæsar aut nullus"—all or nothing, and although many will admit that it would be most desirable for the Benevolent Institution to be in a position to confer the rank of Vice-Patron and Patron on Lodges and other bodies, the proposed additions to the Laws to secure this went with the others, withdrawn by the proposers, although it was freely expressed on all sides that the opportunity was a favourable one for making the necessary alterations in the Laws of the Institution to provide for it.

From the report of Wednesday's meeting which we give elsewhere, it will be seen Bro. Farnfield opened the proceedings by suggesting an altogether novel reading of the existing rules. We say novel advisedly, as it is very certain the construction he put on Rules 23 and 25 was not the generally accepted one—else why were any such amendments as those under notice ever contemplated or submitted?

Rule 23 provides that a Lodge, Chapter or Masonic Society subscribing fifty guineas to the Institution shall become a Vice-President, with ten votes in perpetuity, and an additional four for each succeeding ten guineas contributed—there cannot be any question therefore that a Lodge by such a payment becomes a Vice-President, that is admitted on all sides. Now Rule 25 is brought to bear, and as this provides that "every" Vice-President may become a Vice-Patron or a Patron of the Institution by further payments it is argued this must include Lodges or other Societies, but we venture to

think such a reading of the Rules was never intended, nor would it ever have been suggested if the necessity had not arisen to devise some special means of retiring from an untenable position. But there is no disputing the fact that the Rules allow of the construction put upon them, and that being so the case must stand, although, as will be seen from a later part of the report of Wednesday's meeting, an amendment has now been carried which will put a stop to the concession so far as Lodges are concerned, it being agreed to add the words "being an individual donor" in the two sections of Rule 25.

That the action of Bro. Farnfield, in suggesting that the existing Rules met the case, was received with surprise, is putting it in a very mild form. When he said the Committee could not see why they should not leave well alone, and further, as they felt they could not carry their suggested alterations in Grand Lodge, it was best to let matters rest as they were, there was a general feeling of wonder as to why all the excitement and trouble of Special General Meetings and heated discussions in Grand Lodge had taken place; and we are convinced the enquiry of Brother Glass, as to whether this construction of the Rules had ever been acted upon, fully expressed the sentiments of the meeting. He was answered in the affirmative, a reply that caused him to put the further question as to whether this 25th law had been put into "common" practice, and this the meeting was assured had also been done, Lodges, however, in all cases being allowed but four votes for each ten guineas subscribed after their Vice-President's qualification.

It is impossible to verify this latter statement without a reference to the books of the Institution, or confirmation from some of the Lodges concerned, and we should accept the statement as beyond question were it not that we were under the impression that Lodge votes had been awarded far in excess of these figures; we understood that Lodges had been awarded, in perpetuity, the full twelve votes allowed to an individual who qualifies as a Patron, not only for amounts beyond the Patron qualification, but for each ten guineas the Lodge subscribed. To fully illustrate our meaning let us assume a four hundred guinea donation from a Lodge. The Rules allow ten votes for the first fifty guineas, and four for every subsequent ten guineas, an arrangement which would give 150 votes in perpetuity, but if the other method of calculation were adopted and twelve votes given for each ten guineas subscribed these four hundred guineas would mean 480 votes, which makes a vast difference.

We fear our remarks on this matter may bear the appearance of being antagonistic to the Benevolent Institution—that is certainly not our desire, but, as is well known to our readers, we are strongly opposed to any perpetual responsibilities being undertaken, such as is attached to Lodge donations, unless it is clearly shown that a fair amount is paid for the benefits given, and in this connection it is well to remember that there is no guarantee the amount of the

annuities may not be increased at any moment, as was done in April 1876, by a vote at a Special General Meeting. We have already heard it suggested that this should be done, and although there is little chance of such a proposal being carried for some time to come, in face of the large number of eligible candidates who cannot be relieved at existing annuity rates, the contingency should always be reckoned for in any calculations made for financial transactions. While there is no fear of the amount of the annuities ever being decreased, we regard it as absolutely certain they will some day be increased, in order to keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age.

No doubt the notice already drawn to the different matters that have been discussed will lead to further attention being given them, indeed, as the Chairman of the Special Meeting said, as soon as the excitement of the present controversy has subsided it will be well for the Committee to attempt a general revision of the Rules, when of course the experience gained during the last few months would be fully considered. We do not anticipate, however, that amendment will be allowed to wait until excitement has subsided; we are rather inclined to expect that many Brethren will now give the whole question serious attention and, if we mistake not, some immediate revisions will be determined upon. It is very certain the experience of the last few days has caused great surprise to many of the leading supporters of the Masonic Institutions.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

AT the regular Council meeting held on the 25th ult. it was unanimously resolved to grant Brother McLeod the Secretary of the Institution an increase of £200 a year in his salary, thus placing his remuneration on a par with that of his confrères in the other two Institutions. We congratulate Bro. McLeod on his well merited advancement.

ALPASS BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE annual meeting was held on the 6th at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, and was well attended. The chair was taken by the President, Bro. R. Wylie P.P.G.S.W. P.G.S.D. of England, supported by Bro. Goodacie P.G. Secretary P.G.S.B. of England, &c. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that the finances were in a fairly satisfactory state; but that, in view of the fast-increasing claims on behalf of the widows for whom this foundation existed, it would be incumbent on all to use their utmost efforts on its behalf. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. G. Harradan Treasurer (re-elected), and J. Pittaway Secretary. Bros. J. Platt, H. W. Johnston P.P.G.D. and W. Savage were elected Auditors.

PROPOSED NEW HALL AT BLYTH.

SINCE the formation of the Blagdon Lodge at Blyth, in 1855, the association has gradually increased in membership, and during the past few years the Officers have made several attempts to obtain premises specially suited for Masonic purposes. A building committee was recently formed, and Brother Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., on being appealed to, placed at the disposal of the committee, on reasonable terms, an eligible site in Beaconsfield Street, adjoining the Higher Grade School, for the erection of the proposed hall. The building committee, consisting of Bro. Ed. Forster P.M. P.P.G.St.B. (president), Bros. John Tweedy, James Carmichael, and James Eadington, forwarded the movement as rapidly as possible, and the plan of the proposed building has been approved of. With a view to raising funds for the erection of the hall, a bazaar and sale of work was opened in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday of last week.

Bro. Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., Deputy Prov. G.M., in declaring the bazaar open, trusted that it would be a thorough success. It certainly deserved to be successful, and his wish was that the intentions of the Brotherhood and the ladies who had so generously lent their assistance, might be more than realised. He hoped in the not distant future to be able to take part with Sir Matthew White Ridley in opening and Consecrating

their new hall. When that day came, not only the Lodge at Blyth, but the Brotherhood of the whole of the Province of Northumberland would rejoice, and they would feel that they had followed the example of a good many towns and provided for the working Freemasons a home. Ald. Holmes then formally declared the bazaar open.

The sale of work commenced immediately afterwards, the stall-holders finding a ready market among the large gathering of visitors. The hall was gracefully decorated, and the arrangement of the various "marts" gave one the impression of a busy and thriving Oriental market square.—"Newcastle Leader."

NEW HALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

THE Isaac Newton Lodge has just completed a Hall in which to carry on the mysteries of the Craft. It is situated in a narrow side street, where the curiosity of the vulgar public will not be roused to too great a heat, says the "Building News." The only portion of the exterior which is visible is the front. The building consists of a main hall 50ft. by 25ft. and 25ft. high, two perfect cubes, besides lobbies and preparation rooms. There is a good kitchen in the basement, and wine-cellar and other accessories for the comfort of the members. On the first floor there is the banquet hall and the gallery to the main hall. The ceiling of the main hall is embellished with signs of the Zodiac, symbols of the twelve tribes of Israel, also the college arms on the frieze. There are likewise in this room the two columns of Masonic signification, highly embellished. Mr. William M. Fawcett, M.A., of Cambridge, is the architect.

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE special Masonic Service at St. Mary's Church, Loughton, for the benefit of the London Hospital, and to which we have already referred, was held on Sunday last, and proved both interesting and instructive, not only to the large congregation which assembled but also to the members of the Craft who were present.

The Brethren, to the number of about fifty, proceeded in procession from a marquee that had been erected in front of the Church porch, headed by Bro. C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P. of England, who officiated as Director of Ceremonies. He was followed by a number of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M., Past Masters and Officers of the Bagshaw Lodge, and other Past Masters, Officers and Brethren, who entered the Church singing the Masonic Hymn "Hail, Eternal."

The Voluntary was played by Mr. H. W. Norton, A.R.A.M., and was followed by an instrumental selection, under the direction of Bro. A. Victor Medcalf; a solo, "Glory to Thee," by Bro. Godfrey Lawford; and the March from Eli, played by a string band, which included Bro. A. V. Medcalf (Violin), George Corble P.M. (Viola), and Messrs. Burnett Carter and Elphinstone (Violins), Ernest Bond (Viola), and T. H. Littlewood (Cello), the latter of whom gave a Cello Obligato at a later stage of the service.

The sermon, which was preached by Rev. Thomas Lloyd P.M. P. Prov. G. Chap. Essex, from Matthew xxiii, 8: "For one is your Master . . . and all ye are brethren," was a most stirring and grand oration, dealing with the general duties and objects of Freemasonry. The powerful and eloquent exhortation to the Brethren and general congregation was listened to with rapt and solemn admiration, and was brought to a close with an appeal in support of the hospital in whose behalf the Service was arranged.

Bro. Rev. W. Linton Wilson Prov. G. Chap. Essex read the Prayers, and Bro. Godfrey Lawford the Lessons. The collection realised upwards of £11, which amount will most probably be substantially increased by the balance remaining from the Stewards' fees after deducting the necessary expenses.

Bro. T. T. Nunn P.M., C. E. Skinner, C. S. Foster and J. Ambrose acted as special sidesmen, while Brothers Dundas Langdon and Otto Steffen (who shared with Bro. Rev. W. L. Wilson the work of Secretary), had been chosen as Assistant Directors of Ceremonies.

Altogether the Service was a success, and afforded another opportunity of proving the interest of the Craft in outside works of Benevolence.

The following Brethren comprised the Committee: The Earl of Warwick Prov. Grand Master Essex, Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Essex, Thos. J. Ralling Prov. Grand Sec., J. Ambrose, W. Andrews, J. T. Ashby P.M., F. Billows, J. Booth P.M., F. J. Brand, A. Buck P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Clarkson P.M., H. Clinch, J. Cooper, George Corble P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. J. Cuthbert W.M., W. E. Dring P.M. P.P.S.G.D., E. Egan P.M., Everard, R. Fish S.W., C. S. Foster J.D., H.

Francis, G. L. Gumprecht, J. Harris, W. Holloway P.M., Col. Howard, H. A. Jager W.M., D. Langdon S.W., Walter Latter, Col. Lockwood, M.P., S.W., W. Scott McDonald, McWilton, A. Mayor, A. V. Medcalf, Alfred Miller, Fred Moll P.M., Oscar Moll P.M., E. Monday, T. T. Nunn P.M., L. Pagenkopf, S. W. Percy, E. Purkess J.W., H. Riding, C. E. Skinner S.D., C. J. Smith, Geo. Smith, Otto Steffen P.M., H. W. Tee, C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P. England, J. W. Tyler P.M. P.S.G.D., F. Weniger P.M., W. H. Wheatley, C. Walker D.C., S. Whitford, Rev. W. Linton Wilson Prov. Grand Chap.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 7th, Past Grand Master Lord Blythwood presiding, in the absence, on Parliamentary duty, of the Grand Master, Sir Charles Dalrymple.

The annual accounts were submitted, and showed the income of Grand Lodge had been, for the year ending 29th November, £4,564, and the expenditure £2,339, showing a surplus of £2,224. The funds and estate amounted to £34,870. The fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence amounted to £7,161; the Annuity fund to £22,455.

The Grand Master was thanked for his diligence in regard to the position of Freemasons in Japan, which we refer to elsewhere, and matters of routine business being disposed of Grand Lodge was closed.

It is proposed that the memorial to the late Mr. Alderman Chirgwin, J.P., of Truro, take the form of a stained glass window in Truro Cathedral, and a simple alabaster, or marble tablet, beneath or near it in the Cathedral, says the "Western Morning News." The Dean and Chapter have given their assent and it is hoped that a sufficient sum to cover the cost of one of the two lights will be raised by the Freemasons in Cornwall. The Mayor of Truro has consented to act as Treasurer, and Major Parkyn has undertaken the duties of Hon. Sec.

The distress that has attended the exceptional cold weather we have lately experienced has aroused the sympathy of the Masons in various parts of the country. At a recent meeting of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254, Exeter, the sum of five guineas was voted to the City of Exeter charities, which are just now greatly in need of funds. Another instance of similar thoughtfulness for the outside needy was displayed at the meeting of the Harmony Lodge, No. 156, Plymouth, when a collection was made at the banquet table for the special relief fund of the district.

With full Masonic honours the members of the mystic Craft in New York have just sealed a steel casket containing Masonic and other archives and documents and deposited it in a vault in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, where it is to remain undisturbed for one hundred years. Then, we are informed, "Royal and Select Masters of that period are to open it and examine the contents for the edification and information of the Craft of that day." The casket, which is made of the finest steel, is 3ft. long, 15 in. deep, and 18in. wide. The lid was provided with a patent combination lock, so arranged that by the use of a fine German silver wire and a small quantity of molten metal the casket could be securely sealed. The vault is also securely sealed, and covered by a brass tablet suitably inscribed.—"Morning."

Only a very mean nature will be prompted to use the ballot in a Masonic Lodge for selfish or revengeful purposes. Every true Craftsman feels, when called upon to ballot upon the admission of a candidate, that he is acting upon his sacred honour, and that he must not allow personal prejudice or resentment to control him. It is only for good and sufficient reasons—reasons such as make it a duty to bar the way of an applicant—that a high-minded and magnanimous Mason will feel called upon to cast an adverse ballot.—Exchange.

In Austria Freemasonry is eschewed by the aristocracy and the reigning family, as it is also in Russia and Belgium, while in Holland the Dutch nobility are nearly all members of the Craft.—"Masonic Tidings."

A new Lodge will shortly be consecrated at Cardiff, under the title of the Lord Llangattock Lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION: MONTREAL CHAPTER.

ON Wednesday, 6th inst., this Chapter was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Brewer Street, Maidstone, by Earl Amherst Prov. G. Superintendent Kent, who was assisted by Comps. J. S. Eastes Prov. G.H., General Cumming Prov. G.J., Horatio Ward G.S.B. of England, and T. S. Warne Prov. G.S.E.

The Charter for the new Chapter was granted upon the application of Companions F. W. Wright H. 1414, G. F. Baker P.H. 503, J. B. Groom 503, F. Kite P.Z. 503 P.P.G.Reg. Kent, A. Spencer P.Z. 829 P.P.G.J., J. S. Lovett P.Z. 414 P.P.G.J., G. T. Ker P.Z. 503 P.P.G.P.S., W. L. Seyfang 709, W. Hope 503, A. T. Epps 503, A. W. Smith 503. During the consecration ceremony, in addition to the above, several other Companions were also present.

On the completion of the consecration ceremony, Comps. Wright, Baker, and Groom were respectively installed in the chairs of Z., H., and J., and the following Officers were appointed: F. Kite S.E., W. L. Seyfang S.N., W. Hope P.S., A. T. Epps 1st Assistant S., and W. Smith 2nd Assistant S.

The members subsequently sat down to a banquet, splendidly served by Comp. Wain, at the Mitre Hotel.

The St. Leonard Chapter, No. 1766 will be consecrated on Wednesday next, 20th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, when Comp. William Shurmur P.Z. will be installed as First Principal. The consecration will be performed by Comp. E. Letchworth Grand Scribe E., who will be assisted by Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., P. Assist. G. Soj. as H., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Grand Superintendent for Bucks as J., Frank Richardson P.A.G. Soj. G.D.C. as Director of Ceremonies, and C. E. Keyser P.G. Sword Bearer as Scribe N. The other Officers designate include Companions H. E. Joyce P.Z., S. C. Kaufman, James Stephens P.Z., James Speller P.Z., James Boulton P.Z., W. Gower, G. H. Clarke, and Arthur Cunningham. The consecration ceremony will commence at 5.30 p.m., and the musical arrangements will be under the direction of Companion J. F. Haskins, Ph. Doc., P.P.G. Organist Essex P.G. Organist Herts.

DE GREY AND RIPON CHAPTER, No. 1356.

THE annual Convocation was held on the 6th inst., at Liverpool, for the installation of the Principals and investiture of Officers. The following were appointed, the ceremony being performed by Companion Jarman:—Comps. W. F. Ferguson Z., R. Tunnicliffe H., E. Collister Jones J.

A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Z. Comp. Morris, on behalf of the Chapter.

MARK MASONRY.

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LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemason's Hall, Working Street, Cardiff, on Thursday, 7th inst., Brother J. M. Gerhold W.M. presiding. There was a fairly large muster of the Brethren of this and the neighbouring province of Monmouthshire, who attended to do honour to the popular W.M.-elect Bro. Captain Wm. Henry Williams. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Brother J. M. Gerhold.

After the transaction of the usual business, the Lodge was closed and the annual banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., who was well supported by his Past Masters and Officers. The catering of Bro. G. J. Bland gave unbounded satisfaction.

The usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given and honoured.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, on Thursday, 7th inst., to instal Bro. R. H. Lee S.W. as Master for the year. The installing Officer was Brother James Gidley P.M. 163 383 P.G.T. Devon.

At the close of the meeting the Brethren adjourned to Brother Cleave's Stag Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared, and, under the presidency of the Master, a pleasant and most enjoyable evening was passed.

SEWELL LODGE, No. 421.

AT the monthly meeting held in the Oddfellow's Hall, Egremont, on Thursday, 31st ult., Bro. John Nelson W.M. presiding, Brother Dr. Braithwaite was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Brother Jas. Muncaster, Egremont, was re-elected Treasurer.

LEGIOLIUM LODGE, No. 457.

ON Friday, 1st inst., a large number of Brethren assembled at Castleford, the occasion being the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. Alfred Wilson S.W., the ceremony being performed by Brother W. Flockton P.P.S.W.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

IT is with extreme regret we have to chronicle the death of Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master and Superintendent of Surrey, which occurred on Monday afternoon, at his Club in Whitehall Gardens. Colonel Money was a man who never allowed anything to hinder him discharging what he deemed to be his duty, and one of his last acts in the Masonic world amply proves this, for although he had been suffering for some time past from the illness which culminated in his death, he was present at the Convocation of Grand Chapter last week, and then fulfilled the duties of Second Principal. After this he became rapidly worse, and died on the following Monday, probably as much regretted among Freemasons as any Brother who has risen to dignity in our midst. Colonel Money assumed command of the Surrey Lodges and Chapters in 1891, and despite the record left by his predecessor, has done much for that division of Freemasonry to place him in the front rank among its rulers. But he has not by any means confined his work to his own Province, he having ably performed his share in the general supervision of the Craft and Arch. Truly may it be said of him he will be missed, and difficult will it be to fill the void created by his death. He was a County Councillor of Surrey and a J.P. He served in the Burmese war of 1853-4, and in the Indian Mutiny. He was at the siege and capture at Delhi, commanding an escalading party at the assault of the Cashmere Bastion. He was also at the actions of Narwool, where his horse was killed, Gungerie, Puttialu, Myerpoorie, and at the assault and capture of Lucknow, and subsequent operations in Oude. He served in the North-west Frontier of India Campaign, 1863. In the Jowaki Expedition of 1877 he commanded the 3rd Sikh Infantry at the attack on Janin. In the Afghan War 1879-80 he was present at the defence of the Shutar Garden, and took part in the winter operations around Cabul, the defence of Sherpur, the march from Cabul for the relief of Candahar, and the subsequent operations, for which he was twice thanked by the Governor-General of India, and received a medal with two clasps and bronze star. Col. Money was also one of Her Majesty's Corps of Gentlemen at arms at the time of his death.

BRO. John Lewis, a leading tradesman of Carmarthen, somewhat suddenly succumbed to a severe attack of pneumonia. The deceased was a J.P. for the borough, an ex-mayor, and an alderman of the town council. He had filled the W.M. chair of the St. Peter's Lodge of Freemasons, and identified himself with every movement that had for its object the good of the inhabitants of the district.

WHO SHOULD BE MASONS?

AMONG the first things taught in the Lodge is the admonition to the newly-made Entered Apprentice, when he is told: "If in the circle of your acquaintance you find a person desirous of being initiated into Freemasonry, be particularly careful not to recommend him unless you are convinced that he will conform to all our rules and regulations, that the honour, glory and reputation of the Institution may be fully established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects." This is a proper warning at the right time. The new Mason is often zealous and enthusiastic. The light he has received, if properly displayed, has filled him with delight, and he is anxious that others should enjoy the same mysterious influence. Step by step he is led to regard the Institution as one deserving the approbation and support of all good men, and if he appreciates the beauties and the purity of the lessons he will see that there are certain internal qualifications every Mason should possess. His zeal, and his desire that his friends and companions should be with him in the Lodge, might lead him to hide grave defects and conclude that the lessons would work reformation, and he might be led into the error of proposing a friend whose life and habits would not be in harmony with the teachings of the Fraternity. Hence the warning.

We are often led to wonder how some who are members of the Fraternity ever gain admission. They do not seem to possess any of the qualifications that should recommend a man to Masonry. They are men, but have little more than the physical qualifications. They are not impressed by the ceremonies as they should be, they do not regard the lessons taught, make light of religion, and also falsify their professed belief in God, for they fairly scoff at Deity. That holy name which they were taught to mention only in reverence, they are continually taking in vain, and almost every other word they utter is fouled with profanity. They do not regard the lessons of temperance, and we are led to doubt if such men possess fortitude sufficient to protect the Fraternity from a revelation of those sacred mysteries with which they have been instructed. Such men, to say the least of it, are too careless to make good Masons.

A Mason should be well qualified mentally. He is to study certain important lessons that are to mark his consequence among men. He must have a mind able to grasp them, and an inclination to understand and practise them. The mere learning by rote of certain catechetical lectures is not sufficient. He should be able to understand the true meaning of each and every symbol and be able to apply it to his life, ennobling, beautifying, and strengthening him for the duties he owes to himself and his fellow-man.

A Mason should be morally as perfect as he can be in this imperfect, temptation filled world. Of that his own heart must be the judge. Outward morality is good, but internal morality is the one great qualification necessary. No man can live in this world without doing wrong. If he shuts himself in a cloister, and surrounds his life with only religious books, that act of seclusion is in itself wrong. But when a man errs, he owes it to God and his fellows to confess it and turn from it. And such a man will find his heart in the right place if his head goes wrong.

A Mason should be well qualified physically. One of the oldest of charges was that an Apprentice or a Fellow should be perfect in all his members. He should be able-bodied and competent to earn his living. The Ancient Charges set forth the whole matter of who should be Masons so clearly that we give it in full here:

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only; so that the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to Shame, nor the Royal Craft despised: Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place and learn them in a way peculiar to this Fraternity: Only candidates may know, that no Master should take an Apprentice, unless he has sufficient Employment for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth, having no Maim or Defect in his Body, that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's Lord and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time, even after he has served such a term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the Honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all Lodges, according to his merit."

We are sometimes led to advise those seeking membership in the Fraternity to keep out of it because they cannot afford it. A man has no right to join any society at the expense of his own or his family's comfort. Masonry is not an asylum or school of correction, intended to reform men; it seeks only to make reformed men better; neither is it an institution of benevolence, where the man goes to receive certain monetary benefits or better a crippled condition, though it takes care of its own when misfortune overtakes them. He should be able to support himself and family and to lay aside something for a rainy day, before he joins a Masonic Lodge.

Good men only should be Masons.—"New York Dispatch."

MASONRY AND BUSINESS.

IT is said that water and oil will not mix without some other element to bring the two together. It has also been remarked that Masonry was one thing and business another, and the two will not mix. While it is undoubtedly true that Masonry and business are not synonymous terms, yet it is equally certain there is no antagonism between the two, and the one ought to help the other.

A man joins the Masonic fraternity, if he has the right conception of it, not for any pecuniary benefit he expects to receive, but for the good it will do him in his daily life, and his business is a part of his daily life. He looks upon the institution, if he gives the matter any consideration at all, as one that extends over the whole world. A Brotherhood where all are bound by some mysterious principle or impulse, and each is friend to the other. An institution regarded as ancient and honourable. A society of sociability. An association banded together to work acts of charity and help those who are needy.

Looking at it from these points he regards it as the company in which he may be able to fulfill to some extent his duty to his fellow-men. He petitions for admission and is met at the very beginning with a declaration which he is required to make, that he seeks to join this ancient and honourable society of his own free will, and that he is not actuated by any selfish or mercenary motives. This declaration is not in every case true, as may be seen in instances of men who seek by un-Masonic means to use the fraternity to further their own selfish ends. But the institution is made up of men of pure motives, for those who try to use it for mercenary purpose are an exception and are few.

Masonry as before stated is intended to help a man in his every day life, and business is a part of that life. We have a

right to expect that those who wear the square and compass will deal on the square, and circumscribe their actions by the compass of justice. We have a right to expect from a Mason honest and upright dealing in all his transactions. There will be full measure and full weight. We have no right to expect that because we can make ourselves known to him in the dark as well as in the light, he is to favour us above all men. He sells his goods at a certain price, a fair price, and as right between man and man, or Mason and Mason, we have no right to expect him to "come down" to favour us. In business, impartial justice is demanded. Masonry ought to be a strong recommendation to a man, and is, when the man practices the principles laid down for every day life.

It is said that "men live off of Masonry." This is not true. It is a slander upon the fraternity and the men who are charged with the offence—for it is an offence. The society is so organised as to make it next to impossible for a man to "live off of it." An impostor may run a course for a time, but he will be found out and his career cut short. If a Brother is in need the fraternity will take care of him. There are many members all over the world who are supported wholly by the Lodges. They are destitute, and the principles of the institution, and it is a pleasure to the Craft to do so, requires that their necessities be relieved. In health, they gave of their substance to help some other Brother, and now that affliction has overtaken them they are cared for. Such is the beautiful charity of Freemasonry.

"The labourer is worthy of his hire," and that man who devotes his time to the interests of the institution deserves the same remuneration that he could receive in any other business. Masonry is a business, and its affairs need the careful attention of business men with business methods, and the very best business men, with the very best methods should be employed. There are hundreds of self-sacrificing men, who are doing themselves injustice by serving Lodge, Chapter and Commandery without just compensation. The worst paid men as a rule are the Secretaries, whose duties and responsibilities are of a business nature. All the details of the Lodge work must be cared for by him, and he deserves to be paid for his work. It cannot be said that he "lives off of Masonry." In the conduct of the affairs of a great corporation, men are selected who are capable of understanding the magnitude of the business, and the compensation for their services is commensurate with the demands upon their ability. This is business. Masonry is a great institution and teaches justice to all men, and has no right to expect those who work for it to do so and "find themselves."

There are many things connected with this subject that we cannot at this time touch upon. We leave these thoughts for the consideration of those who think on such things. A man's Masonry must not interfere with his regular business, nor must he in any wise neglect to perform his duties honestly and fearlessly. Those who are called to serve the Craft, and some must serve, should do so in a business way and be paid for it. Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, or the bodies composing them will not take care of themselves; somebody must look after them. That the burden may not be too great, new Grand Masters and Masters are elected from year to year to direct affairs, but the real workers of the bodies are retained, and deserve to be treated as business men.—"N. Y. Dispatch."

THE AUTOCRACY OF THE MASTER.

POSSIBLY the rule of "strict obedience" in a Masonic Lodge may be one of its cohesive principles, and yet the unlimited authority of the Worshipful Master may be carried too far and his rule becomes despotic. He has it entirely in his power to be a parliamentary law unto himself and govern with a rod of iron. Courtesy and urbanity toward his inferiors should ever characterise the W.M., for there is no appeal from his ruling, save to the Grand Lodge. Freemasonry is the only body we know of, who in deliberation are entirely subject to the rule of the chair. This ruling power can be, and is sometimes abused. True, he is instructed to rule and govern his Lodge, set the Craft at work and impart proper instruction, but we have all seen where this authority was used arbitrarily, and the fall of the gavel in the East was a complete closure upon further debate. We lately saw an instance of this in a Lodge where a Brother rose to a question before the body and his effort to explain was cut short by the Master—at the prompting of a Past Master—because the explanation would place a previous action of the Master in rather an unfavourable light. The closure of the gavel was applied and the Brethren were left in ignorance of what they should know. There is no appeal to the body from the ruling of the W.M. It is not necessary for him to ask, "Shall the chair be sustained?" and Freemasonry is the only deliberative body where such an appeal is not admissible, save possibly a Jesuit's College. With this we are not seeking to find fault, because ninety-nine out of a hundred Worshipful Masters are considerate gentlemen and Brothers, who will not rule in a proud or imperious manner. But the exception will sometimes be seen—the Freemasons are very human—and the Lodge thus governed will soon begin to deteriorate. The bond of Freemasonry is Brotherly love. Truth and Relief are concomitants, but Love is the great dominant. Remove this emotion or governing principle from Freemasonry, and there is nothing left but a mere skeleton of formality, from which the spirit has departed. Every Brother, when his Lodge closes, should feel sorry to part. However late the hour may be; however dry and prolix the routine business may be, when the Master declares the Lodge closed a feeling of regret should be felt by every one at having to part. To inance this feeling should be the ambition of the

Master and all his subordinates. Every Brother present should add his quota to the general fund of unity and fellowship. Not a discordant note should be permitted to jar upon the voiceless psalm going up from the Brethren who dwell together in unity. And right here we find the wisdom of the Masonic law, which places a Lodge government in the hands of one man. It would indeed be a strange spectacle to witness a war of words in debate in a Masonic Lodge, and in the interests of peace and harmony the arbitrary powers of the W.M. are proper, even if sometimes the ruling be contrary to fairness in discussion. The Masonic Lodge is a calm retreat. Quietude is in the ascendency. The battle of the world is shut out. The cares of life for a time subside, and the mind has its needed repose. Who has not felt this? Who has not realised the tranquility and peace that rests down upon the soul, like the dew of Hermon? Why is this the case? Largely because the power to absolutely quell the first manifestation of a rising disorder is placed in the hands of the man who wields the symbol of autocratic authority. Liberty, to be such, must have certain limitations and bounds, to pass beyond which is unbridled license. Acting under the by-laws of the Lodge the W.M. can thus hold in check the unruly and despotically say: "Peace, be still!" No, we would have no change in this absolutism. The laws of order that govern a congress or parliament of the profane would never serve in a Mason's Lodge.—"American Tyler."

For the convenience of Provincial and other Brethren who desire to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th prox., solely for the purpose of recording their votes for the election of Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge will be opened at two o'clock punctually, when the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication will be put for confirmation, immediately after which the election of Grand Master will take place. The Voting Cards for the election of Grand Treasurer will be given out to the Brethren before entering Grand Lodge, and may be deposited in the balloting boxes from half past two to a quarter past seven o'clock, when no more Voting Cards can be taken, and the ordinary business of Grand Lodge will be proceeded with.

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The annual meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, was held on Tuesday, when Bro. Oscar Barrett was installed as Master; the same day Bro. George Cockrell was installed as W.M. of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211; while on Thursday Bro. Milton Smith received similar dignity in the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19. We hope to give reports of the three meetings in our next issue, our accounts of them being crowded out this week.

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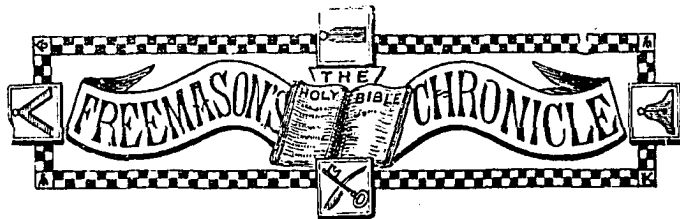
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SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Wednesday, by requisition formally presented, to consider the following proposed alterations in the Laws of the Institution:—

Clause 19, 6th Section, to add at end thereof: "If contributing 100 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than five guineas to either fund, shall be a Patron with 140 Votes at all Elections of Annuitants, and for every five guineas thereafter subscribed to 12 Votes."

Clause 23, first line after the word Society, insert: "or any office therein."

After Clause 23, 1st Section, insert to form part thereof the following: "A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein, subscribing 100 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than 10 guineas each to either fund, or equally to each, shall be entitled to 30 Votes in perpetuity at all Elections of Annuitants, and rank as a Vice-Patron of the Institution with Four Votes for every 10 guineas thereafter subscribed."

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society, or any office therein subscribing 200 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than 10 guineas each to either fund or equally to each, shall be entitled to 70 Votes in perpetuity at all Elections of Annuitants and rank as a Patron of the Institution with Six Votes for every 10 guineas thereafter subscribed."

Clause 25, erase first word, and substitute "A," and in first line, after the word President, insert: "being an individual Donor." Same Clause, 2nd Section, make a similar alteration.

After Clause 45, insert as Clause 45A: "Any vacancy occurring on the House Committee or the Finance Committee shall be filled up at the next following meeting of the Committee of Management, notice of such vacancy being given in the summons convening the meeting."

Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer of the Institution took the chair, and after Bro. James Terry Secretary had read the requisition for the meeting, directed him to read communications he had received on the subject to be discussed.

Bro. Terry read letters from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, from Sir Offley Wakeman Prov.G.M. for Shropshire, and from Bro. Richard Eve Chairman of a Joint Committee of the Subscribers to the Girls and Boys Institutions, the former two expressing disapproval of the proposed scheme of the Benevolent Institution awarding votes for Lodge Patrons and Vice-Patrons, and the latter asking for a conference between the three Institutions, at the same time expressing a fear that the alteration laid before last Grand Lodge would be prejudicial to the three Institutions.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Chairman, then said: Brethren, I do not know whether any of you or all of you are conversant with the Rules of this Institution. There has been a particular question which has suggested itself on the proposal that has been submitted by the Sub-Committee to the Committee of Management of this Institution to consider, and the question

is whether we do require an alteration of the Laws. If you read the Laws very carefully it may be that you will see whether it is necessary at all to alter the Law, and whether we have not the power vested in us already without troubling Grand Lodge at all. If you will take your books you will see the Rules. Rule 23 take first, and go on by steps. It is a question which I should like to have the opinion of some of you gentlemen upon who are lawyers. Take Rule 23—well, Brethren, if you will kindly read carefully Rule 23 you will see it is as follows :

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society subscribing Fifty Guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall during its existence be entitled to ten Votes for Annuitants on the particular Fund to which the donation is paid, and the Master or First Principal of such Lodge or Chapter for the time being shall be a Vice-President of the Institution in right of such payment; and for every additional Ten Guineas to such particular Fund shall be further entitled to four votes at each election."

Now, I may tell you, Brethren, that that has been the Law since the year 1842, and has never been altered. If you go a little bit further, at Rule 25 you will find that :

"Every Vice-President, upon completion of a further donation of Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall become a Vice-Patron of the Institution."

A Brother : Every one ?

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : Yes ; every Vice-President. Now, Brethren, if since 1842 we have made a Brother Vice-President, in right of his Lodge paying a certain sum, Vice-Patron, and as Rule 25 says that a Vice-President on doing something more shall be a Vice-Patron he comes under the definition of "every ;" and then you go on :

"Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further Donation of One Hundred Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than Ten Guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution, with twelve votes for every Ten Guineas thereafter subscribed."

Now, then, I put it to you looking at what was said in Grand Lodge at the last meeting (and I suppose there is a certain amount of opposition on the question), have we any right to tamper with the Law as it is here ? Our Law, as it appears to me, reading it in its strict sense, is perfectly good for everything that is required. It is a question for you—I am in the hands of you—whether it is not better to leave well alone than alter the Laws. The Sub-Committee you have appointed have recommended to put instead of "Every" "A," and in the first line after the word President to insert "being an individual donor" in the amendments we have made; but this is to be a motion that we may not be able to carry in Grand Lodge. We would rather rest quietly on the Law as it is and not seek to alter it at all. It would be better to bear the ills we have than fly to those we wot not of. I am speaking to many who are solicitors, who know the law better than I do. It is a question whether we should alter the Law. What we suggest is that the privilege be granted to Lodges or Chapters or their Master. I put that forward to you just to put your thoughts in that frame, and I shall be glad to listen to anything that may be said.

Brother John Glass P.M. 453 : May I ask if the construction that you suggest applies to this Law has ever been acted on in the manner you have suggested ?

Bro. Farnfield : Yes ; Lodges and Chapters which have paid the amounts are having the votes and are Vice-Patrons, but we wish to make it more clear, because we have not any Patrons. We have now Vice-Patrons by this rule. The rule says "Every Vice-Patron." Then you see according to this reading of the law we are clothed with power in everything of that kind. The question is whether you will let well alone or go to Grand Lodge to alter the Law. I am in your hands.

Brother John Glass : I should like clearly to understand that this 25th Law has been put in practice—common practice—with regard to Lodges and Chapters and Masonic Societies—that the privileges had been exercised and votes given in respect of payments made under that Law. I understood the Chairman to say yes ;—I mean the existing Law.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : I do not think I used the word "common" at all. Our Brother Secretary will explain as to what that may be. Brother Terry, what would it be as to Lodges qualified in your opinion under the 25th Law ?

Bro. Terry : Four votes for every Ten Guineas.

Bro. A. C. Spaul : I do not think that a single Lodge has been called a Patron or Vice-Patron.

Brother Farnfield : We have not the power except to give them votes.

Bro. A. C. Spaul : As regards this Law have there been Patrons or Vice-Patrons ?

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : If you take the Book of Rules and Regulations you will see we do not call Lodges and Chapters Patrons. They never have been. Take the list you have before you and look at pages 4 and 5 you will see there are a great many persons put down as Vice-Patrons, a multitude of them. I do not know whether that answers Bro. Glass.

Bro. Glass : No. The question is whether according to the construction of the Law this very Law has been put in practice, and if your contention be correct that every extra donation of Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each shall constitute the donor a Vice-President of the Institution. I understand from you that there is no Lodge or Chapter a Vice-Patron.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : Not on the balloting papers. Look on pages 5, 6, and 7 of the Rules. You will see the numbers put down. Do not take my word for it. Look at pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Brother John Glass : If you tell me this Law has been so construed and acted upon then I have no more to say.

Bro. James Terry : We give four votes for every Ten Guineas.

Brother Sir J. C. Dimsdale G.T. : The Lodges get the same votes as individuals.

Bro. James Terry : No ; half the number.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. : It seems like a conundrum to give it in that peculiar form, and I should hope that those who called this meeting had threshed this matter thoroughly out and had followed it out by a proposition.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : This question was submitted by a Sub-Committee to the Committee of Management. When submitted to us we came to the conclusion that looking at the Laws it was unnecessary. I put that forward because in the letter you wrote to us you are suggesting that a Committee of the three Institutions should be formed. In our opinion it was unnecessary because the Law was sufficient. I thought you and other gentlemen had not considered it in the aspect I put forward, I do not like to take you by surprise, and therefore before any motion was made I thought it necessary to call your attention to it.

Bro. Richard Eve : It has escaped my attention. But even supposing your contention is right, which I do not by any means admit, it does not appear that this has been acted upon altogether according to the Law you have laid down. As I put it you have now half the privileges to Lodges that individuals have, you say we ought not to have any alteration.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : We are only giving them half under the new ones.

Bro. Richard Eve : Bro. Terry says he does not give twelve votes to a Lodge or Chapter.

Bro. James Terry : Not to a Lodge or Chapter.

Bro. Richard Eve : If you continue your course of action in the future as in the past I have nothing more to say. All I personally feel is in the expressions made use of in those letters from the Hampshire Province, in which I take great interest, and of Sir Offley Wakeman. They express the views of all that there should be no undue preference to either of the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : I quite agree with you ; but we are now taking the Law as it has been ever since the Institution has been founded ; we are not taking it from you. I am waiting for a motion. It is not for me to do anything.

Bro. Richard Eve : Then we come to clause 25 "A Vice-President being an individual donor." Really the Lodges are not Vice-Presidents ; they are only Vice-Presidents in a sense ; they merely contribute for an Officer ex-officio. A Vice-President or a President being an individual donor. So long as it is like that I am satisfied ; if that is what it means I should be only too pleased to find the matter so settled. If you do not propose there is nothing to oppose.

Bro. Edward Terry P.G.T. : Are these proposals to be withdrawn ?

Bro. W. F. Smithson : Are these to be withdrawn to-day and are we to go back to the old Law ?

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : I think so. We must go back to the old Law. We shall keep it as it has been all the way through ; we shall not alter it at all.

Bro. W. F. Smithson P.G.D. : I have come here from West Yorkshire, and I say expressly this is in the best interests of the Institution. It is the best course to follow not to have anything but a fair and honourable rivalry among the Institutions, and you cannot get it by taking money out of the Brethrens' pockets or out of Societies and giving them the same privileges as you give to individual donors.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield : I regret that at the last meeting I was not able to preside, and I was taken aback at Grand Lodge when I had to propose the resolution, not having gone into it. It appears to me better to leave things as they are—allow matters to remain as they are ; it will allay any irritation there may have been, which I trust may cease now ; and I think the only thing necessary to put forward is the last paragraph. The House Committee is only five. Bro. Perceval died, and one is ill. On the Finance Committee too, one is dead, and we think if the place can be filled up at the next Committee it will save any trouble. In Arctic weather like this some might be laid by, and we might be in a position of unreadiness.

Bro. W. F. Smithson : I have been looking up the statistics as one who has taken part in the elections for fifteen or sixteen years and never missing a meeting at the elections ; and I find there was a time when 474 votes were successful. That was the case in 1874. I am coming now to the fact that last year at the last election 5,000 was not elected. At one time 450 would elect an old man. Now it takes 3,000 to elect him. The voting power has gone on so on account of the generous support of the Craft that it makes it very difficult to know when a case will be successful. I have felt several times very deep sympathy when Brethren have come up for an old man or an old woman and they do not know where to stop. Sometimes it takes three years to carry a case, and it cannot perhaps be done in under 6,000 votes. The case may be a strong one and come from strong Provinces in the north or south of England. On that ground I do not think we should increase the voting power. I might go further and take some statistics I worked out a few nights ago, with regard to the support given to the Institutions. From 1882 to 1893 the Boys School received £227,290 ; the Girls School £236,537 ; the Benevolent Institution £310,186. Those are the figures taken from Grand Lodge, and I therefore think that the Chairman and the Board of Management of the Benevolent Institution has every reason to be grateful for the support afforded to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I am certain that if we go and give lavishly these extra votes and extra privileges it will be detrimental. I know that there are many Provinces with small organisations

of their own. We have not started that in West Yorkshire yet; we have remained loyal and faithful to the three great Institutions, but there are other Provinces in the country which think that these Institutions are getting support enough; but at the same time they are formulating Institutions of their own, and that is what I want not to see. I want to support all the Institutions, where we get all the privileges we require. I do not want there to be introduced any patchwork into the Benevolent Institution to the prejudice of the Boys and the Girls School. The poor old people Bro. Terry has taken great trouble over, and deserve support, but I maintain also that the Boys and Girls Institutions deserve the same support and the same assistance. You will find on the lists of the Boys and the Girls some mothers left with six, seven, eight, nine or ten children; it is a god-send to that mother to get rid of one girl and one boy placed in the Institutions; but at the same time it would never do for us to have these Institutions have an unfair rivalry; let us have fair rivalry; for if there is one set of Masons rallying to Bro. Terry's Institution, another to Bro. McLeod's, and another to Bro. Hedges's I am sure it will be unworthy of us. I have no more to say, but let us all go on and support all the three Institutions.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: We are very much obliged to Bro. Smithson, but he may be surprised to hear that the lowest that got in at an election was sixty-two. Bro. Smithson speaks of the number of votes in this Institution increasing, but he does not tell you that the Boys and Girls votes have increased in the same proportion. He puts the Boys and Girls separately and lumps the old men and women and makes them £300,000; but he ought to take the Boys and Girls together if he takes the old men and women together. If he divides them he will find we have not had yet our fair proportion: that is our view.

Bro. Frederick Mead: You have explained this matter of voting and we are much obliged to you. It has been foreshadowed that you are giving an undue number of votes; we are giving or proposing to give only half the number of votes to a Lodge or Chapter that we give to an individual. In every instance I can assure you the proposal was half the number of votes to Lodges and Chapters that are given to individuals.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: Have you read the last clause?

Bro. John Glass: I understand that you propose that these notices of motion are to be withdrawn; but, Sir, I think after the expression of opinion that has been volunteered in regard to the interpretation of this Law this meeting ought to have an assurance from you that it is not intended to act upon this, and I shall not be satisfied until I hear that it is not the intention—without offence to you I say it, as many might try to obtain qualifications for additional votes—to act upon the proposition that is before the meeting. Therefore I ask you to state on behalf of the Committee whether it is your intention not to act on the proposition.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: We intend to act as we always have done, Brother Glass; we are not going to alter anything that has existed, but we shall keep on exactly as we have from the beginning of the Institution. If you ask me to pledge myself for the Committee I would rather not; that is rather a large order, as the Committee is somewhat about sixty or seventy members.

Bro. James Terry: 374.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: I would rather not pledge myself as to what they would or would not do.

Bro. William Masters: Then I would ask are all these propositions withdrawn?

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: Except the last as to the vacancies on the Committee; and if I may put it as we understand it we shall always carry it out—for every additional Ten Guineas to such particular Fund shall be further entitled to four votes at each election. That is what we do and what we propose doing in the future—all Lodges and Chapters only.

Bro. John Glass: Bye-Law 24, that a donation of Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or partly to each Fund, in one sum or in sums of not less than Five Guineas each, shall constitute the donor a Vice-President of the Institution and a member of the Committee of Management; do you intend to apply that to Lodges and Chapters?

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: I think we shall still keep that.

Bro. Richard Eve: Of course you are asking now that the propositions which have been made should be withdrawn, but in order to do that they ought to be moved and seconded, and withdrawn; because when it is asked to adopt them then I shall have to move an amendment on the statement by our Chairman that the present law will be acted on. On that statement of the Chairman it is perfectly clear to all of us that we shall now go on with a distinct understanding that this law will not be varied. I will move that as an amendment when the proposition is before us.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: It is impossible for us to alter the mode of dealing which we have already exercised unless we go to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge thought fit to adjourn it until we had looked further into the matter, we prefer to stand on the law as it is—to keep to the same course of action and not alter it. The committee thought we should peril our vote in Grand Lodge. The laws have to be submitted to Grand Lodge. You may depend upon it that while I am Treasurer of this Institution I shall not imperil it.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah: I think that this thing should be carried out and be done in due order and form. As a matter of form I think it ought to be proposed that such alteration should be made,—that that should be seconded by some Brother and put by the Chairman, and if any Brother thinks fit to make an amendment to that it can be put from the chair, and we shall have it in due form and due order; therefore I move as a matter of form that the alteration of the Laws as suggested by this notice be approved.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland: That places us in a very false position. If one

Brother proposes and another seconds it they will expect it to be carried. That puts us in a peculiar position. I could not support Bro. Scurrah. Here is a difficulty, and a peculiar difficulty to me. You have a special committee; you have submitted certain rules to them; you have called us here to-night to consider them and place them before us; and now you propose to withdraw them after an explanation. With deference to Brother Scurrah I say that this meeting has no power to withdraw them. At the same time I think it has placed this Institution in rather an unfortunate position to bring this matter forward in opposition, if I may call it so, to the Boys and Girls Institutions, because if they do not work in harmony it will be to the great detriment of the Institution. As I said, if it is put before the meeting it places us in a false position. I would ask Bro. Eve as a lawyer whether the proper way would not be to move that the various resolutions up to the last be withdrawn, and let some one second it, and then put it.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: Pardon me. How can a resolution be withdrawn that has never been put?

Bro. J. S. Cumberland: I follow Bro. Glass to this extent that the explanation you have put on various Laws is somewhat different to what it was before, and that we should have some guarantee that the Rules, when withdrawn should have a Masonic practical application and no more; and I say with all deference to you let us have a Masonic explanation, rather than a legal explanation. We have had a good deal of law; if we had more Masonry it might be better for us. I move that these Rules that you have formulated be not accepted by this meeting and that we revert to the old rule.

Bro. Stanley Attenborough: Clause 25 is an important clause.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah: I do not know if any Brother has seconded my proposition.

Bro. John Glass: It seems to me that Bro. Scurrah is in order to discuss the matter on the paper. That motion on the paper is the first motion to be made; as a matter of form I second it, I think it is the only practical way out of the difficulty.

Bro. Stanley Attenborough: I will second Bro. Cumberland with the exception of 25, because if you pass that scheme it will settle the question forever. "A Vice-President, being an individual donor." You will never be able to get Lodges and Chapters or Societies in that; so that if we carry Brother Cumberland's motion retaining the last two paragraphs of this special report I think we shall be doing what is right for the Institution, and it seems to me that the Sub-Committee of the Benevolent Institution do not wish to have—much to our regret—the Vice-Presidents and Presidents. I am sorry to see it, I second Bro. Cumberland's resolution.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: Are there any other amendments? Somebody may have to talk on it or say something about it. Very well, I will put it now: "That these Rules on the paper that you have, save the last two Clauses, be withdrawn."

Bro. Stanley Attenborough: With the exception of the two last Clauses.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland: Anything that comes nearer to the wishes of the Brethren I will adopt.

Bro. Cumberland's amendment to Bro. W. A. Scurrah's resolution was put, and carried by twenty-nine votes against one vote.

Brother J. A. Farnfield: Will some Brother now move as to these two Clauses.

Bro. A. C. Spaul: I will move that the two last Clauses on the business paper be adopted.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou: I second it.

Brother Hawkins asked that the two Clauses be taken separately, as he wished to move an amendment in regard to one of them. This was done, and the motion referring to Clause 25 was carried by twenty votes to five.

Bro. Hawkins: I should like to propose as an amendment to the last paragraph, after the words in the third line "for the remainder of the year by the Lodge to which the late member belonged," so as to give the Lodge the opportunity of filling up the vacancy.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: I do not follow you. Supposing that the Lodge does not subscribe to the Charity at all; are you going to give that Lodge the right to place some Brother to audit the accounts? Why should some outside person of the Lodge have the right to meddle in the management of this Institution? The General Committee appoint these Brethren.

Bro. Hawkins: It would be a very unlikely thing for a member to be appointed on the Committee by a Lodge that does not subscribe.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: Does anyone second Bro. Hawkins's amendment? No answer being given the motion was put and carried.

Bro. Richard Eve: I do feel that you ought to have the privilege of having Vice-Patrons and Patrons of the Institution, to be put on a par with the other Institutions; it would be better for all of them. I think if the suggestion thrown out in the letter I wrote and had the privilege of sending to the Secretary this afternoon was put for the Committee to confer upon with the others so as to enable them to make Patrons and Vice-Patrons it would be well.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield: My feeling is this, that our Rules want revising all through. At some time when this matter is a little allayed we shall have a Committee to revise the rules. These rules are fifteen years old, and I think it is time they should be revised. I have got the thing in my mind and have talked to Bro. Fairchild about it. We shall consider it and we will confer with some of the Committee of the other Institutions.

Bro. Richard Eve: And you may be sure we shall confer with you with pleasure to make you level with us.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOLS.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Committees of the two Educational Institutions was held on Wednesday, prior to the Benevolent meeting just reported, and was well attended, both as regards numbers and influence. Bro. Richard Eve was voted to the chair, and a full discussion of the proposals to be submitted to the Special Meeting of the R.M.B.I. followed.

It was ultimately decided to address a letter to the Benevolent Institution, in terms which we give below.

Committees of four each (with power to raise to five) were nominated to act on behalf of the two Schools, in association with the Committee suggested for the Benevolent, if that Institution fell in with the proposal. The following is a copy of the letter sent to the Benevolent Institution:

"That this representative Meeting of the Boys and Girls Institutions having carefully considered the revised proposals for the amendment of the Rules of the R.M.B.I., relating to the Rank and Voting Powers of Lodges and Chapters, &c. (to be submitted to the Governors and Subscribers of that Institution at a Special Meeting to be held this day), is convinced that if passed into law they will prove prejudicial to the three Institutions, and this Meeting very fraternally expresses the hope that before adopting such proposals the Governors and Subscribers of the Benevolent Institution will afford an opportunity for a conference between the three Institutions, as was suggested at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, by the appointment of a small Committee to confer with similar Committees from the other two, when it is hoped and believed that by a friendly interchange of views an understanding to the satisfaction and advantage of all concerned would be arrived at."

"And, further, that this Meeting is the more anxious that this course should be adopted, from the fact that the revised proposals do not accord with the evident views of Grand Lodge of 5th December, as ably set forth by the V.W. Grand Registrar, when the previous proposals were submitted for its approval."

At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of California "permission was granted Lodges to use not exceeding five per cent. of their gross receipts for purposes of sociability and refreshment, excluding all intoxicating liquors."

If any Masonic Refereader is doubtful how to dispose of his votes at the forthcoming election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, let him send them to me, and I will bestow them on a very deserving case—to wit, that of the boy Walter Gordon Nichols, son of the late Mr. W. J. Nichols (Imperial Lodge, 1694). Mr. Nichols, as editor of the "Stock-Keeper," was well-known in sporting journalism. Three years ago this month he was struck by paralysis at his desk, and he died within four-and-twenty hours, leaving a widow and ten young children. Without going into further details, Refereaders who have votes for this excellent Institution may take it from me that if they send me their proxies they will be doing a good deed. Among my Masonic friends who endorse my opinion of this case are Sir Augustus Harris P.G. Treasurer P.M. P.Z., Sir John Monckton P.G. Warden and Past President Board General Purposes, George R. Krehl J.W. Imperial Lodge, 1694, and Herbert Campbell Drury Lane Lodge, 2127.—"Referee."

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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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THIS Lodge met at Cannon Street Hotel, London, on the 9th inst., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. J. K. Gwyn, who was well supported by his Officers, Members, and Visitors.

Amongst those present throughout the evening were Bros. R. Brookman S.W., F. E. Bailey P.M. J.W., Robert Fendick P.M. Treas., James Stevens P.M. Sec., R. Lawson J.D. (the S.D. and I.G. were unfortunately absent from ill health), Edwin Wareham Org., Joseph H. Guyton P.M. D.C., R. Thomas and James Boyton Stewards, R. Potter Tyler; Past Masters R. Greening, G. W. Blackie, G. W. Robson, and Wm. Kibble; Bros. Colmer, Ivy, Parton and others, and Visiting Bros. Walter Lawley W.M. 2348, F. W. Potter W.M. Cordwainers Lodge, W. Harris Saunders P.M. 1503 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Edward Davies Hemming Lodge, and W. Henry White 416.

The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. Parton to the second degree, and the Initiation of Mr. Alf Foster Randall, both ceremonies being performed in the most perfect manner. The charge to the newly-admitted Brother was rendered by the W.M. with solemn earnestness and eloquence which, notwithstanding prior acquaintance with the ability for Masonic work possessed by him, greatly impressed his hearers, and especially the Brother to whom it was principally addressed.

At a later period of the evening, in a brief speech by the Initiate, the deep impression made upon him by the work of the Lodge on his behalf was acknowledged in terms which left no doubt on the minds of the Brethren as to the influence a well-rendered ceremonial and subsequent exhortation can have on the understanding of an intellectual and earnest novice.

The Bye-laws having been read, and a few items of routine business despatched, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned.

After dinner the customary toasts were honoured, and harmony, to which the newly appointed Organist Bro. Edwin Wareham contributed, in addition to his pianoforte accompaniments, some of his charming songs, prevailed for a few brief hours, when, after a most enjoyable evening of "labour and refreshment," separation became necessary and dispersion until the election meeting in March next.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A VERY successful meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The ceremony of Raising was beautifully performed by Bro. W. Fayers W.M. who subsequently presided over a *recherché* repast, and was ably supported by his Officers both in and out of the Lodge.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Secretary, Treasurer, S. Pardos P.M., Windsor, A. Ginger P.M., and others. Bro. Windsor being the accompanist.

In addition to about thirty members of the Lodge the following Visitors were present: Bros. A. Ginger P.M. 901, Alf Wyatt 1567, Thos. F. Fenn 1567, Harry Willsmer, Windsor, and others.

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BRIXTON LODGE, No. 1949.

A LARGE muster of the members of this Lodge took place on Saturday, 2nd inst., at their headquarters, the Horns, Kennington, to witness the installation of Bro. John Hicks as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being undertaken by the I.P.M. Bro. J. J. Newland. The entire proceedings were carried out in perfect style, says the "South London Press."

Brother Newland was presented with a collar and jewel as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he had acquitted himself during his year of office.

After the business was concluded the Brethren adjourned to a capably served banquet.

In responding to the toast of the W.M. Bro. Hicks stated that as it was customary for every installed Master to have some special feature during his year of office, his desire was to enlist the services of the Brethren in the cause of the various Masonic Charities while he was in office. He was proud to state that as a member of the Benevolent Association connected with the Brixton Lodge of Instruction they had been able to subscribe in twelve years over £2,000 to the various Masonic Charities.

An excellent programme of music was provided by the Angelus Glee Singers.

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ISRAEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 205.

THIS Lodge of Instruction, which holds its weekly meetings at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, was, on Sunday, 3rd inst., en fete, the occasion being a lecture by Bro. G. W. Speth on "The Folklore of Operative Masonry and its Resemblance with the Master's Legend." Fully sixty Brethren braved the bitterly cold weather to do honour to Bro. Speth; who, as Secretary of the Lodge Coronati, was well known to most of them, says the "East London Observer."

Bro. Lewis Levy was the W.M., Bro. Basil Stewart, in the absence of Bro. Richardson through illness, acting as Preceptor. The S.W. was Bro. L. A. Da Costa, and J.W. Bro. F. Bromhead.

After the W.M. had introduced Brother Speth his rising to address the Brethren was the signal for an ovation, and without any preface the lecturer sketched the various legends connected with laying of foundations, building of houses, &c., &c. The address occupied an hour and a half, and at its close very few questions were asked, as the lecturer had so conclusively proved that the Folklore of Operative Masonry was connected with the Master's Legend. The vote of thanks usually accorded, and conferring the honorary membership of the Lodge on Bro. Speth concluded a very enjoyable evening.

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CITADEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1897.

ON the 8th inst., at Bro. James Cole's Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, E. G. Platt W.M., Fred Keble S.W., Ives P.M. J.W., Fred Dunstan P.M. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, and Bro. Heslop P.M., Thomas, Feistel, Ball, Shipman, Calley, Geo. Clarke P.M. and others.

The ceremonies of Passing and Raising were rehearsed, Bro. Ball acting as candidate in both Degrees. Bro. Platt worked the second ceremony, vacating the chair in favour of Bro. Witte who performed the ceremony of raising. Two Brethren being proposed as Joining Members were accepted. The Lodge was closed.

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LODGE OF UNION, No. 38.

THE Brethren held their annual installation meeting at Chichester, on Thursday, 7th inst., when Bro. H. H. Moore was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. T. Weller-Poley P.G.D. P.M. 10 and 1629.

After the disposal of Lodge business, the Brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where the annual banquet took place under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and at intervals enjoyable selections of music were rendered by the Alzando Glee Singers.

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ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest Hinxman as Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, on Wednesday, 30th ult. The large attendance of Brethren included the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Bro. E. Goble Prov. Grand Secretary, and several Present and Past Provincial Officers, the presence of such a large show of "purple" lending much dignity to the proceedings.

The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. E. Ward the retiring Master, who was highly complimented by the P.G.M. and other experienced Brethren on the excellence of his working, for which, as well as for his services to the Lodge during the past year, he was most heartily thanked.

The Brethren afterwards dined together in the Banqueting Hall of the Guildhall, under the presidency of the W.M., supported on his right by the Prov. Grand Master, who in responding to the toast of his health reminded the Brethren that he was the senior member of the Economy Lodge.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual banquet was held on the 7th, at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, under the presidency of Bro. C. S. Stebbing W.M.

Brother W. C. Howard gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and congratulated him on attaining such a high office, and succeeding a long line of good and worthy men. Bro. Stebbing was heart and soul in the cause of Masonry, and when he vacated the chair they would all thank him for the manner in which the duties of his office had been discharged.

Brother Stebbing, responding, observed that he should do his best to maintain the reputation of the Lodge.

He proposed the health of Bro. Lieutenant Jenkins I.P.M. Every member recognised the zeal with which Bro. Jenkins had carried out his duties. They had had many good Masters, and their retiring chairman ranked amongst the best. With untiring energy he had devoted his time in promoting the welfare of the Lodge and the aims of Masonry. All were proud of the profession from which he had recently retired. As he had manfully served his country, so also had he manfully served the Lodge. He had pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, in presenting him with a gold jewel, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to
Worshipful BRO. LIEUT. S. JENKINS I.P.M.,
by the Brethren of Lodge Harmony, 156,
as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services during his year of
Mastership.
7th February 1895.

The toast was drunk amid cheers, and Bro. Jenkins, in reply, said he had simply followed out the motto which told them that what was worth doing was worth doing well. It was a great pleasure to him to receive the jewel. In the future he should endeavour to assist the Worshipful Master, and to take as much interest in the Lodge as in the past.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 309.

THERE was a representative meeting of the Craft at the annual Lodge on Thursday, 7th inst., at Fareham, when Bro. Charles Reader was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year.

The ceremony was performed at the Institution Hall, and was ably conducted by Bro. Robert Clover the retiring W.M., to whom a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented in recognition of his zeal as Master of the Lodge during the past year.

The Brethren afterwards assembled at the Masonic Rooms, No. 31 West Street, where a banquet was served in excellent style by Mr. Pyle. The usual toasts were honoured.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 328.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, when Bro. the Rev. E. C. Atherton S.W., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Barnstaple, and formerly curate of Torre, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. T. A. Blackler, assisted by Bro. J. Grant Prov.G.D.

Bro. W. Wakeham P.M. and Treas. presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. F. A. Blackler a handsome P.M.'s jewel in a few graceful and well-chosen words, to which Bro. Blackler suitably replied.

It was reported that the freehold of the Lodge had been purchased, and that soon a scheme would be put before the Brethren which would enable the Lodge to free itself from a long-standing debt upon the building.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren retired to the Bath Saloons, when the usual banquet was held, and toasts given and honoured.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 388.

THE meeting of this Lodge, at Halesworth, on Monday, 11th inst., was the occasion of a large gathering of Brethren, upon the raising of the Right Hon. the Earl of Stradbroke to the degree of M.M. The Magisterial Court Room had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Worshipful Master Bro. George Andrews for the purpose of holding the Lodge, and with some choice floral decorations the room presented a most effective appearance, says the "East Anglian Daily Times."

The ceremony of raising was performed by the Deputy Prov. G. Master Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the musical portion was an especial feature, having been arranged by the Worshipful Master; Bro. Walesby acting as Organist.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a well served repast at the Swan Inn, the Worshipful Master presiding, supported by Bros. the Earl of Stradbroke, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, Brother N. Tracey Provincial Grand Secretary, &c.

After the usual Masonic toasts, the Worshipful Master proposed the Candidate, and in doing so expressed the pride and pleasure it had given him to propose, initiate, pass, and assist to raise his Lordship to the degree of M.M. He trusted his Lordship would spend many years of usefulness to the Craft, and credit to the Lodge to which he now belonged.

The Earl of Stradbroke briefly responded, observing that he should endeavour to carry out the principles which his obligations involved.

Other toasts followed, and the evening was in every way a thoroughly enjoyable one.

ST. GERMAIN LODGE, No. 566.

ON Friday, 8th inst., the annual festival was held in the Masonic Room, Selby, when Bro. Stuart Marshall Scott S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was duly installed to the chair, in the presence of a large number of Past Masters and Visitors. The installation ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Mark Scott P.M. P.P.J.G.W.

ST. CUTHBERGA LODGE, No. 622.

THE installation of W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, on Monday, 4th inst., and was largely attended by the members of the Lodge and Brethren from Weymouth, Blandford, Wareham, Poole, Bournemouth, &c.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. T. H. Ensor, the installed Master being Bro. R. G. Cave.

The Brethren to the number of about sixty afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet in the Masonic Hall, the catering being entrusted to Brother C. H. Gush. Masonic toasts and a number of excellent songs were given.

HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 1085.

ON Wednesday, 6th inst., the anniversary was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Derby, the attendance being large and influential, most parts of the Province being represented. The new W.M. was Bro. Wm. Hart S.W., and he was installed by his immediate predecessor in office Bro. A. Worsnop, who was assisted by Bros. Sanders and Nicholson Past Masters.

At the close of the Lodge, the annual banquet was held in the Lower Hall, whereat the health of the newly-elected W.M. was cordially drunk.

CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1166.

THE installation of Bro. Ernest Hampson and the celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist took place on Thursday, 31st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Hyde. Bro. F. Broadsmith P.M. was the Installing Master, and was assisted by Bro. W. H. Dutton and Bro. R. B. Dutton P.Ms.

PHOENIX LODGE OF ST. ANN, No. 1235.

THE annual meeting and festival of this Lodge, was held in the Masonic Room, at the Town Hall, Buxton, on Thursday, 7th inst. Bro. W. Brierley the W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Milligan P.M., and was installed by Bro. Bryden the retiring Master. He then invested his Officers. A banquet was afterwards attended at the George Hotel.

SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

ON Tuesday, 5th inst., there was a large and representative gathering at the Masonic Chambers, Wrexham, on the occasion of the installation of P.M. Bro. Gwilt Catterall as W.M.

The ceremony was performed by Bros. Howel Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, and T. B. Barton P.M. P.P.G.St.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 1st inst., Bro. Alfred Pickford W.M., there being also present: Bros. Chas. Rawle S.W., T. A. Holland J.W., W. Dyson Fryer P.M. Treas., Hy. Nall P.M. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., W. Rushton Org., A. Redfearn, Hugh W. Bloomer, Sam Tiller, John M. Crone, J. R. E. Birkett Stewards, C. H. Beever P.M., Arthur A. Moss P.M., W. J. Bull, W. Moulton, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors: Bros. N. Goodman J.W. Ardwick 2185, R. Swindells P.M. Urmston 1730.

After a capital tea, the Brethren were treated to the Traditional History of the third Tracing Board, which was rendered by the W.M. The festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, these being interspersed by songs and recitations, given by Bros. Pickford, Fryer, Beever, Nall, Rushton, Holland, and Roberts.

In connection with the above Lodge, a Soiree was held at the Lodge Rooms on Friday, 11th ult., nearly fifty Brethren and friends being present. It was the first of its kind, and being an unqualified success in every way, it is likely that the attempt will be repeated, as many who were present expressed their intention to support a similar function.

The proceedings commenced with a dance, which was followed by four or five others, after which the party sat down to one of those excellent and substantial suppers which are characteristic of Mrs. Langford's management.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Queen and the rest of the Royal family, Bro. Wm. Rushton Org. singing the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. A. A. Moss P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and Bro. Henry Nall P.M. sang "Here's to his health"; while the toast of the Ladies was given by Bro. Chas. Rawle S.W., the same being replied to by Bro. W. D. Fryer P.M.

Several other dances were indulged in, the intervals being occupied by recitations and songs. Bro. Cyril H. Beever I.P.M. gave two very humorous sketches entitled "The Soldier's Story," and "A Black Story," Bro. and Mrs. Nall rendered in a delightful manner the duet "We Two," and Bro. Rushton's sweet voice declaimed to that operatic favourite "When I and I parted," and the "Tin Geegee."

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

THE annual installation took place at the Lodge Room, the Masonic Hall, Barnsley, on Thursday, 7th inst. The Brethren assembled in force, as usual, on the occasion, and Bro. James Wood having been installed as W.M., he appointed his Officers for the ensuing year. A banquet followed.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1775.

ON Wednesday, 30th ult., the installation of Bro. Roger Duxbury by Bro. R. H. Catterall P.M. 1519, took place at the Commercial Hotel, Church, near Accrington. There were about sixty Brethren present, including Visitors from Blackburn, Clayton-le-Moors, Haslingden, Padiham, Ramsbottom, and Accrington.

In the evening the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Commercial Hotel. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

MOLESWORTH LODGE, No. 1954.

THE annual meeting was held at Wadebridge, on the 4th inst., when Bro. G. Anderson was impressively installed W.M. by Bro. B. F. Edyvean P.P.G.S.W.

The W.M. was elected Steward for the C.M.A. and B. Fund, and Bro. H. Lander Steward for the C.M. Ch. Association. The Brethren adjourned to the Molesworth Arms Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. S. Pollard.

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IRISH LODGE NUMBERING.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You did not use so much of the account I sent you of the Centenary of the St. John's Lodge, of Ireland, as I expected, but probably you gave as much (in your issue of 26th ult.) as was likely to interest English readers. But you left out the one point I wished to refer to—the number of the Lodge, which is 811.

One reason for sending you the report was to pave the way for an enquiry as to how it is one of the latest numbered Irish Lodges comes to be a hundred years old? I suppose our friends of the Emerald Isle do not number as we do, right straight on, but fill up blanks as they occur, for there are many much younger Irish Lodges than the one I am referring to, with much lower numbers, in fact several of the first twenty on the list are dated less than forty years back. Perhaps some one of your readers better acquainted with the facts than I am will explain the peculiarity.

Yours, &c.

ON THE ROAD.

Hull, 5th February 1895.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE above association of Old Boys of our Institution at Wood Green met last Friday, to listen to a paper on "Imperial Federation" read by Mr. R. S. Chandler the Treasurer of the Society. The gathering was presided over by Bro. R. H. Williams.

Mr. Chandler, in opening, stated that he had based his paper on the opinions of such authorities as Professor Seeley, John Anthony Froude, the Marquis of Lorne, Lord Brassey, Sir John Gorst, and others. He referred to the prophecy of Sir James Harrington, in the time of Cromwell, that England, on account of her insular position would one day become the most powerful of nations, how that the reality had exceeded even the ideal prospect then pictured, giving a brief account of the gigantic progress in wealth, resources and population made by Great Britain since that time. He said it was a truism that the greatness of a nation depends on its sons that they be trained in what our ancestors called the "fear of God," but that unfortunately we of the present day were too apt to place wealth before all other considerations, and to think solely of the Colonies as a market for our manufactures, losing sight of their great value as a wide and healthy training ground for future generations of the British race. He then showed by a comparison of statistics the important part the Colonies have in the commerce of the mother country, and that this and the large amount of British capital invested in the Colonies formed a close bond of union. He next pointed out the marvellous progress made in steam and electricity,—the circumnavigation of the globe being now as easy as was the grand tour in the eighteenth century,—that this had brought about an increase of intercourse and a consequent increase of mutual knowledge and respect between the Colonists and ourselves, and, that the Imperial Institute had given concrete expression to those feelings.

Mr. Chandler then quoted the three distinct lines, given by Sir John Gorst, upon which Imperial Federation might be worked out, viz:—The admission of representatives of the Colonies to Parliament; or the creation of a new Imperial Legislature; or the admission of the Colonies to a more direct share in or stronger influence upon Imperial matters, the several Legislatures remaining separate; adopting the last as the most feasible means of bringing about the desired object. He then entered into the question of defence and foreign policy, stating that at present the sole cost of maintaining and defending the empire rested with Britain, and that the burden of taxation fell upon the British taxpayer, and said that the Colonists if once admitted to their legitimate share in the Imperial Councils would then contribute their portion toward the general defence. A joint interest in the fleet alone would be a long step towards Imperial Federation and at the same time not interfere with colonial autonomy, thus the union of the empire would be at once a visible fact, and strong in its unity the continuance of the British race would be assured for many centuries to come.

A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Gleichen, Packer, O'Doherty, Willett, Hewett, Wilson, Barber and Scurr took part. A vote of thanks to Mr. Chandler for his paper, and to Bro. Williams for presiding, brought to a close a very pleasant and instructive evening.

LADY FREEMASONS ASSEMBLY.

THE members and friends connected with the Thistle Lodge, No. 1, of Lady Freemasons (Adoption Rite), held their annual assembly on Tuesday night in Mr. Mollison's Rooms, Market Street. The gathering, on this occasion, proved one of the most successful yet held under the auspices of the Lodge. In all there were fifty couples present. The company assembled at eight o'clock, and the dance was at once commenced, and was continued till 10-30. Supper was then served—Mr. John Mitchell, the President of the Lodge, occupying the chair. In the course of proposing the patriotic toasts Mr. Mitchell referred to the interest taken by Royalty in the nursing institutions of Aberdeen. He said that this Lodge had done well in the past and would continue to do so in the future. Councillor Brown proposed the Right Worshipful Mistress of the Rose Lodge Miss Will. He said the Rose Lodge held a good position, and would continue to do so under the present Committee of Management. Dancing was resumed at 11 o'clock, and continued for a few hours. Mr. Alec Milne's band supplied excellent music. The arrangements of the Acting Committee gave the utmost satisfaction to all; and the fourth assembly of the members of this Lodge all over was one continued success.—Aberdeen Free Press.

FREEMASONRY IN JAPAN.

AT last week's meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland a letter was submitted which had been addressed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Grand Master, with reference to Freemasonry in Japan. It was in the following terms:—"The Earl of Kimberley has had under his consideration your letter, in which you forward a memorial from the Freemasons of Yokohama explaining that as a law of Japan forbids secret societies the Masonic body in that country apprehend interference with their work, when under the provisions of the treaty recently concluded British subjects become amenable to Japanese jurisdiction. I am directed by his Lordship to state that the new treaty will not come into force for at least five years, by which time the Japanese law quoted in the memorial may be so modified as not to affect meetings of Freemasons. When the question becomes a practical one it may possibly be desirable to make friendly representations to the Japanese Government as to the philanthropic objects of Freemasonry; but in Lord Kimberley's opinion it is not advisable for Her Majesty's Government to take any steps at present for endeavouring to obtain a modification of the Japanese law. In any case it is not a matter which could in his Lordship's view be properly made the subject of a treaty stipulation."

MASONRY AND FREEMASONRY.

THE first great event in the art of Masonry was the building of the Tower of Babel; this expressed figuratively the attempt of some unknown Mason to build up the temple of the Holy Ghost in anticipation of Christianity, which attempt however had been confounded by the vanity of the builders. The building of Solomon's Temple, the second great incident in the art, had an obvious meaning as a prefiguration of Christianity. Hiram, simply the architect of this temple to the real professors of the art of building, was to the English Rosicrucians a type of Christ; and the legend of Masons, which represented this Hiram as having been murdered by his fellow-workmen, made the type still more striking. The two pillars also, Jachin and Boaz (strength and power), which are amongst the memorable singularities in Solomon's Temple, have also an occult meaning to the Freemasons which cannot be publicly explained. This symbolic interest to the English Rosicrucians in the attributes, incidents and legends of the art exercised by the literal Masons of real life naturally brought the two orders into some connection with each other. They were thus enabled to realise to their eyes the symbols of their own allegories; and the same building which accommodated the guild of builders in their professional meetings offered a desirable means of secret assemblies to the early Freemasons. An apparatus of implements and utensils, such as were presented in the fabulous sepulchre of Father Rosycross, were here actually brought together. And accordingly it is upon record that the first formal and solemn Lodge of Freemasons on occasion of which the very name of Freemasons was first publicly made known, was held in Masons' Hall, Masons' Alley, Basinghall Street, London, in the year 1646. Into this Lodge it was that Ashmole the antiquary was admitted. Private meetings there may doubtless have been before; and one at Warrington (half-way between Liverpool and Manchester) is expressly mentioned in the life of Ashmole; but the name of a Freemasons' Lodge, with all the insignia, attributes and circumstances of a Lodge, first came forward in the page of history on the occasion just mentioned. It is perhaps in requital of the services at that time rendered in the loan of their hall, &c., that the guild of Masons as a body, and where they are not individually objectionable, enjoy a precedence of all orders of men in the right to admission, and pay only half fees. Ashmole, as one of the earliest Freemasons, appears from his writings to have been a zealous Rosicrucian. Other members of the Lodge were Thomas Wharton, a physician, George Wharton, Oughtred, the mathematician, Dr. Hewitt, Dr. Pearson, the divine, and William Lily, the principal astrologer of the day. All the members, it must be observed, had annually assembled to hold a festival of astrologers before they were connected into a Lodge bearing the title of Freemasons. This previous connection had no doubt paved the way for the latter.—"The Architect."

GLASGOW MASONIC HALL.

AT the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, on 5th inst., Bro. R. A. McGilvray said that the P.G.M. and the directors had resolved to proceed with the building of the Masonic Temple, in West Regent Street. They might have begun earlier; but to save money, they preferred to allow the leases to expire. Shares had not been taken up as was expected, the cause probably being that Brethren thought there was no hurry. But there was hurry now, as the Prov. Grand Master and the directors were determined when the leases expired on the 28th May to take down the old buildings with a view to build. There were 6,000 Brethren in Glasgow. If each took four or five £1 shares, the funds would be ample for a grand Masonic Temple. It was a standing disgrace to their Order in Glasgow that they had no Masonic Temple. In small places in Scotland, England, and Ireland, there was such an Institution, and on the Continent and in America there were palatial temples which made them proud of Masonry. Brethren were not asked to give a donation; they were asked to invest in a certain number of shares which would give a return. At least each Mason could take one share.

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.

- 1 Grand Masters', F.M. Tavern
- 8 British, Freemasons-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
- 862 Whittington, Freemasons-hall
- 901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons-hall
- 1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
- 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Criterion
- 1657 Aldersgate, Albion
- 1694 Imperial, Cloat's Restaurant
- 1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
- 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love and Unity, Devon
- 284 Shakespeare, Warwick
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, Southampton
- 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Kettering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 900 St. George, Tewkesbury
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Preston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1113 Anglesea, Menai Bridge
- 1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
- 1170 St. George, Manchester
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1238 Gooch, Twickenham
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere
- 2074 St. Clair, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2086 Dacre, Stevenage
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2327 St. Oswin, N. Shields
- 2349 W. Lancashire Century, Blackpool
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
- 2382 Duchess of York, Manchester

Tuesday.

- 30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
- 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge H. H.
- 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
- 162 Cadogan, Freemasons-hall
- 194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
- 435 Salisbury, Freemasons-hall
- 1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
- 1695 New Finsbury Pk, Viaduct Ho.
- 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant
- 2022 Haven, Ealing
- 2045 Wharton, Willesden
- 213 Perseverance, Norwich
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 384 St. David, Bangor
- 414 Union, Reading
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
- 452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
- 468 Light, Birmingham
- 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
- 551 Yarborough, Ventnor, I. of W.
- 560 Vernon, Stourport
- 660 Camalodunum, Malton
- 667 Alliance, Liverpool
- 890 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 1006 Tregulow, St. Day
- 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
- 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1276 Warren, Seacombe
- 1410 St. Peter & St. Paul, Newport Pagnell

- 1421 Brownrigg Unity, Old Brompton
- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1551 Charity, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1621 Castle, Bridgworth
- 1761 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1893 Lunley, Skegness
- 1894 Herschel, Slough
- 1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
- 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
- 2316 Princes, Liverpool
- 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

Wednesday.

- General Committee Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, F.M.H. at 5.
- 7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion
- 140 St. George, Greenwich
- 174 Sincerity, Gresham Street
- 190 Oak, Freemasons-hall
- 700 Nelson, Plumstead
- 969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel
- 1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
- 1150 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons-hall
- 1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
- 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
- 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
- 1539 Surrey Mas Hall, Camberwell
- 1621 Eccleston, Criterion
- 1673 Welcome, Holborn Via. Hotel
- 1677 Crusaders, Highbury
- 1681 Londresborough, Café Royal
- 2266 Cator, Beckenham
- 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham
- 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
- 2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood
- 2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
- 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
- 127 Union, Margate
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 175 East Medina, Ryde
- 178 Antiquity, Wigan
- 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
- 210 Duke of Athol, Denton
- 221 St. John, Bolton
- 243 Loyalty, Guernsey
- 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
- 261 Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton
- 285 Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet
- 311 South Saxon, Lewes
- 325 St. John, Salford
- 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
- 376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
- 451 Sutherland, Burslem
- 537 Zetland, Birkenhead
- 581 Faith, Openshaw
- 592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
- 610 Colston, Bristol
- 662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
- 683 Isca, Newport, Mon.
- 726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
- 833 Everton, Liverpool
- 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
- 934 Merit, Whitefield
- 938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
- 950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
- 962 Sun and Sector, Workington
- 972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
- 1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
- 1040 Sykes, Driffield
- 1086 Wulton, Kirkdale
- 1114 Joppa, Fakenham
- 1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
- 1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
- 1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
- 1246 Holte, Aston
- 1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1323 Talbot, Swansea
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
- 1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
- 2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2153 Hope, Gosport
- 2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough
- 2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse
- 2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- 2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, Battersen, at 4-30
- 6 Friendship, Criterion
- 23 Globe, Freemasons-hall
- 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
- 55 Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel
- 63 St. Mary, Freemasons-hall
- 169 Temperance, Deptford
- 179 Manchester, Anderton's
- 657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest.
- 733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest.
- 1287 Great Northern, Freemasons-h.
- 1475 Peckham, Camberwell
- 1593 Ley Spring, Anderton's
- 1613 Cripple-gate, Albion
- 1716 All Saints, Poplar
- 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich
- 42 Relief, Bury, Lanc.
- 56 Howard Brotherly Love, Littlehampton
- 57 Humber, Hull
- 98 St. Martin, Burslem
- 100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
- 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
- 230 Fidelity, Devonport
- 245 Mechanics, Jersey
- 267 Unity, Macclesfield
- 268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 280 Worcester, Worcester
- 2-6 Samaritan, Bacup
- 322 Peace, Stockport
- 343 Concord, Preston
- 345 Perseverance, Blackburn
- 350 Charity, Farnsworth
- 363 Keystone, Whitworth
- 367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale
- 394 Southampton, Southampton
- 425 Cestrian, Chester
- 430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 489 Benevolence, Bideford
- 523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
- 601 Harmony, Bradford
- 605 Combermere, Birkenhead
- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
- 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Devizes
- 753 Ellesmere, Runcorn
- 802 Repose, Derby
- 833 Afan, Aberavon
- 939 Pelham, Workop
- 940 Philanthropy, Stockton
- 1000 Priory, Southend
- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
- 1037 Portland, Portland
- 1042 Excelsior, Leeds
- 1184 Abbey, Battle

- 1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
- 1332 Unity, Crediton
- 1336 St. Hugh, Lincoln
- 1393 Hamer, Liverpool
- 1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
- 1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
- 1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
- 1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
- 1534 Concord, Prestwich
- 1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.
- 1776 Landport, Landport
- 1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
- 1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.
- 1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
- 1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
- 1892 Wallington, Carshalton
- 2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket
- 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
- 2226 St. David, Rhymney
- 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
- 2302 St. Mary, Southwell
- 23-5 Stour, Ashford, Kent
- 2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
- 2341 Clemency, Oldham
- 2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury

Friday.

- Council, Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 4
- 197 Jerusalem, Freemasons-hall
- 569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H. A. Co.
- 1601 Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge
- 2000 Earl Mornington, Café Royal
- 602 North York, Middlesboro'
- 785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
- 810 Craven, Skipton
- 1303 Pelham, Lewes
- 1-85 Gladsmuir, Barnet
- 1391 Commercial, Leicester
- 1435 Annesley, Nottingham
- 1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- 1822 St. Quentin, Cowbridge
- 2371 Felix, Felixstowe
- 2415 Tristram, Shildon
- 2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Viaduct Ho.
- 1584 Loyalty & Charity, Kew Bridge
- 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
- 2048 Henry Levander, Harrow Stn.
- 2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton
- 2421 Carrington, Amersham

The Theatres, &c.

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- Drury Lane.—1-30 and 7-30, Dick Whittington.
- Lyceum.—1-30, Santa Claus. 8, King Arthur.
- Adelphi.—7-45, The Fatal Card.
- Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
- Vaudeville.—8-15, Hal, the Highwayman. 9, The New Boy. *Matinée*, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
- Comedy.—8-15, A Leader of Men.
- Lyric.—8-15, His Excellency. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2-30.
- Prince of Wales'.—8-15, Claude Duval. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2-30.
- Strand.—Babes.
- Criterion.—8-30, The Case of Rebellious Susan.
- Haymarket.—8-30, An Ideal Husband.
- Savoy.—8-0, The Chieftain. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2-30.
- Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2.
- Opera Comique.—2-15, The House that Jack built. 8, Eastward Ho.
- Garrick.—8-15, Faded Flowers. 8-45, A Pair of Spectacles.
- Royal Princess's.—7-30, The Derby Winner.
- Daly's.—8, An Artist's Model.
- St. James's.—The importance of being Earnest.
- Grand.—Robinson Crusoe.
- Alhambra.—Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballets, Living Pictures, &c. 10-15, Ali Baba.
- Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. Living Pictures, &c.
- Palace.—7-30, Variety Entertainment, Ballets, &c.
- Oxford.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2-30.
- Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. *Matinée*, Saturday, 2-30.
- Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
- Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Messrs. Maskolyne and Cooke's Entertainment.
- Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall.—Every evening at 8. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30 also.
- Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.
- Hengler's.—Wulff's Circus.—Twice Daily, at 2-30 and 8.
- Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11-30. Constant Amusement.