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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

IF an opinion may be formed from the number of votes recorded in connection with the election for Grand Treasurer—and as it is fair to assume that nine out of every ten who were present voted for one candidate or the other they are a very fair guide—there was not nearly so large an attendance on Wednesday last as at the corresponding meeting of last year, the number of votes then recorded being 3,085, as compared with only 2,159 this year.

This would seem to prove that members of the Craft did not take such a lively interest in this elective question as they did in 1894, when it must be admitted excitement was raised to a high pressure by the friends of the different candidates. Not only does the actual total this year show a falling off of nearly 30 per cent. as compared with last, but the aggregate of the votes recorded for the different candidates is correspondingly decreased, which further tends to prove that interest in the matter is not what it was. The totals for the two years are as follow :

In 1894 1317 1200 and 568 votes respectively.
1895 932 787 „ 440 „ „

In the first case the candidates were Bros. Dimsdale, Stiles and Hudson; in the latter Bros. Stiles, Vaughan Morgan and Hudson, in the order given in each case.

Despite this great falling off in the number of voters the question of the Grand Treasurership must still be regarded as the most popular that comes before Grand Lodge, no other matter ever attracting such an attendance as is witnessed when this subject comes forward year by year. The election also provides food for reflection in other directions—it affords proof of the concern shown by a large section of the Craft who do not trouble to come forward except on special occasions, and it also shows that a certain amount of class distinction exists among those who have a voice in the concerns of English Freemasonry; but perhaps one of the most interesting points demonstrated is the support that can be secured by what may almost be described as unknown men in Masonry when they are put forward for such an office as that under notice. We have but to point to the 1,317 votes secured by Sir Joseph Dimsdale last year to show this. He was virtually unknown in Masonry a few days before his nomination for the Office of Grand Treasurer, yet in the short space of three months he became so popular as to secure the large number of votes with which he was returned, 117 more than those polled for Bro. Stiles, whose friends had been engaged in an active electioneering campaign on his behalf for several months previously.

Alderman Vaughan Morgan's total this year is another illustration of this subject. How many Brethren regarded him as a prominent Freemason four months since? yet this week we find 787 attending Grand Lodge to record their vote in his favour, and although that number was not sufficient to give

him the place, in face of Bro. Stiles's greater popularity, Bro. Morgan does not by any means appear to disadvantage in the secondary position he occupied on the declaration of the poll, and should he persevere with his candidature we have little doubt but that he will ultimately head a poll and win the coveted honour.

We are rather surprised that Bro. Hudson did not maintain his total of last year, indeed we had looked for an increase in the figures in his case, but he labours under a great disadvantage in the fact that the majority of his supporters are Provincial Brethren, to many of whom personal attendance at Grand Lodge for the purpose of voting is not only a heavy tax, but very often an impossibility. That this inequality will one day be remedied by a rule rendering it possible to vote by proxy we are firmly convinced, and until that does happen a Provincial Brother will always be heavily handicapped in the contest for this, the only elective office really open to the Craft at large.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

OUR usual summary, showing the number of Stewards and the total contributed from each Province to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was last week crowded out, but we have pleasure in giving it now, together with a list of subsequent additions; these latter including amounts received at the office of the Institution up to Thursday.

The particulars announced at the Festival were as follow :

Province.	Stewards.	Amount.
Bedfordshire	1	£43 1 0
Berkshire	5	440 7 0
Buckinghamshire	5	52 10 0
Bristol	1	10 10 0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1	102 18 0
Derbyshire	6	297 5 0
Dorsetshire	1	105 0 0
Durham	2	330 15 0
Essex	10	324 7 9
Gloucestershire	3	44 1 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	3	142 5 6
Hertfordshire	8	450 0 0
Kent	8	252 10 6
East Lancashire	3	21 0 0
West Lancashire	5	131 5 0
Leicestershire and Rutland	1	289 16 0
Middlesex	6	168 19 0
Norths and Hunts	1	10 10 0
North Wales	4	47 5 0
Nottinghamshire	1	107 12 6
Oxfordshire	3	21 2 0
Staffordshire	1	89 5 0
Shropshire	3	115 10 0
Somersetshire	27	1654 6 0
Suffolk	9	654 16 0
Surrey	8	178 3 6
Sussex	11	309 4 6
Warwickshire	1	10 10 0
West Yorkshire	14	441 0 0
Malta	1	36 15 0
South Africa	1	10 10 0
London	171	7220 6 0

Additions to the above totals have since been received as follow :

Berkshire	£10 10 0
Gloucestershire	0 10 0
West Lancashire	1 1 0
North Wales	10 10 0
London	141 6 0

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and was very numerously attended, on account of the election of Grand Treasurer for the year. Grand Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham District Grand Master of Malta. Bro. Aretas Akers Douglas, M.P., took the chair of Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. the Rev. Robert James Simpson the chair of Junior Grand Warden.

Before the minutes of the December Communication were read the Acting Grand Master referred in feeling terms to the loss Freemasonry had sustained in the death of Col. Gerald Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, who presided at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. Col. Money was a very active, good and enthusiastic Mason, whose loss would be deeply felt by the Craft generally, as well as in his own Province.

The Minutes were then read and confirmed.

Bro. Charles Swinfen Eady, Q.C., LL.D., Past Grand Steward, afterwards rose to move the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. It was the twenty-first year in succession Freemasons had approached His Royal Highness asking him to accept the highest honour they could bestow, and the twenty-first year he had conferred on them the highest honour and distinction he could bestow. He then referred to the great interest the Prince of Wales took in Masonry and everything that concerned its welfare. He showed the greatest concern in the charities of the Order, which might be pointed to by any Mason who was asked, as a reason for the existence of Masonry. It was mainly due to the Prince of Wales that more than £50,000 was raised in one year for the Girls School; but the Boys School and the Benevolent Institution were also his debtors. The great addition to the number of Lodges was due to His Royal Highness becoming Grand Master. His interest in the Order was shown also by the members of his family joining it. The Duke of Connaught was Grand Master of Sussex. In the course of time when the Prince of Wales had ceased to be the head of the Order it was to be hoped his son would be prepared to follow his footsteps, and keep the connection of Masonry with his Royal Highness unbroken.

Bro. E. St. Clair Past Grand Steward having seconded the motion, Admiral Markham declared the Prince of Wales duly elected, and he was proclaimed as regularly elected Grand Master.

Bro. William H. Arber P.M. 206 proposed, and Bro. R. P. Upton W.M. Granite Lodge seconded, Bro. C. W. Hudson for Grand Treasurer; Bro. D'Arcy Prower proposed, and Brother Poultney Griffin W.M. Grand Master's Lodge seconded, Brother Walter Vaughan Morgan; and Bro. H. J. Lardner proposed, and Bro. E. M. Money P.G. Steward seconded, Bro. William Mason Stiles. The ballot was then declared open till a quarter past seven o'clock. The Master's chair was taken in the interval by relays of Grand Officers, the last one being Bro. L. G. Gordon Robbins P.G.D.

At seven o'clock Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight presided, and shortly afterwards the poll was closed. The result of the election was that Bro. W. M. Stiles was elected by 932 votes, Alderman Vaughan Morgan polled 787, and Bro. Hudson 440. The result was received with loud cheers.

The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter were confirmed, and the Report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, Bro. Loveland explaining the reasons for referring to the Board the subject of having only the Board of General Purposes instead of that Board and the Colonial Board. He proposed that the Board of General Purposes be requested to submit to Grand Lodge proposals for the purpose of bringing the jurisdiction of the Colonial Board under that of the General Board, and unifying the management of the affairs of the general Craft as was the case before the year 1838.

Dr. Pocock seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Grand Lodge Auditor's accounts were received, after which the resolution passed at the Special Meeting of the Benevolent Institution on 13th February, in substitution for those submitted to and referred back by Grand Lodge last December, was adopted.

In the case of the following three appeals, on the motion of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. T. L. Wilkinson Deputy Grand Registrar, Grand Lodge dismissed them all, and affirmed the decisions appealed against. In the case of No. 2 a very interesting discussion took place, Brother Philbrick holding with the District Grand Master and District Board of General Purposes that a Brother withdrawing his resignation of membership of a Lodge before his letter of resignation is laid before the Lodge that the resignation is withdrawn. For six years past the Brethren have generally understood that this was not so, and that even Bro. Philbrick himself held that if a Brother had posted his letter of resignation, another

letter written immediately withdrawing the resignation was of no avail. In the case in question the Brother had sent a letter to the Secretary of the Lodge on 13th March 1894, and sent another to him on 14th March, saying he wrote the resignation in a passion, and he now withdrew it. The Lodge did not meet for some days, but when it met the Secretary read the resignation, which, notwithstanding the withdrawal, the Master upheld.

The appeal by Bro. W. F. Lamonby P.M. of Lodge 962, &c., and Member of the Colonial Board, against the action of the President of the said Board in requesting him to withdraw from the meeting of the 18th January 1895, was, after a long explanation by the appellant of the circumstances of the case, and a different explanation by Sir George David Harris, by the permission of Grand Lodge withdrawn, Sir George Harris saying he did not request Brother Lamonby to withdraw, but put it to him whether he should not withdraw while the Cambrian Lodge of Australia's matter was being considered. This he did more out of consideration for Bro. Lamonby than for the Board, because he thought Bro. Lamonby, being a member of the Cambrian Lodge, would be sitting as Judge in his own case, and thus place himself in a false position.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The weekly meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733 will be held on Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, instead of Wednesdays as hitherto, at Bro. J. J. Houghs's Prince Alfred Hotel, 112 Queens Road, Bayswater.

The ballot paper for the April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys shows a list of forty-seven candidates, of whom twenty-three are to be elected on Friday, the 19th prox. Twenty-six of the applicants now appear for the first time, sixteen have already made one appeal, and five others have each taken part in the last two elections. We shall refer to the list more fully at an early date.

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. W. M. Stiles, on the success that attended his candidature for the Grand Treasurership on Wednesday, and we hope he will live many years to enjoy the well deserved honourable appointment. As recorded elsewhere he is the Worshipful Master Designate of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551, which is to be consecrated this month, and which will start with even greater éclat than was anticipated now that its first ruler has won the distinction of Office in the Grand Lodge of England.

On the social side of life the Cornish Lodge of Freemasons is doing a great deal to justify its existence and to give pleasure to Cornishmen in London, says the "Western Morning News." Its Cinderella dances have become exceedingly popular and are the means of occasionally bringing together many who are united by a common love for the county of their birth. Another of these functions is to take place on Friday, the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The event will no doubt bring a large number of Cornishmen and Cornishwomen together. As any profits made by the gatherings are devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge they serve a doubly useful and altogether pleasant end. Bro. G. Lory, 16 Myddleton Road, Bowes Park, the Secretary of the Lodge, is responsible for the arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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TOASTING OUR CANDIDATES.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have frequently seen it recorded in different reports of meetings you publish in your columns, that the Master or other Officer of Provincial Lodges proposes a special toast in honour of newly-passed or newly-raised Brethren, a custom which, I think, is not general in London, where the only time a new Brother is specially honoured in this way is on the night of his initiation.

It seems to me the Provincial system is much the best, as a special welcome is almost as much due towards a new Fellow Craft, or a new Master Mason, as towards an Initiate.

I shall be pleased to know if the custom is general in the Provinces, and also whether it is usually omitted in London, or only in my own Lodge and two or three I have visited.

Yours fraternally,

LONDONER.

MARK MASONRY.

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GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, the Earl of Euston M.W. Pro Grand Master, presiding. His Lordship was supported by Viscount Dungarvan, Lord Skelmersdale, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, Bro. Justice Bruce, Baron de Ferrieres, Henry Vincent, E. St. Clair, E. M. Lott, Henry Lovegrove, Sir Reginald Hanson, Col. A. B. Cook, Charles Belton, Captain Philips, Major Probyn, Major Carrell, General F. Gadsden, C. H. Driver, R. Loveland Loveland, Frederick Mead, Richard Eve, Capt. T. C. Walls, C. F. Matier, Frank Richardson, and many others.

The Grand Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Bro. W. F. Lamony withdrawing his candidature for the Grand Treasurership.

Bro. W. E. Chapman proposed, and Major Carrell seconded the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, and that motion was put by the Earl of Euston and carried unanimously. Dr. Balfour Cockburn G.D.C. proclaimed His Royal Highness in customary form as duly elected.

Bro. Robert Main proposed and Major Carrell seconded Bro. Percy Wallis for election as Grand Treasurer, Bro. Main stating that he thought the Provinces should have a share of representation in the Grand Treasurership, and Major Carrell suggesting if it was not too late and he was not out of order, that the election should be unanimous.

Bro. H. J. Lardner proposed and Bro. Nelson Prower seconded Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, the former giving a long list of the immense services of Bro. Walls to the Mark Degree, and Bro. Prower stating he did not understand the appeal of the Provinces, he thinking that whether from London or the country the best man should be elected.

Bro. Percy Wallis was elected, having 111 votes against Capt. Walls's 68.

The report of the General Board, which we published in full last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. Loveland Loveland, seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, the two Lodges recommended for erasure, not having complied with No. 150 of the Constitutions, were ordered to be erased. The President stated he had received a letter from the District Grand Master that there was no possibility of these two Lodges meeting again.

Bro. Loveland Loveland moved that the Report be adopted with the exception of the last paragraph but one. As to this paragraph he asked that it be postponed till next meeting, the Earl of Lathom desiring to enquire further into the alleged irregularities of this Lodge.

Bro. Frank Richardson seconded. Postponing the subject would do no harm, and it would be a graceful act to Lord Lathom.

The Earl of Euston said a full report would be sent to Lord Lathom of what had taken place before the General Board. He thought Lord Lathom had heard one side only. It would be respectful to Lord Lathom, who always had the interests of Masonry so much at heart, that this paragraph should be postponed, to come on at the June meeting.

With the exception of the paragraph relating to the Moore Lodge the report was then adopted and Grand Lodge was closed.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

THE annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, Plymouth, on Monday evening, when Bro. H. W. Mayne was installed W.M. by Bros. G. Dunsterville and Parker, assisted by Bros. Major Shanks, A. Trout, H. Langmead, A. Maddock, and T. Gidley.

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JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

ON Tuesday, 19th ult., at the meeting of this Lodge of Mark Masons, Bro. Benjamin Townshend A. Stard was chosen as W.M., and Bro. Scott was re-elected Tyler.

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DEVON LODGE, No. 215.

ON Monday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot, Bro. J. R. Cull was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge by Bro. H. Martin, and subsequently invested his Officers.

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WOULDAVE LODGE, No. 362.

ON Tuesday, 26th ult., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, South Shields, for the installation of Bro. James Sedcole S.W. P.G.S.B. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. B. Reed and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge paid an official visit, the former performing the ceremony of the day.

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MANCHESTER CHAPTER, No. 179.

IT is not often that so large a number as seven Brethren are exalted to the rank of Companions at one time, as was the case at the last convocation of this Chapter, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on the 28th ult. This desirable result was due to the energetic M.E.Z. Comp. E. C. Mulvey P.P.G.D. of Surrey, who, since he has occupied the chair of First Principal, has worked most zealously in the interests of the Chapter.

No less than nine Brethren were approved for exaltation, viz.:—Bros. Tom Broad, Charles Roesseli, S. W. Bohm, E. Thierrin, J. Müller, and W. A. Tanner of the Manchester Lodge, W. H. Pocklington of the Finsbury Park Lodge, F. L. Schuppisser of the Highgate Lodge, and G. T. Allen of the Sphinx Lodge; but two of the number were prevented by indisposition from being present.

Comp. Mulvey was assisted by Comps. W. Hopekirk P.Z. as H., Charles Salter as J., R. P. Angel Scribe E. and J. Carey P.S. The ceremony was ably rendered by the M.E.Z., his delivery of the Mystical Lecture being highly appreciated, and it doubtless made a lasting impression upon the Exaltees. The Historical Lecture was also admirably given by Companion J. Ellwood I.P.Z.

Comps. H. A. Badman, Alex. Schweigh, and Alfred Cook were accepted as Joining Members, so that the Chapter appears to be in a most flourishing condition.

Comp. J. W. Cain was installed in the second chair and was subsequently elected as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, while the following other Companions were also elected to the various offices:—Charles Salter as H., T. Simkins W.M. of the Mother Lodge as J., E. C. Mulvey Treasurer, R. P. Angel Scribe E., J. Carey Scribe N., Puzey P.S., Watt 1st Assistant, Joslin 2nd Assistant, Giddens Steward, and R. Whiting Janitor. Comps. Dr. Forbes, T. Broad and W. A. Tanner were appointed Auditors.

Upon the proposition of Comps. W. Hopekirk and W. Dickeson a P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Mulvey, for his valuable services to the Chapter during his year of office; and a vote of sympathy was passed to Comp. J. Kew P.Z. in his illness. This concluding the business of the evening the convocation was closed in solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to supper.

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EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

AT a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Thursday, 28th ult., the Principals for the ensuing year were installed—namely Comps. William Smith Z., J. W. Blackburn H., and J. B. Mays J., the ceremony being performed by Companions O. L. Mason and William Flockton.

The Visitors were numerous, including Companions from the other Leeds Chapters, and from York, Halifax and Wakefield. After the business proceedings a very pleasant social and musical evening was spent, Comp. G. F. Carr ably accompanying the songs.

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Freemasons throughout the country will no doubt join in congratulating the popular Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., on his elevation to the important position of Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company, a post rendered vacant by the resignation of Lord Colville of Culross, who, having been chairman for twenty-three years, has retired owing to ill-health. Mr. Jackson, says the "Star," is "a leather tanner in Leeds. He is understood to be very wealthy. His works at Buslingthorpe are of great dimensions, and are famous for the tanning of East India 'kips' and for the currying of waxed kip butts. The great business has been created by Mr. Jackson himself, who inherited it as a small concern from his father. The new Great Northern Railway chairman is probably the only British subject whose head has figured on a stamp. It was a threepenny telephone stamp, and Mr. Jackson looked right royal upon it. The stamp was suppressed, but copies of it are retained in the collections of a few philatelists."

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We are glad to find from the "British Weekly" that Nonconformist ministers are beginning to take an interest in Freemasonry, and that the special Masonic service held by the Rev. W. J. Dawson, of the Highbury-quadrant Church, was in every way very successful. The edifice was crowded; even the pulpit stairs and passages were thronged, and large numbers failed to obtain admission. It is stated that this was the first time there has ever been a parade of the Craft in a Nonconformist place of worship. It may be mentioned that the same church is fitted with a telephone, which not only transmits to distant adherents the sermon, prayers, and music, but also makes a collection, just as if the hearers were in the building. The Rev. Mr. Dawson announced that his "invisible audience" had contributed thirty shillings towards the mission-work of his church. Buttons are not transmissible by telephone.—"Daily Telegraph."

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Referring to this same service, the "Islington Recorder" says the collection only realised £43, subsequently made up to £50 by a number of the Brethren present. Considering that the congregation numbered about 2,500, the result, says our contemporary, cannot be looked upon as by any means satisfactory.

NEW LONDON LODGES.

THE northern corner of the metropolis has secured two new Warrants from the Grand Master, the first of which will be known as the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551, and the other as the Stoke Newington, No. 2552. Referring to the former of these the "Islington Recorder" says "the Lodge is undoubtedly promised a very prosperous career, as we hear that the petitioners number forty-five, while the names of no less than fifteen Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers appear on the Founders' list. The W.M. Designate is Bro. W. Mason Stiles, Bro. J. J. Lamigeon being S.W., and Bro. Robt. Emery J.W. The consecration will take place at the end of the present month, at the Highbury Station Hotel (Old Cock Tavern). The office of Secretary is held by Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. and P.G.S.Br."

Speaking of the Stoke Newington Lodge the same authority says the Grand Master acceded to the request of several prominent residents in the neighbourhood when he granted the Warrant. The Lodge will be held during the winter months at the Assembly Rooms, Defoe Road. Bro. F. Chapman, of 71 Church Street, who has taken a very active part in the promotion of the Lodge and who is acting as Secretary *pro tem.*, will be pleased to forward particulars. Colonel Nevill, of Northfield Road, Stamford Hill, P.M. 1216 will be the first W.M. Amongst the founders, in addition to the prospective Master, are Brothers J. J. Runtz, George Webb, W. H. Hargrave, R. S. Cushing, J. G. Manton and other well-known local residents. The consecration will take place at an early date.

THE LLANGATTOCK LODGE.

WELSH Freemasons, and particularly the Brethren of the Craft in Cardiff, are now looking forward with interest to the consecration at Cardiff of the new Lodge which is to be called "The Llangattock," a ceremony which is expected to take place about the end of the present month. It is understood that Lord Llangattock the Grand Master of the Province will be present on the occasion, supported by his Deputy Brother Marmaduke Tennant. Additional interest attaches to the Consecration of this Lodge owing to the fact that one of the oldest and most esteemed Masons in Cardiff (Bro. T. Mathews P.P.S.G.W.) is to be the first Worshipful Master. For the last twenty-three years Brother Mathews has been permanently associated with Masonry in Cardiff, and he has passed through the chair of both the Bute and Tennant Lodges, the former being his "alma mater." Thus, when placed in the chair of the new Lodge shortly to be consecrated he will have had the distinguished honour of being Master of no less than three Lodges in his own native town, a unique circumstance in the history of Masonry in Wales, and one which speaks volumes for the esteem and respect in which he is held by his Brethren in Cardiff. It may also be mentioned that Bro. Mathews is a P.Z. of the St. John's Chapter, and P.Z. of the Sir George Elliot Chapter, of which he was one of the founders, and in respect of which he had the distinguished honour of being elected the first First Principal.—"South Wales Daily News."

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A SPECIAL Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, 11th inst., for the installation of the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers as Grand Superintendent of the Province, when and where all Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Principals and Past First Principals of the several Subordinate Chapters of the Province, are summoned to attend; and all regularly exalted Royal Arch Masons are invited to be present. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at three o'clock, and it is expected that Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand J. will officiate as Installing Officer.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales, &c., will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Thursday, the 14th inst., at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon. By permission of the G.M. the Earl of Euston all regularly registered members of the Cryptic Degrees are invited to be present. The Business includes the reception of a report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite, and statement of accounts to date; and the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the year. After the conclusion of the business of Grand Council, the degree of Royal Master will be exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by several Grand Officers. The Banquet will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, and the M.I. Grand Master has promised to preside. Seats will be provided for those who apply to the Grand Recorder before the 13th inst. (Tickets, One Guinea, inclusive).

WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

A MEETING of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 1st inst. Bro. George Morgan presided, and there was a large attendance.

After the minutes of the last court and general schools committees had been confirmed, twenty-five children were elected on the education, combined, and advancement funds of the Institution, involving an additional annual expenditure of about £146.

The annual report of the "West Lancashire," which was then issued, stated that the committee had pleasure in submitting the statement of accounts for the past year, and in once more congratulating all concerned on the satisfactory position which the Institution continued to maintain. The annual ball, held on 9th January 1894, only realised the sum of £207 1s 2d which is a considerable falling off from 1893, and a still greater falling off from the previous year. This may be accounted for by the fact that many Lodges hold balls on their own account, and Brethren are not inclined to support more than one Masonic ball.

The donations and subscriptions received during the year amounted to £859 8s 6d, an increase of £110 3s 10d on the previous year. No fewer than forty-seven Lodges had failed to send in any return whatever, whilst amongst them they have had twenty-six children on the foundation at a cost of £269 10s 3d in the past year, and four of these Lodges are now applicants for children to be placed on the fund. The amount received for interest on investments was £755 10s 4d, which is a falling off from last year of £83 13s 2d.

The number of children who had received the benefits of the Institution during the year was 215. Of these forty-seven are on the combined fund, receiving education, maintenance, and clothing. The amount paid for this purpose was £1,523 5s 8d in addition to £181 5s, the proportion of purchased rights of presentation to schools in London, making a total cost of £1,704 10s 8d, which all would realise was a large amount to expend in one year.

Bro. T. H. W. Walker, one of the Hon. Secretaries, resigned that office in October, and his place was filled by Bro. Jos. H. Tyson. The best thanks of the committee were due to Brother Walker for eminent services rendered during the six years he held the office of Secretary, and they had no doubt Bro. Tyson would prove a worthy successor.

It was again a matter of the greatest satisfaction to the committee to report that they had once more been able to deal with every case brought before them, where the papers were found in order, and they trusted the same prosperity might attend their efforts in the future as in the past.

The statement of the Honorary Treasurer Bro. J. T. Callow showed that the invested capital of the charity at the close of the financial year, including the right of presentation to six schools and asylums, amounted to £22,851.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan for presiding.—"Liverpool Mercury."

Lord Kintore's departure from South Australia caused considerable regret with all classes; amongst other farewell gatherings was a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, of which he was the head, when a farewell address was presented.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Sunday, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott died, at the age of seventy. He was appointed Junior Grand Warden of England in 1880, at the time he filled the position of Lord Mayor of London, and then entertained the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught and other leading dignitaries of the Craft at a banquet at the Mansion House. It was during his year of office that the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral, and Sir Francis was among those who supported the Prince of Wales on that occasion, a gratifying feature in connection with the event being the fact that Sir Francis was a native of Truro.

ON Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Borough Cemetery, Stockport, were interred the remains of one who has been a well-known and esteemed member of the Stockport Lodge of Peace for something like a quarter of a century. Brother James Worsnup P.M. P.P.J.G.W. passed away the previous Sunday, after a rather long illness, deeply regretted by his Masonic Brethren and by all who knew him. He was a thorough worker in the Lodge, and up to the time of his illness was rarely absent from its meetings. Representatives of all the Masonic Lodges in the town attended the funeral to pay a last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, says the "Stockport Advertiser."

CHURCH SERVICES.

SOUTH London Masons were invited to a special service on Friday, 22nd ult., at St. Luke's, Camberwell, the church of which Bro. Rev. H. B. Chapman is vicar. The response was not so satisfactory as had been hoped for by those of the Craft who promoted and arranged for the service, and the measure of success attending it was not so striking as that some months since at Dulwich. The unique service was, nevertheless, much appreciated by those who participated in it; and it is not improbable that it will be repeated at a date which will, possibly, be more convenient for a larger number of the Craft.

Mr. W. J. Steel, the organist of the church, rendered valuable assistance as musical director, as did Mr. W. E. Clifford, the parochial secretary, in the details of the arrangements. A dispensation had been granted to the Brethren to appear in Craft clothing, while a limited number of ladies of non-Masons were admitted by ticket.

Bro. Rev. H. B. Chapman, who is Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex and Chap. of Cama Lodge, No. 2105, conducted the service. The selected psalms, which were chanted by the choir, were cviii and cix, while the catholicity of Masonry was exemplified by the fact that Bro. Rev. P. Henderson Aitken, M.A. (of St. James's Church of Scotland, East Dulwich), who is also Prov. Grand Chaplain of Middlesex, read the first lesson.

The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. H. B. Chapman, who discoursed eloquently upon the words of I. Kings vi. 7, an appropriate text for a Masonic service.

The Rev. gentleman displayed considerable erudition in Masonic history, in dealing fully with the accuracy of the description supplied by the text, enlarging upon the silence with which the temple was built, the beauty of its altar, and the purpose of its dedication. It was, speaking Masonically, an instructive discourse. The offertory was divided equally between Masonic charities and the poor of St. Luke's parish.—"South London Press."

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ON Sunday, 24th ult., a Masonic festival service, under the auspices of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, was held at Highbury-quadrant Church. The spacious church was crowded. The ceremony was under the direction of Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. England, first Master and Founder of the Highgate Lodge, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The organist and musical director was Bro. Arthur Briscoe P.P.G.O. Surrey P.M. Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, Org. 1366, 2470, organist and musical director of the church, and of the Crystal Palace festivals.

At 6.15 the members of the Craft, wearing full regalia, entered the church at the west, and to the strains of the processional hymn (tune "Fidelity," Arthur Briscoe), filed to the east entrance, and passing the main door, proceeded up the centre aisle, and took seats in the body of the building.

The Rev. J. Dawson explained that the collection that night would be in aid of a debt on the church building. At the beginning of last autumn side galleries were erected in the church, and a debt of £2,000 remained on the building. Since that time, an increased attendance had justified the enlargement. He welcomed the members of the Craft who, inspired by generous motives, had attended that service, to assist in the cause of religion. That was a unique occasion, and he hoped the response from the congregation would be a liberal one.

The preacher based an eloquent discourse upon Ephesians iv., 25 "Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." He enlarged upon the impossibility of independent action, and referring to the influence the thinkers of the past exercised upon the world to-day, mentioned that many men of eminence had drawn inspirations from the writings of Carlyle. It was impossible to gauge the effect of Carlyle's writings upon character and conduct. Mr. Dawson dealt with the genesis of Freemasonry, its growth, and principles. In emphasising the truth of the phrase "We are members one of another," the preacher spoke of the recent outbreak of scarlet fever in London, which was said to have arisen through the negligence of certain sanitary authorities in Derbyshire. They had perhaps never seen that village in Derbyshire or heard of it before, but it was just as much a part of London as was that district. Its pastures contributed towards the necessities of this vast city, and owing to an almost criminal carelessness 300 homes in that neighbourhood were sanctuaries of sorrow, and to-morrow might be temples of death. When the great metropolis was wrapped in sleep there would be in that district 300 chambers of suffering, each a source of anxiety to those who were watching the progress or decline of the disease. Touching upon the importance of charity, the preacher said they who sent out missionaries to convert the Buddhists must learn that it was the duty of Christians not to have a perfect creed, but to practise a perfect charity. The people of to-day in all parts of the world suffered by reason of

the mis-rule of the governors of earlier times. Another reference made by the rev. gentleman was to the County Council election, the following Saturday. He said they would in a week's time have an opportunity of helping to give that civic life and those privileges which were the heritage of the people who lived in the largest city in the world. He did not wish them to misunderstand him, and he did not wish them to think he advocated the cause of party politics. In that church he had nothing to do with politics; still less with party politics. But it was his duty to declare that our theories of Brotherhood must be tested by the test of action, and in no direction were they likely to be tested more critically than in the question of what sort of London we meant to build up for ourselves and for our children. Freemasons in mediæval times built cathedrals and built them nobly, because they built them as in the sight of God; the people of to-day were builders of edifices more splendid and imperishable than cathedrals. To build churches and temples was good, for in them Divine truths were taught, and right and noble things were disseminated; but there was another temple not built with hands whose stones were the living stones that were truly consecrated to the service of humanity. They were each building for themselves the temple of character. To-day and yesterday were the blocks with which they built. They were building the structure of society, which rose slowly around them in beauty or deformity according as they worked wisely and generously, or with narrowness of aim and meanness of achievement.

As the Brethren left the church a vigorous rendering was given to the "Hallelujah Chorus." In addition to organ accompaniment the members of the London Military Band, conducted by Bro. Warwick Williams, rendered excellent service. The Rev. W. J. Dawson afterwards addressed a few words of thanks to the members of the Craft in the School-room. He said that was the first time a Masonic Festival had been held in a Non-conformist place of worship. It was a matter of satisfaction to him to know that the members of the Craft were practising from day to day that charity which was the basis of the Christian Religion.—"Islington Gazette."

A number of the leading authorities of the age are quoted as among the contributors to Messrs. Cassell and Co.'s new illustrated serial work "Battles of the Nineteenth Century," Part I. of which was issued on the 25th ult. The following amongst other leading artists will furnish illustrations to the work:—R. Caton Woodville, W. B. Wollen, R.I., J. Le Blant, Sidney Paget, Wal Paget, J. Finnemore, A. Pearce, Frank Feller, and Paul Hardy.

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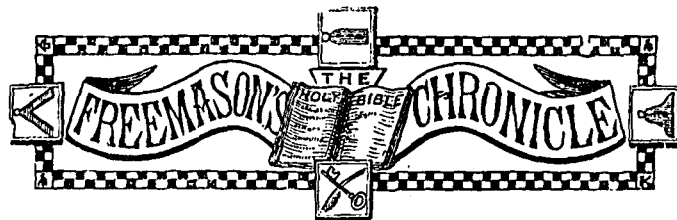
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WHAT A MASONIC LODGE REPRESENTS.

IT should never be forgotten that a Masonic Lodge represents vastly more than an assembly of Brethren and friends with a hall arranged for the enactment of prescribed ceremonies. The Lodge in Freemasonry symbolically represents, in its primary significance, the whole great universe. It suggests that outward Temple in which the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe resides. The heavens above and the earth beneath are the dwelling place of the Infinite Creator and Ruler of all things—and the Divine immanence is universal. Of this presence of Jehovah in the vast natural universe we have the sign and suggestion in a Masonic Lodge. Then, in a more technical sense, a Masonic Lodge represents the Ark of the Covenant, constructed by Bezaleel according to a pattern divinely furnished, wherein stood the sacred emblems of worship and of sacrifice. In much the same manner of representation it calls to mind King Solomon's Temple, also builded by command of the Most High God and devoted to solemn and blessed uses. Do Craftsmen consider, as they should, the significance of a Masonic Lodge which represents historically and symbolically so much of Ancient glory—so much of the special revelation which Jehovah has made of himself?

A Masonic Lodge has spiritual significance as being the symbol of the life of man. It signifies the temple wherein dwells the individual soul. "Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" is the suggestive enquiry of an Apostle. It is a grand thought—one that moves the devout nature to grateful praise and lofty aspiration—thus to be reminded of the Divine indwelling with a human soul. So comes the fervent prayer:

"And chiefly Thou, O Spirit, who dost prefer
Before all Temples the upright heart and pure,
Instruct me, for Thou knowst; what in me is dark
Illumine. What is low, raise and support."

Whatever else the Lodge represents to faithful and well instructed Craftsmen, its moral significance in the way last noted should be recognised. Its subjective symbolism should be appreciated. Thus will come incitements of truth and duty, with a growing purpose to make the spiritual edifice of human life strong, fair and symmetrical.—"Freemasons Repository."

FREEMASONRY IN DETROIT.

EXTRACT from the Semi-Centennial Address by Bro. Hugh McCurdy, before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Michigan, at Detroit, 24th January 1895.

It is one hundred and thirty years since Freemasonry was first planted in Detroit. 27th April 1754 is the precise date, and the authority for it was a warrant granted by Provincial Grand Master George Harrison, of New York, to Brother Lieutenant John Christie, of the Sixtieth Regiment, and others, as Lodge No. 1, the Brethren to give it whatsoever distinctive name they might choose. They named it Zion, and so it is named this happy hour.

The Sixtieth Regiment was stationed in Detroit for thirty years, and the mother country kept control of this portion of what is now the United States, until the year 1796, when possession was given to us and "Old Glory" was for the first time unfurled on this historic ground.

The territory was so long a bone of contention between England and the United States that we find the Brethren of Detroit petitioning the Grand Lodge of Canada for a warrant. It was granted as prayed for, 7th September 1794, to James Donaldson and others, to form and hold a Lodge in the city of Detroit, in Upper Canada. No name is specified in the charter, but it was registered by the Grand Lodge of Canada as Zion Lodge, No. 10.

The political change of our territorial condition, in 1796, caused our Brethren of Zion Lodge to surrender their warrant of British parentage, and to petition the Grand Lodge of New York for a new warrant. This was granted, 3rd September 1806, and was signed by that eminent patriot, high-minded man and exemplary Freemason, De Witt Clinton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. And by this act Zion Lodge, No. 1 was baptized anew. Her subsequent history need not be repeated here. It is coextensive with the history of the territory of the commonwealth, and of the proud metropolis wherein she occupies the chair of honour, and where, out of the full hearts of Freemasons, she is affectionately called Mother Zion. Let us never cease to venerate her.

In this State there have been three Grand Lodges, so-called. The first was organised in Detroit, 24th June 1826, when Brother General Lewis Cass was elected and Installed Most Worshipful Grand Master.

A second Grand Lodge was attempted to be formed in 1841, but it was not recognised by the Masonic world as legal; and for the purpose of correcting certain Masonic illegalities, the present Grand Lodge was formed in this city, 17th September 1844, when the Grand Master elect, John Mullet, was installed, as the record has it, by M.W. Brother Lewis Cass, Past Grand Master of Ohio and Michigan; and the Most Worshipful Grand Master then proceeded to instal the other Grand Officers.

An impression may possibly arise in the minds of the Brethren that contention and an unfraternal spirit existed in those days by reason of these irregularities. Such, however, was not the fact. There merely was a misapprehension of Masonic law and practice which made it necessary to retrace the steps that had been taken in organising the second Grand Lodge. All the time the Brethren were working in absolute harmony, and upon the formation of the third Grand Lodge, the second met in emergent communication, 17th November 1844, the new Grand Lodge being then in session, and by resolution the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were directed to make over to the new Grand Lodge all the property and effects in their official custody, and requiring all the Lodges in this jurisdiction to report and pay dues to the new Grand Lodge at its next annual communication. As a finishing touch to their labour this resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that this Grand Lodge be closed in harmony and be henceforth forever dissolved."

This was formally carried out, and thus was exemplified the golden rule of universal Brotherhood; and the new Grand Body entered upon its mission of love, peace on earth, and goodwill to man. Now, after a half a century, during which our growth has been continuous, vital and sound, we find ourselves at the fountain of content, glad in the honours that have befallen our Craft and rock-ribbed in the faith that it is destined for still greater honours, and yet other and larger opportunities for engaging in the ministrations that have made Freemasonry a positive potential good to man. For friendship is the corner stone of Freemasonry; and "Friendship," says Cicero, "is the only thing in the world concerning the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed."

At the period of which I speak there were in the whole state of Michigan only nine Lodges, having a gross membership of about two hundred. Note the contrast with the present! In these fifty years, the completion of which we celebrate in this happy hour, the Lodges and membership have multiplied and remultiplied until we now have four hundred and seven Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, with a membership of forty thousand!

General Cass, our first Grand Master, was a ripe scholar, a true patriot and a courteous chevalier. His name and deeds, and every fibre of his being are intimately associated with the infancy and the struggles of Freemasonry in Michigan, and inseparably linked with all that is worth remembering in connection with our beloved commonwealth at home and abroad. Having had such a baptism, and blessed with the inspiration of noble and historic names, what wonder is it that Freemasonry, under its banner of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, has been so conspicuous and so continuous a power for good? By steady devotion to the principles which are the conviction of all civilized nations and peoples, and the unwritten creed of every manly heart, Freemasonry has reached its present proud eminence. In evidence

of this we need only point to the fact, known to all, that enrolled among the Craftsmen are found the names of the best and most representative men the State has produced.

A LOOSE SCREW.

HOW often we mourn over the unsatisfactory condition of some of our Lodges, and wonder why success seems to pass them by. They are as good a lot of fellows who compose the membership as you could find in a day's travel. They are charitable, too, and are ready to open their hands to relieve the distressed, but somehow there is a rattling of dry bones, and a scraping sound when the till is touched. There is seldom any work done, and the raven of discouragement seems to sit in the East with its mournful "never, forever." It is plain to be seen that there is something wrong. There is a screw loose somewhere, that ought to be tightened.

No machine will do its work properly with a screw loose. It may move its wheels and spindles, but, sure as fate, there will be a dropped stitch or an imperfect seam, and if the screw is not tightened it will not be long before the whole machine will be ruined.

The Lodge is a machine built to certain work. The Master must direct the various parts in such a way as to produce perfect harmony. Friction is destruction. The machinery of the Lodge should work smoothly. One of the most important works to be done by this machinery is the teaching of moral lessons. These lessons are taught by certain ceremonies and lectures. Their beauty and completeness can only be realised when each and every Officer performs his part well.

If the Tyler is continually thumping at the door during the work, the clack of the knocker sounding through the whole room and above the voices of the Officers, there is a screw loose, and the Tyler should be attended to and taught not to disturb the Lodge. We have seen a degree greatly marred by the hammering of the Tyler. He can arrange with the Junior Deacon, and the two can work quietly and in harmony, and the Lodge not be disturbed.

If the Senior Deacon balks in his reception of a Visiting Brother, and fails to do his work properly, there is a screw loose that ought to be tightened by a little instruction and study. If the Senior Warden absents himself from the meeting, the machinery of the Lodge is sadly in need of repair. If the Junior Warden fails to properly superintend the Craft, and permits the members to run riot over well-known rules of propriety, a little use of the screw-driver will prove beneficial. If the Secretary is careless in sending out notices, or in making collections, or in writing up his minutes, he needs a little tightening—there is a screw loose.

Much of the weakness of Lodges comes from local screws. A machine is a unity only when everything is properly adjusted, and every screw is tight. The Master may be the most rattling part of the whole machine, if he is willing to have slipshod work performed. If he is careless about his own work, and "refers a candidate to the monitor," he will soon find the interest in the work is lost, and before long he will not have any work to do. Good work, true work, the very best that can be done, ought to be the aim of every Master and Officer.

Another important thing that this Lodge machine must do, is to relieve the needy Brother. The charities of Lodges ought to be properly organised. That Lodge is sure to be successful whose members recognise the duty and obligation resting upon them to see that those who are in distress are relieved; that those in need of a kind word, get it; those in need of a hand stretched forth to save them from falling are not neglected. This serves as a lubricator, and the wheels of the whole machinery run smoothly.

When members of a Lodge stay away there is need of a little attention to them. Their indifference is a loose screw that makes the machinery rattle. The united efforts of the members to do good work, both in ritual and charity, will be sure to attract the worthy to its benefits. In union there is strength, and a united Lodge is a strong one.

A Lodge of a few members working in perfect harmony is better, and will do more work and more good than a big Lodge where discord or indifference are found. With all the screws tightened a Lodge will be united, and must accomplish good.—"N. Y. Dispatch."

On Saturday, 23rd ult., the Brethren of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding, gave a treat to the poor of the town, which was carried out with characteristic generosity, and much appreciated by the many recipients, says the "Spalding Free Press." In the afternoon a tea was provided at the Corn Exchange for 220 poor children, who were regaled with tea, bread and butter, and a bun, and upon leaving each received an orange. The treat was very much enjoyed by the youngsters. In the evening, a supper, consisting of hot roast beef, with potatoes and bread and cheese, and a glass of beer each, was given to 150 poor adults; and after the supper they were entertained with music and recitals. Whilst sitting down, the W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Gooch) welcomed the company, and explained that the supper was provided by the Brethren of the Lodge, with a view in these depressed times to give them a "good square meal." The Brethren, with their wives and daughters, had undertaken all the arrangements, and the gathering passed off most successfully, there being many expressions of appreciation of the donors' kindness.

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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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Saturday, 2nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Charles Lock W.M. At the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet was held, after which a most enjoyable musical programme was given as a supplement to the customary toasts.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THE Brethren of this popular and flourishing Lodge have good reason to be proud of their present Worshipful Master Bro. F. Osmond Carr P.J.G.W. Cambridgeshire, who gave them a grand Masonic treat at the meeting of the Lodge held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, last Friday.

The three degrees, including the charge to the Initiate, were most impressively rendered by Bro. Carr, and elicited the hearty commendation of the Lodge, not only for the manner in which the ritual was delivered, but for the excellent way the details of the various ceremonies were conducted.

The W.M. was ably assisted by his Officers, Bros. Walter Clifford S.W., W. S. Hooper J.W., J. H. Hawkins Chaplain, J. A. Harrison and J. Foss Deacons, and among those who were present were Bros. George Burt P.J.G.W. Dorset, C. O. Burgess 2473, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, F. M. Newton P.M. 90, J. Brill 780, C. Kiefert St. Asaph, Walter J. W. Beard Treasurer, Will E. Chapman P.P.S.G.W. Bucks. Secretary and many others.

Bros. Edmund Ferguson and Lewis C. James having proved their proficiency as Fellow Crafts were raised to the sublime degree, the beautiful ceremony being rendered still more solemn by the adoption of the Cambridge working of the ritual, which enjoins the reading of portions of the Holy Writings, while the Brethren are representing our Master H.A., and the members of the Lodge marching in procession round the temple to the mournful strains of the organ.

Brothers Frank Harris, Ernest R. Pugh, Frank Boyd, E. R. Lang, and Arthur E. Baker were passed to the second degree; and Mr. Harold S. Simmons, having been balloted for and approved, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Brotherhood.

The next business was the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ballot proving in favour of Bro. Walter Clifford. Brother Beard was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Elliss was re-appointed Tyler.

The sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to head the Senior Warden's list as Steward for the next Boys School Festival; and it was decided to present Bro. Osmond Carr with a special P.M. jewel as a mark of recognition of his services to the Lodge.

The W.M. having received the good wishes of the Visitors then closed the Lodge in due form, and the Brethren proceeded to the dining room.

The usual complimentary toasts were given and acknowledged, and as the Lodge boasts of many talented Bohemians a very enjoyable evening was spent. In spite of its name there is nothing eccentric in the working inside the Lodge, but to keep up its reputation one or two novel ideas are introduced at the festive board. Thus, after the Charity Box has been circulated it is put up to auction by the W.M. and generally a high sum is realised for the Benevolent Fund, much amusement being caused by the speculation as regards the amount the box contains. The revival of the old Masonic joke "The Secretary's Toast" also tends to induce a great deal of fun and enhance the enjoyment of the Brethren.

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INSTRUCTION.

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FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

THE annual supper was successfully held on Monday, 25th ult., when Bro. Musto, the host of the White Horse, White Horse Lane, the home of the Lodge of Instruction, put forth every effort to make the occasion worthy the event, says the "East London Observer."

The W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Charles Eschwege, presided, having on his right the genial Secretary Bro. N. Goldman, and being faced by Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. Preceptor.

After the Brethren had partaken of an excellent supper, which was most creditably served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Musto, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. L. A. DaCosta gave that of the Chairman in felicitous terms, and Bro. Eschwege replied in a terse but most effective speech.

The toast of the Preceptor was then proposed, and Bro. L. A. DaCosta, in his reply, pointed out that although he was always in attendance, and that the members of the Friars Lodge, more than any other, had done much to disseminate instruction to those who required it, yet it was an undoubted fact that the Lodge of Instruction suffered from a paucity of attendance on ordinary night meetings. He made a spirited appeal to those who were present to not only come themselves, but bring with them others of the Craft. That they would be welcome went without saying.

Bro. Goldman's reply as Secretary was brief, but to the point, and he reiterated the remarks of the Preceptor; also appealing to the Brethren to give him their support at the ordinary meetings of the Lodge, which take place every Monday, at 8 o'clock.

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HENDON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2206.

THE annual meeting and supper was held at the Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, on Tuesday, 19th ult. The chair was occupied by the Preceptor Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, &c., who was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles P.M., G. H. Lewis P.M., J. Thwaites P.M., W. J. Songhurst W.M., W. B. Parsons W.M., A. A. Nottingham P.M., A. H. Scurrah P.M., and several others.

The installation ceremony was worked by Bro. J. H. Gunn W.M.

Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, and the executive Officers for the year were elected.

The report of the Secretary Bro. John Hudson P.M. showed that the Lodge of Instruction now numbered sixty members, and that twenty-two from different Lodges in the metropolis had joined during the past year.

During the evening a selection of music was contributed by Bros. Adams, Brown, Dobbs, Fearis, and Parsons, the accompaniments being ably rendered by Bro. Arter.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., the following being present:—Bros. R. Alf. Hepworth W.M., J. M. H. Blamey I.P.M., Past Masters William Siddeley, Ben. Williams, John E. Williams Prov.G.D.D.C., D. D. McPherson, John Studd P.P.G.D.C., Richard Simister, R. L. McMillan, Edward Roberts 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE); S. Gaskill S.W., H. A. Owles J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Fred Welmsley Sec., John Allen S.D., H. R. Yates J.D., Jos. Clemmey, A. Dunn, J. E. Buzzard, Robt. Race, Chas. Slee, J. E. Mead, A. Willing, Geo. Taylor, Wm. Morton, J. Grime, H. E. Massie, F. Nield, Arthur Nield, J. H. Studd.

Visitors:—Bros. John Wagstaffe P.M. Sec. 320 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, Fred Broadsmith P.M. 1045 1166 2447 Prov. Gr.Reg. Cheshire, W. H. Wakefield P.M. 1588 P.P.G.S.W.D., William Bee P.M. Ashbury 1459 P.P.G.S., R. Barron P.M. 1774, J. Hurlow I.G. 1459, J. A. Kemp 300, A. Leech 320, Thos. Geo. Virgo 1060.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Edward Massie was raised to the sublime degree by Brother Blamey I.P.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. Richard Simister P.M.

At the festive board, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. John Studd P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and spoke very flatteringly of him. Bro. Studd also stated that at the next meeting Brother Hepworth would have an opportunity of performing the ceremony of Initiation.

The Worshipful Master responded, saying that he was indebted to Bro. Studd and the other Brethren for their enthusiastic reception of his name, feeling sure that what they had expressed had been well meant. He felt himself inadequate to fulfil the duties of his position as he would like to do, but his best abilities should be devoted to maintain that position without doing anything wilfully to degrade it. He appealed to the Officers to assist him in maintaining the high standard of work which had characterised the Lodge in the past.

Bro. Hepworth afterwards proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, who responded.

Bro. Race proposed the healths of the Past Masters, Bro. Blamey responding on behalf of the latter; and Bro. Simister proposed that of the Officers, praising the whole of the work from beginning to end.

Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. Gaskill, Owles, Morton, Mead, Slee, Broadsmith, and Roberts.

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PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

AT the meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday, 18th ult., Bro. E. Kingman I.P.M. presiding, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Borough Distress Relief Fund.

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SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

THE Brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John on the 28th ult., when Bro. R. R. Linthorne S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master by the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in the presence of one of the largest gatherings ever assembled within the Lodge. The ceremony was ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, who was heartily thanked for his services.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 430.

THE Members held their regular meeting on Thursday, 21st ult., at the Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne, the proceedings of which were of more than usual interest, and were the means of bringing together a large number of the fraternity to witness the initiation of Mr. Herbert Whiteley, the Unionist candidate for the borough, and also of Mr. John Noel Eaton, the eldest son of Colonel Eaton, who is the oldest member and Past Master of the Lodge. Bro. J. B. Pownall W.M. presided.

After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Whiteley was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. G. A. Page, Bro. Colonel Eaton initiating his son Mr. John Noel Eaton.

The impressive ceremony was very efficiently performed, the charge to the candidates being delivered by the W.M. On the conclusion of the business the candidates received the hearty congratulations of the Brethren, and were warmly welcomed into the Brotherhood of Masonry.

At the festive proceedings which followed, and after the Loyal and usual Masonic toasts had been given, Bro. J. B. Pownall felicitously proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brethren. A hearty reception was given to this toast, and in a few well chosen and appropriate sentences Brothers Herbert Whiteley and J. N. Eaton responded.

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YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 551.

THE installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Belgrave Chambers, Ventnor, on Tuesday, 19th ult., in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of Brethren from all parts of the Island. The W.M.-elect Bro. R. H. A. Woodman was most impressively installed by Brother Francis Newman P.M. P.P.G.W.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., there being present: Bros. H. J. Harrison W.M., H. B. Brown I.P.M., Joseph Leyer S.W., W. Jones J.W., R. Adshead

S.D., Geo. H. Scott J.D., J. C. Brown Treas., J. M. Frost Secretary, Charles Griffiths S.S., J. H. Keighley P.M., John Greenup P.M., Wm. Kay P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), G. H. Barnes P.M., W. W. McLeod, Chris. Carruthers, J. Hibbs, J. T. Moorhouse, Thomas Bibby, P. Davison, G. Ashworth, E. Evanson Jones. Visitors:—Bros. Harcourt Lee 1959, New Zealand, Ernest Hampson W.M. 1166.

Three ceremonies were due, but owing to the fact that ladies had been invited to join the Brethren at an early supper, only two were proceeded with, viz., the Initiation of Mr. John Smethurst Butterworth, Agent, Fairfield, and the Raising to the sublime degree of M.M. of Bro. Peter Davison. The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned, and afterwards joined their lady friends who gathered in good force.

Bro. Moorhouse, with his usual lavishness, had furnished an excellent table, and members and visitors alike were amply fortified previous to the entertainment which was to follow.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. Barnes P.M. who said of Bro. Harrison that so far he had fulfilled the duties of his office in a creditable manner. Upon the first night of his occupancy of the chair he had performed the arduous task of passing and raising. This in itself was satisfactory, but when he stated that the ceremonies had been done in a most admirable manner, the fact deserved especial mention. That evening they had an evidence of his zeal in the magnificent way he had catered for all, and more especially for the ladies, who would no doubt be grateful to him. He called upon all present to drink his health in the most enthusiastic manner possible.

Bro. Harrison responded, assuring his auditors that he spoke with mixed feelings of gratitude for favours received at their hands, and pride in the knowledge that he was presiding as their Worshipful Master. He reverted to the presence of the ladies, to whom he offered a cordial welcome, congratulating all of them upon their appearance.

Bro. Kay P.M. proposed the health of the ladies in a very neat and appropriate speech.

Bro. McLeod responded. He said this was the second time in his career upon which he had been called to perform the pleasant duty of replying on behalf of the ladies, and it was evident that the Brethren must think he had some especial qualifications for the task. It was probable that with the natural curiosity of the sex, the ladies desired to learn what they could of their proceedings, and on this occasion they were actually going to take part in them. He welcomed the guests, and hoped they would enjoy themselves, feeling sure that the Brethren were eagerly looking forward to join them in the pleasures which were in store.

The company then indulged in dancing, which was continued until the matin. Brothers Greenup P.M. and Griffiths acted as Directors of Ceremonies.

During the evening, songs and recitations were contributed by Brothers Pollitt, Mellor, Griffiths, and Roberts.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 643.

THE fortieth anniversary was held on Monday, 11th ult., in the Lodge Room, Foord's Hotel, Filey. There was a large attendance of members, also Visitors from the Sister Lodges of Scarborough and Bridlington.

The principal business was to instal Bro. R. McBean, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. G. W. Tindall.

Afterwards the Worshipful Master and over forty Brethren sat down to a substantial dinner, well-served by Mr. Fountain, of the above old established Hotel.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE Lodge celebrated its annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on the 19th ult., when Bro. Staveley Wallgate J.W. was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. W. Walker P.M. P.P.G.D.C.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, the W.M. presiding over a good attendance of Brethren of the Lodge, and Visitors from York, Scarborough, and other Lodges in the Province.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

AT the ordinary meeting on Wednesday, 20th ult., at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, which was numerously attended, Bro. W. Roper S.W. was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

At the banquet afterwards, held at the Kentish Hotel, Bro. E. Oliver W.M. was in the chair.

A high compliment was passed to Bro. Oliver for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his responsible office during the year.

On the proposition of Brother Scott the health of the Worshipful Master-elect Bro. Roper was heartily given and received, a fitting response being made.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 904.

THE annual meeting was held in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, on the 28th ult.

Bro. Alfred Robinson was installed as Worshipful Master, and he was supported by Bros. G. A. Illston I.P.M., D. Pagett S.W., E. I. Hubbard J.W., Marriott Le Tall Treasurer, Dennis Davy Secretary, &c.

Subsequently the annual dinner took place at the Ship Hotel.

PHILANTHROPY LODGE, No. 940.

THE annual festival was celebrated on the 21st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Bro. W. Hodgson S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Josh. Robinson the retiring W.M., and afterwards the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

Subsequent to the ceremonial the Brethren dined together, and the customary Masonic toast-list was honoured.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

THE thirtieth anniversary and installation was held on Tuesday, 12th ult., at Alfreton, under the most gratifying auspices. Notwithstanding the

severity of the weather, there was a good attendance of Visiting Brethren, including Brother J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The principal business was the installation of Bro. W. B. Taylor as Worshipful Master, the earlier part of the ceremony being performed by Brother Stuart W.M. The installation ceremony itself was impressively performed by Bro. McLeod.

Afterwards the Brethren adjourned from the Lodge to the dining room at the George Hotel, for the annual banquet, which was purveyed in his usual lavish style by Bro. Alfred Schofield.

Several Brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by songs and recitations.

GRETA LODGE, No. 1073.

THE Brethren held their annual meeting on Tuesday, 12th ult., at Keswick, when Bro. H. Slade Wilson S.W. was installed in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. W. F. Lamonby P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.G.W. of Victoria, Australia.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet excellently served by Bro. W. Wilson, Keswick Hotel, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and a very enjoyable evening was passed in love and harmony.

Before the Lodge was closed, Brothers W. I. Atkinson, Hodgson, and Swinburn made an addition to the Lodge furniture in the shape of a beautiful tripod, winch, and ashlar, the work of the donors mentioned. A cordial vote of thanks was also accorded the Installing Master for coming from London in such severe weather to perform the duty of the day.

TORRIDGE LODGE, No. 1185.

THE annual festival took place on Monday, 11th ult., when Bro. W. Werry was installed in the chair by Bro. Hagley.

Bro. Rousham P.M. was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. The Brethren then adjourned to Bro. Tapley's Globe Hotel, where the banquet was held.

AGRICULTURE LODGE, No. 1199.

ON Monday, 18th ult., the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan honoured the Lodge with his presence, and presided over a large and influential gathering on the occasion of the annual installation at the Assembly Rooms, Yatton.

The Provincial Grand Master of Somerset installed Bro. R. W. Statham as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed his Officers.

After the ceremony, the Right Hon. P.G.M. presided at the banquet, which reflected great credit on Bro. Mountstevens and his management. A thoroughly pleasant evening was spent, several visiting Brethren from neighbouring Lodges being present.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1208.

THE annual installation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on Monday, 18th ult., when Bro. David Henry Wilson was installed by Bro. G. Nugent Thorp the retiring W.M., who, at the close of the ceremony, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year.

The musical programme of the "Musical Lodge of Kent" was well represented by a competent choir, who were strengthened by some Brethren from Canterbury, which greatly enhanced the beauty of the ritual.

The installation was celebrated in the usual way by a banquet, which took place at the Grand Hotel the same evening, when a first-class bill of fare was provided (under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Wain, the manager and manageress of the Hotel), which gave every satisfaction. The Worshipful Master was supported by between fifty and sixty Brethren, amongst whom were several from the neighbouring towns. It may be mentioned as rather an unique coincident, says the "Dover Standard," that amongst the company were two gentlemen who had been educated at the Masonic Institution for Boys, and who had happened to be school fellows together.

TALBOT LODGE, No. 1323.

THE annual meeting was held on the 21st ult., when Bro. A. P. Steeds was installed for the second time as Worshipful Master. Amongst those who attended was the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock, who was given a very enthusiastic reception by the large number present. Deputy-Provincial Grand Master Marmaduke Tennant and Bro. Sir John Jenkins were also present.

Lord Llangattock was invited to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. H. Glascodine on his retirement from the chair. His lordship said that he was highly pleased to have the privilege of making the presentation on behalf of the Lodge; though it might appear selfish to take that pleasure out of the hands of the Brethren who had worked with Bro. Glascodine. Still he could not resist, at the invitation of the Lodge. He trusted that it would be taken as a tangible proof of the warmth of feeling on the part of the Brethren to the recipient, and that he would be reminded of the many happy days past spent in the Lodge and the work of Masonry. Further, he hoped that it would be an inducement to Bro. Glascodine to visit the Lodge as often as he could, and give assistance to his successor.

Bro. Glascodine said he felt greatly gratified for this mark of friendship on the part of the Brethren, and very grateful to Lord Llangattock for the kind words he had used in making the presentation. So far as his experience of the Lodge had gone, it had been an expression on all hands of Brotherly love and affection. He thanked them for their valuable gift, which would be placed among his most treasured possessions.

The Worshipful Master expressed himself as very grateful to Lord Llangattock for his visit to Swansea. He did not desire to claim it as an especial compliment to the Talbot Lodge, but an honour which should be shared between the three local Lodges. He hoped that he would be able in the future to pay visits to the others.

Lord Llangattock thanked the Brethren for the heartiness of their reception. He was very pleased to come among them; very gratified at the reception given him, and greatly impressed with the working of the Lodge, and the warm feeling which was evidently inspiring members in their work.

The banquet was held at the Mackworth Hotel immediately after the close of the Lodge, and presided over by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Lord Llangattock.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 1st inst. The following were present:—Bros. Alfred Pickford W.M., W. T. Hesketh I.P.M., Chas. Rawle S.W., T. A. Holland J.W., W. D. Fryer P.M. Treas., Hy. Nall P.M. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., A. Redfearn J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M. D.C., J. R. E. Birkett I.G., William Rushton Org., E. M. Beebee, J. M. Crone, Hugh Bloomer, Baron E. de Minciaky Stewards, Cyril H. Beever P.M., J. G. Bromley P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, W. J. Bull, W. Moulton.

Visitors:—Brothers Council. Thomas Uttley P.M. 2464 P.P.G.A.D.C., Joel Mitchell P.M. 300, J. H. Marsh P.M. 1730, G. H. Russell 2482.

After the minutes of the former meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. William Lea, Merchant, Hulme, was balloted for, and this being successful, he was prepared and duly initiated by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Chas. Rawle S.W., and T. A. Holland J.W., the former rendering the Antient Charge, and the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools.

A long and pleasant night succeeded in connection with the festive board, the following taking a prominent part in the enjoyment: Bros. W. T. Hesketh, Fryer, Nall, Beever, Moulton and Bloomer.

Bro. Rushton proposed the health of the candidate, who responded, saying he thanked the Brethren for their reception of him. He thought he had that night taken a step which he would never regret.

Bro. Hesketh proposed the health of the W.M., and spoke in very high terms of his work in the ceremonial. It was a good augury of many very pleasant evenings which they might hopefully look forward to.

Bro. Pickford, in reply, said it would be his highest endeavour to give them every satisfaction during his term of office.

Brother Nall proposed the healths of the Visitors, and the latter, in responding, were unanimous in praising those Officers who had taken part in the ceremonial.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 21st ult., Bro. W. B. Midgley W.M. There was also a fair attendance of Past Masters and Brethren.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. James Kershaw was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Bro. F. W. Maxwell J.W.

At the festive board which followed, Bro. Hothersall P.M. proposed the health of the newly-passed Brother, to which Bro. Kershaw responded.

Bro. John Walkden P.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. Hampson, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 992 responded. Songs, &c., were given by various Brethren, a very pleasant evening being spent.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 15th ult. Present:—Bros. Wm. Mosley W.M., Thos. T. Sefton I.P.M., J. Clough S.W., J. Clarkson J.W., F. Townson P.M. Treas., Thos. M. Brown Sec., Wm. Lambert S.D., Wm. Thos. Blease J.D., W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., W. Allen Smith I.G., Richard Hilton, Wm. Woodeson Stds., J. Harrop P.M., E. Holland P.M., Thos. Threlfall P.M., J. L. Smith P.M., Thos. Kay P.M., Ed. Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Rev. Jas. Preston, W. Bransby, G. L. Hardcastle, E. Winterbottom P.M., J. H. Burton.

Visitors:—Bros. Samuel Gaskill S.W. 163, Robert Race 163, A. Willing 163, F. Middleton 1077, C. Crowther 1993.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bros. Gilbert Lees Hardcastle, and John Harold Burton were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the first ceremony being performed by Bro. Harrop P.M., and the second by the W.M. Bro. Clough S.W. afterwards presented and explained the Working Tools of the Degree to Bro. Hardcastle.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. That of the newly-raised Brother (Bro. Burton) was proposed by Bro. Harrop, who, after explaining that the other candidate had been compelled to leave, said that this was the first time the Worshipful Master had given a ceremony into the hands of others, but it could hardly be expected that he would himself undertake two upon one night. With regard to the work of raising Bro. Burton, both members and visitors may often have seen the ceremony performed by men of experience, but he was sure that they had not seen it done in a better manner, for Brother Mosley was a Worshipful Master who knew his responsibilities, and was always careful in the work which he undertook. He knew as well as they did that those who performed the various Masonic ceremonies were responsible for the impression made upon the minds of the candidates, an impression which was calculated to last for the whole of their lives.

Bro. Burton had seemed to take a very great interest in the various degrees through which he had passed, and Bro. Harrop concluded by explaining to the candidate the powerful influence for good which the various lessons he had been taught might have upon him in the future.

Bro. Burton, in reply, thanked the Brethren most heartily for their kind reception of him. The last ceremony was certainly the most impressive of the three, and it would never be erased from his mind. It was hardly possible to grasp it by hearing it once, but he sincerely hoped that the opportunity would be afforded him of hearing it again.

SOUTH DOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

ON the 20th ult. the annual installation and banquet took place at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint. The Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Wickham W.M., in the presence of a goodly number of Lodge members and Visitors.

After an Initiation, the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Wickham, Bro. C. Clarke S.W. being elevated to the chair. The addresses were respectively given by Bros. G. Rawlinson P.P.G.A.D.C., T. Wickham W.M., and J. C. Buckwell P.P.G.J.W.

Bro. Wickham was presented with a P.M.'s Jewel.

After the banquet the Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the Prov. Grand Lodge being coupled with the names of Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts and Bro. Lamette. Both replied, the former speaking of the high position occupied by Sussex in connection with the Charities.

Bro. Wickham, in proposing the W.M., said he had shown what excellent work he was capable of doing by his skill that evening, and they would be sure of his doing himself credit and bringing credit to the Lodge.

Bro. Clarke, in responding, said he felt honoured in occupying the position of Master. He had had twelve years' apprenticeship, and all Brothers had added pleasure and good will. Knowing he had many good Officers he hoped at the end of his year it would be said he had done his duty to the satisfaction of all.

ST. KEYNA LODGE, No. 1833.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Keynsham, on the 18th ult. The W.M. Bro. R. H. Shrapnell presided. The W.M. elect was installed according to ancient form by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and appointed and invested his Officers.

The Brethren subsequently dined together at the Lamb and Lark Hotel.

HARDMAN LODGE, No. 1948.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Rawtenstall, on Monday, 11th ult., when Bro. Dr. Finlay was installed W.M. by Bro. Wm. Spencer P.M. After the Masonic ceremony the Brethren of the Lodge, together with Visitors, numbering over seventy, partook of an excellent repast, which was provided by Bro. J. W. Brown, the host.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

THE Lodge was entertained by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. G. F. Baker, at the Mitre Hotel, Maidstone, to a supper on the 20th ult. About forty Brethren were able to accept the invitation, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

The toast of the evening, the Host, received a most enthusiastic reception, and his Worship, who is a member of the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to entertain the Brethren.

It is noteworthy that the Robinson does not confine itself to Masonic Charities, says the "Kent Times," for at the time of the floods in Maidstone several tons of coals were provided for those who had suffered, and on this evening, after the usual business, the sum of two guineas was voted to the Soup Kitchen.

ST. LAURENCE LODGE, No. 2078.

THE annual festival was held in the Masonic Room, Scunthorpe, on the 8th ult., there being a large attendance.

Bro. A. J. Wilkins was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Langbridge.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Blue Bell Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. R. J. Swaby, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master Bro. J. McCallum.

COWPER AND NEWTON LODGE, No. 2244.

THE annual installation was held in the Masonic Room, Olney, on Friday, 8th ult., when there was a large attendance. Bro. T. T. Coles was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. L. Cooper P.P.G.S.W.

The Lodge having been duly closed, the Brethren repaired to the Bull Hotel, where Bro. Smith had provided an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 25th ult., the following being present: Bros. Cyril H. Beever W.M., W. A. Brabner I.P.M., C. Harrop S.W., Henry Nall P.M. J.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Acting Secretary, Thos. Hammett J.D., Sam Luke I.G., F. W. Wollaston P.M. Chap., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, Fred V. Arden, Harry Bowes, A. J. Holt, Wm. Thos. Watts, F. Todd, Samuel L. Watts, A. W. Bennett, S. H. Stubbs, W. F. Dearden, G. R. Ward. Visitors: Bros. Jas. J. Lambert P.M. 1387 W.M. 2229 P.P.G.Reg., H. J. Harrison W.M. 581, and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, and one of the Antient Charges read, Bro. Samuel Lingard Watts was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the Working tools being presented and explained by Brother Harrop S.W.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The health of the newly-passed Brother was proposed by Bro. Wrigley P.M., who spoke commendingly of Bro. Watts, saying that he could recommend him to their notice. He was one of those whom the Prov. Grand Master (Col. Starkie) would cordially approve, a Brother whom they could unhesitatingly introduce to their own fireside.

Bro. Watts, in thanking them, said that during the time he was considering whether he should become a Mason or not, those who belonged to the Craft said comparatively nothing about it to him, while those who knew nothing about it said much in disparagement. He had learned, however, that Bro. Lambert, their Visitor of to-night, was a Mason, and that fact influenced him more than anything else in his decision.

Bro. Wrigley afterwards proposed the healths of the absent Brethren, and mentioned the names of Bros. Thomas and Hitching. Other toasts followed, the same being pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Beever W.M., Harrop, Fred Hilton, Hammett, Luke, Roberts, Todd, and Stubbs.

SHIRLEY WOOLMER LODGE, No. 2530.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Sidcup, this being the first meeting since the return of the Worshipful Master the Rev. Edward Shirley Woolmer from his wedding trip. There was a large attendance, and the Masonic work being of an extensive character, the proceedings of the Lodge lasted until a late hour.

Prior to the closing a very interesting ceremony took place. The I.P.M. Bro. Major C. Wallington, V.D., addressed the W.M. and tendered to him the congratulations of the Brethren of the Lodge upon his marriage. It was, he said, the desire of the Brethren to express in some tangible manner the high regard in which their W.M. was held.

At this point was borne into the Lodge a fine portrait of the W.M., elegantly framed and bearing a suitable inscription, setting out that the gift was from the Founders of the Lodge. This was then presented to the Master, with a few more appropriate words, amidst applause from the Brethren assembled.

The Rev. E. Shirley Woolmer P.G.C. W.M., in acknowledging the gift, said that Masons were renowned for keeping their secrets, and this one had certainly been no exception, for he had not had the least idea that any such presentation was intended to be made to him. He returned his heartfelt thanks for so handsome a present, and said that so long as he was permitted to remain upon this sublunary sphere he should treasure the gift, and after he had passed away doubtless it would be held in very great esteem by his family.

The full-sized portrait (a very striking one) represents the Worshipful Master in the collar of his office, to which is attached the founder's jewel.

o o o CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE, No. 2335.

A VERY successful gathering took place on the 28th ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Wm. Orry Callow.

The installing ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. John Lane I.P.M. and at the banquet which followed a Past Master's jewel was presented to him.

o o o BENEVENTA LODGE, No. 2380.

THE annual gathering was held in the Lodge Room at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Daventry, on the 15th ult. Bro. Dr. W. T. Knight was installed Worshipful Master.

The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Capt. A. F. Mulliner, and Past Master F. Willoughby. The retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel. At the close of the Lodge business the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

THE old Cornish Preceptory of Knights Templars having been transferred to the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, the first annual meeting was held there on the 19th ult., for the installation of its Preceptor.

It is interesting to recall the fact that Freemasonry in Cornwall dates from so far back as 1751, and that Knight Templary was introduced into the Province in 1792 by the dedication at Redruth of the St. John of Jerusalem Conclave, started by the M.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley the then Grand Master. The Conclave was subsequently removed to Falmouth, and finally to Truro, where it succumbed of recent years.

The Restormel Preceptory was dedicated at Tywardreath on 9th July 1867, and has always had attached to it the St. Andrew Priory of Knights of Malta. After a chequered career it was removed to St. Austell in 1885, and last year changed its adode and is now working at Liskeard, where it is hoped that a successful career awaits it, as several Royal Arch Chapters are within a reasonable distance of that centre, and will, no doubt, contribute members for installation. The Duke of Kent, father of Her Majesty the Queen, was once Grand Master, and took a lively interest in the ceremonials.

At the meeting on the 19th three new members were admitted, and W. Polkinghorne P.E. Preceptor was elected Treasurer. Several letters of apology for absence were read. Westcountry Freemasons will join heartily in wishing a long life for the Preceptory, in order that it may continue to preserve this old institution in Cornwall.

A framed photograph, from an old picture of Jacques de Molai (the Grand Master of the Templars, who was burnt in Paris, 19th March 1313), was kindly presented by Major Shanks, in whose family the original painting has been for very many years, the frame being adorned with several curious Masonic symbols.—"Cornish Times."

A double number of the "Paris Mode" is published this week, the price being the same as for the ordinary issue, one penny. The editor makes in this number an offer, under specified conditions, of wedding dresses to those who receive an offer of marriage whilst wearing a dress made from designs appearing in the "Paris Mode." This journal now offers its readers free patterns cut to measurement, free insurance, and free wedding dresses.

In the February number of "Little Folks" appeared a short article on the Czar, concluding with the following words he had spoken to the daughters of the Prince and Princess of Wales: "Good-bye, my dears. You are going back to your happy English home, and I to my Russian prison." Copies of the publication which have been received by Russian subscribers have had the entire article "blacked out."

A very striking success attended the issue of Messrs. Cassell and Company's new serial, "Battles of the Nineteenth Century." Two large editions were sold within four days of publication, and a third edition has been produced.

CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with order.

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BOYS SCHOOL.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FREDERICK SAMUEL LANG (Aged 10). Second Application.

Son of the late Frederick Alexander Giles Woolgar Lang, Master Tailor, of 114 Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, N., who was initiated in the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, on the 17th October 1882, and was a subscribing member to the time of his death, October 1890. Votes will be thankfully received by Bros. T. G. Hodges, E. T. Mackrill, C. W. Allen; and Mrs. F. Lang, 8 Bird Street, Oxford Street, London, W.

NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

5 St. George Corner Stone, F.M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons-hall
90 St. John's, Albion
193 Confidence, Anderton's
1366 Highgate, St. Pancras
1571 Leopold, Bridge House Hotel
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons-hall
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
2012 Chiswick, Star & Garter, Kew
2030 Abbey, Westminster
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2394 Galen, Freemasons-hall
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant
2484 S. Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.

37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
40 Derwent, Hastings
61 Probity, Halifax
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
85 Faithful, Harlesden
88 Scientific, Cambridge
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley

292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln
302 Hope, Bradford
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
379 Honour, Bath
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
411 Commercial, Nottingham
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth

607 Chicheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
632 Concord, Trowbridge
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
721 Independence, Chester
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
985 Alexandra, Lincoln
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1112 Shirley, Shirley
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Liverpool
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge

1436 Castle, Sandgate
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-o-Humber
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1575 Clive, Market Drayton
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1600 Hamilton, Alford

1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1757 King Henry the Eighth, Hemel Hempstead
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1602 Vernon, East Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1895 Thames, Henley
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrave
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith.
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick
2187 Adur, Henfield
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas, I. of Man
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea

Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion
180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
211 St. Michael, Albion
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
235 Nine Muses, Grand, Charing X
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Hot.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1196 Urban, Freemasons-hall
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons-hall
2127 Drury Lane, Mark M. Hall
2400 Brentford, Brentford

80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
241 Merchants, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
293 King's Friends, Nantwich
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
386 Unity, Wareham
448 St. James, Halifax
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Halesowen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
599 Cherwell, Banbury
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdown Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
686 Jerusalem, Bristol
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 Harbour Refuge, Hartlepool
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
773 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 St. Helen's Loyalty, St. Helens
903 Gosport, Gosport
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 Royal Forest Dean, Newnham-on-Severn

1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour and Friendship, Blandford

1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bromley, Kent
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1522 Olicana, Ilkley

1528 Fort, Newquay
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1537 St. Giles, Cheadle
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-H.
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883 William Wykeham, Winchester
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wiiberforce, Hull
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead
2164 St. Germans, Peel
2334 Horwich, Horwich
2339 Mistley, Manningtree
2360 Victoria, Southport
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2492 Concordia, Wendover

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4
11 Enoch, Freemasons-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons-hall
87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel
147 Justice, Deptford
548 Wellington, Cannon St. Hotel
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
820 Lily of Richmond, Richmond
1228 Beacon Tree, Guildhall Tavern
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall
1766 St. Leonard, Great Eastern Ho.
1815 Penge, Anerley
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
1934 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via Hotel
1936 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
2272 Rye, Peckham
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati

54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle's of Fellowship, Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, Bristol

204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarrowood, Jersey
250 Minerva, Hull
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
323 Concord, Stockport
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
463 E. Surrey of Concord, Croydon
483 Sympathy, Gravesend
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
606 Segontium, Carnarvon
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Princetown
679 St. David, Aberdare
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing

852 Zetland, Salford
854 Albert, Shaw
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1242 Tynwald, Douglas
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1465 Ockenden, Haywards' Heath
1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Twickenham

1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1544 Mount-Edgecumbe, Camborne
1583 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
1613 Perseverance, Hebburn-o-Tyne
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1692 Hervey, Bromley, Kent
1703 Windrush, Witney
1715 Arthur John Brogden, Grange-over-Sands

1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1798 Zion, Manchester
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1848 Ferrum, Middlesbrough
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1868 Unity, Oldham
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1947 Stanford, Hove
2046 Robinson, Maidstone
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2183 Royal Hampton Court, Hampton Court
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2284 Smyth, Grimsby
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
2423 St. Mark, Connah's Quay
2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, City Term. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons-hall
181 Universal, Café Royal
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons-hall
263 Bank of England, Albion
534 Polish National, Freemasons-h.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hot.
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
1471 Islington, Cook Tavern
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1642 Earl Carnarvon, Notting Hill
1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
1791 Creation, Freemasons-hall
1987 Strand, Criterion
2033 University of London, F.M.H.
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
2417 Bolingbroke, Clapham Junction
2509 Barnet, New Barnet

35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
132 Unity, Ringwood Hants.
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
215 Commerce, Haslingden
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
324 Moira, Stalybridge
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
361 Industry, Hyde
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterborough
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship and Sincerity, Shaftesbury

477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
625 Devonshire, Glossop
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
786 Croxeth United Service, Liverpool

816 Royd's, Littleborough
945 Abbey, Abingdon
971 Trafalgar, Batley
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Hyshe, Stoke, Damerel
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester

1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Bath
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1911 De La Pré, Northampton
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Alton
2088 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'th
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 St. Alkmund, Whitchurch
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2343 Sir William, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

143 Middlessex, Albion
1118 Univesity, Freemasons' Hall

1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
2316 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
1767 Kensington, Notting Hill
416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarrowood, Brighton
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1194 Villiers, Hampton Court
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1597 Musgrave, Hampton Court
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Buckhurst H.
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2458 Eton, Eton

The Theatres, &c.

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Drury Lane.—7.30, Dick Whittington. Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30 also.
Lyceum.—8, King Arthur.
Covent Garden.—Fancy Dress Ball, Friday, 15th March, at 11.
Avenue.—8, Dandy Dick Whittington. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Princess's.—8.30, Hansel and Gretel (in English). Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—On Tuesday, at 8.10, Salt Tears. 9, A Loving Legacy.
Adelphi.—8, The Fatal Card.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Comedy.—8, A Breezy Morning. 8.40, Sowing the Wind. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Lyric.—8.20, His Excellency. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales's.—8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Terry's.—8, High life below stairs. 9, An Innocent Abroad. Matinée, Saturday.
Toole's.—8, The Secret. 8.45, Thorough-bred.
Criterion.—8.30, The Case of Rebellious Susan. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Haymarket.—8.30, An Ideal Husband. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Savoy.—8.0, Cox and Box. 9, The Chieftain. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Daly's.—8, Dinner for Two. 8.30, An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
St. James's.—8.20, In the Season. 8.45, The importance of being Earnest. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Alhambra.—Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballets, Living Pictures, &c. 10.10, 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, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.
Moore and Burgess Minstrels.—St. James's Hall.—Every evening at 8, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30 also.
St. George's Hall.—German Reed's Entertainment, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3.
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