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## HOLIDAY MASONRY.

REFERENCE to other parts of our present issue provide ample evidence of the enthusiasm with which Masons in all parts of the country seek to associate the Holiday season with their Masonry.

In all directions we hear of picnics, or proposals for them, and in most cases we have evidence of enjoyable meetings taking place, which are generally regarded as proving, not only a source of pleasure for those who participate in them, but an ultimate advantage to the Craft at large, the peculiar features and characteristics of which are thus brought under the notice of a new section of the community.

As has been previously argued in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, these holiday trips are useful, because they afford Brethren the opportunity of inviting their wives to a participation in the pleasures of Freemasonry, and so tend to remove a part of that feeling of selfishness which is often associated with the Order, by reason of its prohibiting ladies from taking any active part in its working.

Of course a Masonic picnic has very little actual connection with Freemasonry, as generally understood by those initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, but it serves a very good purpose, and is likely to still further benefit the Institution of which we are so proud of being members. It is hardly too much to say that these pleasurable occasions have laid the foundation of the interest now being displayed by ladies in the charitable work of the Order, not the least active feature in this direction being the rule adopted by the Boys School some years back of providing for the attendance of ladies at the same tables as the Brethren at the Anniversary Festivals, an arrangement that will be again put to the test on Wednesday next, when the Ladies will have the opportunity of once more taking part in one of the greatest events of the year in the way of Masonic Holidays.

## THE BOYS FESTIVAL.

IT is hardly necessary to remind our readers that the Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place on Wednesday next, at Brighton, to be preceeded, the day before, by the visit of Stewards to the Institution at Wood Green, when the prizes won by the pupils will be presented, and an entertainment given by a number of the lads. We heartily wish a full measure of success for the two gatherings.

## MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE twenty-seventh Anniversary Festival of this Fund will be held on Wednesday, 10th July, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale Past Grand Warden in both the Craft and Mark Degrees, on which occasion we hope a large amount of subscriptions will be announced.

One notable feature in connection with this Fund, and which entitles it to special consideration at the hands of Mark Masons, as we have frequently mentioned in our columns, is that immediate relief has always been given to every deserving

applicant, without waiting for the usual delay, and frequent disappointment, of contested elections. Let us hope the same happy condition of affairs may always be associated with this most useful adjunct of the Mark Degree.

## EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

OUR Brethren of the East Division of Lancashire will celebrate an event on Wednesday next that will probably have a marked effect on the future of Masonic Benevolence, as dispensed through regularly organised Institutions. A special effort has been in progress for some time past on behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and this will culminate on Wednesday next, when a Festival will be held on behalf of the Institution.

The number of Stewards working for the cause exceeds 350, while most of the Lodges in the Province have given official support to the project, so that an exceptional result seems probable, and one that will place the eastern division of the county in a really unique position. But, it may be asked, what will be the ultimate effect of this gathering on the older Institutions in London?

## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held in the Guildhall, Winchester, on Friday, 9th August at 3 p.m.

During the lengthened tenure of office of Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P. as Provincial Grand Master, the numerical strength of the Craft has largely increased, the register of the Province now containing the names of 3,503 members.

As evidence of the wide differences of opinion existing in different parts we may refer to the action of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire, who has resigned his appointment because he does not approve of the offices of Provincial Grand Master and Superintendent being vested in the one Brother. In this country the holding of either office is generally regarded as a special qualification for the other.

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The true Mason, that is one who understands its beautiful teachings and endeavours to live by them, will never be found back-biting his Brother or sowing seeds of discord among the young members of the Fraternity, or trying to poison their minds against men and things they know nothing about. If you are ambitious, suppress it until the time comes to gratify your ambition; if you are jealous, choke its very appearance, especially in presence of the young. Never try to worm yourself into the good graces of your Brothers by pulling down the reputation of others, or unjustly criticising their actions. It is right and proper that you should have an opinion of your own, but never let that opinion be so bigoted as to lead you into un-Masonic ways and cause you to give utterance to language that if made in the presence of those at whom you are spiteful would call forth a rebuke, or perhaps even worse—a feeling of enmity. Remember, that if you cannot have things your own way, it is wholly un-Masonic to try and crowd your opinion upon others. To say that you are right and all others are wrong is but to arrogate unto yourself the wisdom of God. If you are this kind of a man you are not a good Mason, neither indeed can you ever be, unless it were possible for you to be made over again, and probably taught that which you have never learned—Masonry. Young Masons should hold themselves aloof from the assembling of such men, and give them to understand that Masoury teaches you higher and nobler things.—“Freemasons' Repository.”

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## PAPYRUS LODGE.

THIS new Lodge was consecrated on Monday, at the Criterion, by Bro. Letchworth Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. P. H. Waterlow Past Grand Deacon, Herbert G. Adams Past Grand Sword Bearer, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain, Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon, and W. R. Smith W.M. 217.

The Lodge is founded for the convenience of members of the wholesale paper trade. Bro. Stephen A. Hardiman was installed as the first Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. Bertrand Grant and S. Charles Phillips.

## THE MANCHESTER LODGE.

ONE of the most brilliant and successful Masonic functions of recent days was that connected with the consecration of this Lodge, to which we briefly referred last week as taking place at the Masonic Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, the 14th inst. So far as the arrangements were concerned, there was not a single hitch from the time of opening proceedings until the final closing of the festive board, and the Founders may congratulate themselves upon having launched their bark, increasing the number of Lodges in the Province of East Lancashire, under exceptionally happy auspices.

Brother Col. Starkie Provincial Grand Master had given a conditional promise to be present, but some days prior to the date of consecration it was known that he would be unavoidably detained, and he thereupon evinced a wise choice in relegating his duties to Bro. J. H. Sillitoe P.G.Std.B. England P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, who undertook them with an alacrity which is one of his distinguishing characteristics, and performed them with a precision which reflected upon him the greatest possible credit.

The bright promises which an early morning sunshine appeared to proclaim were not fulfilled, and long before the time appointed, dark clouds settled over the city, which ultimately burst into heavy downfalls of rain. This, however, did not act as a deterrent, or quench the ardour of those Brethren who had made up their minds to be present, and long before the hour announced, a goodly company had assembled, which soon swelled into a proportion that filled the large and handsome Lodge Room. Bro. A. H. Duffin P.M. Newall 1134 Prov.G.Dir. of Ceremonies had marshalled the Brethren, who were afterwards seated according to Masonic rules of priority.

The Provincial Officers were in strong evidence, and of course took prominent positions; a conspicuous place being also assigned to the ten Founders, who were Bros. William Baker Akerman P.M. 317 Worshipful Master designate, Thomas Plumpton 317 Senior Warden designate, William Charlton, J.P., 317 Junior Warden designate, Charles Henry Arnold P.M. 645 acting I.P.M., William Alderley Boyer 317 Treasurer, A. C. K. Smith 317 Secretary, F. Laurence Lane 1009 Senior Deacon, Ed. Ad. Eason 645 Junior Deacon, Alfred Blades Smith 645 Inner Guard, and Wm. Edward Davies 1403 Steward.

Bro. Sillitoe, upon his assumption of the principal chair, appointed the following Officers pro. tem.:—Brothers Arthur Myddleton 645 Prov.S.G.Deacon as S.W., Dr. Thos. D. Foreman 210 Prov.S.G.D. as J.W., the Revs. J. Kelty and J. Thomas Challenor Prov. Grand Chaplains, John Chadwick P.G. Swd.Br. England Prov. Grand Secretary, A. H. Duffin Prov. G.D.C., Thos. Wolstenholme Prov. Grand Organist, and Councillor Wm. Ollier Prov. Grand Pursuivant.

The hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," having been sung, the presiding Officer addressed the Brethren on the motive of the meeting, this being followed by a prayer from the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Bro. R. T. Sutcliffe 1064 Prov. Grand Registrar read the Petition and Warrant granted by the Grand Master, the Founders in the meantime having been ranged prominently before the Consecrating Officer, and questioned as to their approval or otherwise of the Officers mentioned in the Warrant.

Bro. Rev. John Kelty Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered an Oration upon the nature and principles of the Institution.

Bro. Sillitoe next dedicated and duly constituted the Lodge, which was afterwards lowered to the second degree, Brother Akerman W.M. designate being presented by the Prov.G.D.C., and installed by Bro. Sillitoe as first Worshipful Master. He was then proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, and the Working Tools were presented and explained to him, after which, having accepted the government of the Lodge now committed to his care, he invested his various Officers whose names have been previously indicated.

Bro. Boyer (Treasurer) was elected Charity Representative,

and Bros. Col. Starkie Prov. Grand Master, and J. H. Sillitoe were elected honorary members. The Installing Master then presented to the new W.M. the Warrant, Book of Constitutions, and other property of the Lodge, and also addressed the principal Officers and the Brethren generally.

We have no desire to render any undue praise to Brother Sillitoe for the way in which his work was accomplished, preferring at this juncture to allow the Worshipful Master himself to accentuate the observation with which we commenced our report. Previous to closing the Lodge, Bro. Akerman W.M. reverted to the absence of Bro. Starkie P.G.M., adding that he could not allow the occasion to pass without remarking upon the admirable way in which Bro. Sillitoe performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, for he was sure that all who witnessed them could not fail to be deeply impressed by the perfect and efficient manner in which they were rendered. He desired to propose a hearty vote of thanks to him and to the other Officers who had so ably assisted him. This was seconded by Bro. Plumpton S.W. and on being put to the meeting, was enthusiastically carried.

The Lodge was then closed and the major portion of the Brethren adjourned to the Dining Room of the Hall, where a splendid banquet had been provided under the supervision of Bro. Allan Phillips.

We may here state those who sat down to the banquet were the guests of the Founders, each of whom wore a special jewel, which was universally admired. The design, in gold and enamel, is a replica of the coat-of-arms of the City of Manchester, which is emblazoned upon the front, the circulette in the centre bearing the name and number of the Lodge, which replaces the well-known legend "Concilio et labore." An elegant bar is fixed on the top of the ribbon, with the word "Founder" worked in. The whole may be considered an artistic piece of workmanship.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and regularly honoured.

## IXION CHAPTER.

THE consecration of this Chapter by the Grand Superintendent of the Province Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., took place at the Masonic Hall attached to the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saturday, 15th inst.

The Direction of the Ceremonies on the occasion was in the hands of the Provincial Grand D.C. Comp. A. Lucking, as the necessary formalities antecedent to the consecration had been in those of the P.G. Scribe E. Comp. T. J. Ralling.

The Grand Superintendent was also assisted by Comps. A. C. Durrant H., Francis White J., and A. S. B. Sparling Scribe N.

There were twenty-seven founders, including Comps. H. F. J. Wilson, G. Graveley, H. E. Herman, W. J. Barnes, the Rev. Dr. Dunbar, N. Fortescue, and G. H. Beament.

The ceremony of installing the Principals was performed in excellent style by Comp. William Shurmur, the first Principals being H. Ffrench Bromhead M.E.Z., G. T. Peall H., and A. F. Lay J.

The M.E.Z. afterwards invested his Officers, including Comps. J. R. Carter Scribe E., and Basil Stewart Treasurer.

Subsequently an excellent banquet was served to fifty Companions, the toasts being interspersed with songs and music.

The Founder's jewel was a tasteful device of the arms of the first M.E.Z., in enamel, with the mitre of J. in gold on the ribbon.—"Stratford Express."

## EASTBOURNE MARK LODGE.

THE Consecration of the Eastbourne Lodge, No. 484, of Mark Master Masons took place at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Saturday, the ceremony being, by desire of the Prov. G.M. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, performed by Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Euston Pro G.M., who was assisted by Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Previous to the ceremony the Brethren lunched together under the presidency of Bro. Alderman W. E. Morrison G.O. and Prov. S.G.W. the W.M.-designate.

The usual Mark toasts were honoured. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Lodge Room, where the ceremony of consecration was impressively performed by Lord Euston, and the installation ceremony by Dean Currie D.P.G.M. The W.M. invested the Officers for the year.

The names were proposed of several Brethren desirous of joining the Lodge, the inauguration of which was attended with every augury of success.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has registered "Machio London" as the abbreviated School address for telegrams.

## DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT BEVERLY, U.S.A.

AN event of interest to Masons took place on 2nd May, at Beverly, Massachusetts, and was a complete success. It was the dedication of the new premises of the Liberty Lodge of Freemasons, over which the Brethren have spent 20,000 dollars in altering and re-building. It is situate at the corner of Washington and Cabot Streets, and is five stories high, the third storey being devoted entirely to Masonic purposes. These beautiful and commodious premises were dedicated by the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Officers of Massachusetts, ladies and friends being admitted to the ceremony, which was so adapted as to admit of this being done. The building having been examined and approved in the prescribed form, prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Chaplain, after which the Grand Master, taking a cup of corn, symbolical of nourishment and strength, and pouring it upon the floor, dedicated the hall to Freemasonry in the name of the Great Jehovah, the Beth-heron quartette singing—

Genius of Masonry descend;  
And with thee bring thy spotless train;  
Constant our sacred rights attend  
While we adore thy peaceful reign.

This was followed by the reading of further selections of scripture, and singing, after which the Grand Master dedicated the Lodge Room to Virtue and Universal Benevolence. He then proclaimed the rooms dedicated in ample form, and delivered an address of congratulation to the members of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then read the following communications:—

"29 Grosvenor Square, London, W.,  
9th April 1895.

W.M., Officers, and Brethren,—I trust that on this auspicious occasion of the dedication of a new Masonic Hall a few words of greeting sent across the sea by a Brother who is unable to be present will not be considered out of place. Your beautiful and costly gift to my Mother Lodge on her centenary, and your especial fraternal kindness to me who was at the time W.M., encourage me to hope that I shall not be unduly trespassing upon your time if I offer you a few words of congratulation on one of the most important events of your existence as a Lodge, and I assure you that I am with you in heart and sentiment while the impressive ceremony is taken part in by you all. As in a large family there are usually two members who are more particularly attached to each other, it surely is only natural that in the Craft two Lodges should be more closely bound together by special ties of brotherly regard, should avail themselves of every opportunity for exchanging felicitation, and thus maintain and strengthen their mutual affection. I humbly implore the G.A.O.T.U. that He will allow the friendship now existing between the two Lodges to grow day by day, and last through all time.

Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
LONDESBOROUGH."

"Beverly, England,  
19th March 1895.

To W. Bro. Woodberry,—Give my very best and hearty good wishes to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren. May you all be exceedingly happy, and plenty reign in your enlarged, renovated, and beautiful habitation.

Yours very faithfully and fraternally,  
THOMSON FOLEY P.M.,  
Constitutional Lodge, 294."

Cablegram. "London, England.

Master of Liberty Lodge,—Hearty good wishes to Liberty Lodge from their Brother,

LONDESBOROUGH."

Bro. Edgett then announced to the W.M. that Bro. C. Woodberry was in the reception room to present a communication from Constitutional Lodge, of Beverly, England. A deputation was appointed to escort Bro. Woodberry to the east. Upon their return to the Lodge Room, Bro. Galloup bore a beautiful silk embroidered banner of the finest texture. Deputy Grand Master Bro. S. L. Thorndike, a P.M. of Liberty Lodge, was requested to receive the banner in behalf of the Lodge.

Bro. Woodberry addressed the D.G. Master as follows: In behalf of our R.W. Bro. the noble Earl of Lonsborough and the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of Constitutional Lodge, of Beverly, England, and at their request, I have the honour to present this banner to Liberty Lodge. It is a duplicate of the banner presented to the Constitutional Lodge to commemorate his Mastership during the centenary year. It is now presented to Liberty Lodge to commemorate the friendship and fraternal relations now existing between the two Lodges. Upon this banner are emblazoned the arms of the ancient borough of Beverly, in England, together with the crest of the seal of the younger Beverly, of New England, and the motto of the House of Lonsborough. It is interesting to observe that a beaver appears as a symbol on both insignia, and to find these blazonries together for the first time in over two centuries, and I am directed by the Earl of Lonsborough to call your

attention to this conjunction as the outward sign of a deeper fraternal union. I am also directed by cablegram from Bro. Lane to bear to you messages of fraternal love and good fellowship from your English Brethren, and to express their sincere congratulations. They rejoice most heartily with you upon this most interesting day of your history, and desire me to express the hope that the relations now existing between the Freemasons of the two Beverleys may continue for all time.

Bro. Thorndike, in a very eloquent speech, received the banner in behalf of the Lodge. He paid a glowing tribute to the Brethren of Constitutional Lodge, and to the spirit of the fraternity as exemplified by the exchange of the Masonic courtesies between the two countries, and expressed the desire that they might be continued for many years.

During the evening Bro. C. Woodberry announced the receipt of a cablegram from the Constitutional Lodge, this being their regular Lodge night, "Beverley Brethren in East, facing West, drank from loving cup, with Masonic honours, enthusiastically the toast of the two beavers."

After a most enjoyable function the Brethren and their friends dispersed to their homes, carrying away with them most pleasant recollections of the occasion.—"Beverley Guardian."

## CHURCH SERVICE.

ON the 23rd inst., a Masonic service was held in the Parish Church, Antrim, in connection with the local Lodge. Upwards of 150 Brethren from Larne, Crumlin, Ballymena, Randalstown, Oldstone, Lisburn, Templepatrick, and Antrim Lodges assembled at the Masonic Hall, Antrim, and walked in processional order to the church, says the "Belfast News-Letter." The attendance of the general public was very large, every available seat in the building being occupied, and a great many were unable to obtain sitting room. The preacher was the Dean of Down (Brother Dr. Maguire), who took for his text Deuteronomy xv., 11—"Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy Brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land"—and preached an eloquent sermon, which was listened to attentively by the large congregation.

A collection was taken up in aid of Masonic Charities, and a handsome sum was contributed.

## GRAND CHAPTER SCOTLAND.

AT the Quarterly Communication on the 19th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, after preliminary business, an abstract of the general accounts for the year ending 20th February was submitted. It showed that the income had been £671, the expenditure £382, and that the funds now amounted to £6,180. There had been 970 entrants during the year. An abstract of the accounts of the charity fund showed that £46 had been given in grants, and that the funds had been increased from £656 to £889.

The Chairman congratulated the meeting on the state of the funds, and on the union which had been consummated with the early Grand Chapters.

It was intimated that Comp. George Christie did not desire reappointment to the office of Grand Superintendent for Stirlingshire, in respect that he did not approve of a Provincial Grand Master in the Craft in a Province—as he at present is—being also Grand Superintendent for Royal Arch Masonry in the same Province.

The thanks of the Supreme Grand Chapter were accorded to Comp. Christie for his past services, and it was remitted to the Chapters of the Province to recommend a successor.

## MARK MASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

AT a meeting on Tuesday of one of the Glasgow Mark Lodges the toast of the three Grand Lodges was coupled with the name of Bro. James Stevens Past G.O. of the Mark Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Stevens was proud to have his name coupled with this toast. These three Constitutions united, he said, made a large and strong body. He referred to the resuscitation of the Mark degree in England over twenty years ago. He took an active part in the work then, and it was pleasing to him to have the honour now of being associated with the Mark Grand Lodge. He referred to the manner and character of the Mark work he had witnessed in Scotland, and expressed the hope that he might, on some more suitable occasion during the three months he would be in Glasgow, have the opportunity of meeting with Brethren in authority to discuss the matter more fully. We speak, said Bro. Stevens, of

universal Masonry, but what is universality if there was not unity in the work?

Bro. Stevens is of opinion, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," that the Mark is supplementary to Craft Masonry as the Royal Arch is supplementary to the Mark.

### CURIOSITIES OF DISCIPLINE.

THE rank and file of the Craft did not in former times enjoy the same amount of freedom in Masonic matters that, generally speaking, they now do. During the discussion of a question coming before Ayr Kilwinning in 1784, a Brother was pleased to characterise an act of the Master as "a rash step." On being remonstrated with, and "no appearance of sorrow being expressed by him for his conduct," he was ordered "to be excluded from the Lodge until in a regular Lodge he shall make a proper acknowledgment to the chair and the Lodge in general for his very un-Brotherly behaviour." This sentence was passed on the motion of Robert Aitken, the Brother whom Burns designated as the "dear patron of my virgin muse—he who read me into fame."

In 1811, an office-bearer of Ayr and Renfrew Militia St. Paul was found guilty of "communicating to neutral persons, in a clandestine and illegal manner, the whole supposed proceedings of St. Paul's Lodge and defaming the character and government of said Lodge." The sentence following upon this indiscreet Brother's conviction was humiliating enough: "That he be suspended from his office for two months from date hereof; and that upon the first monthly meeting after this term is expired he shall in open Lodge read the following words: 'I have been guilty of a crime highly prejudicial to the good order of society and the interest of St. Paul's Lodge; and I declare this to be a proof of my contrition, and hope it may be a warning to all members, and in case of a complaint that they may lay it in a legal manner before an open Lodge, and not to be misled by those who neither consider their own nor the interest of the Lodge.'" In 1819, three Brethren of the same Lodge had sentence of expulsion pronounced upon them for refusing, while on a visit to a sister Lodge, to reply on behalf of their mother Lodge when toasted from the chair. Two of the delinquents, whose excessive modesty had in this instance led to their "dishonouring" their own Lodge, afterwards acknowledged their "crime," sought forgiveness, and were restored to their place in the Lodge. Not less absurd and unconstitutional was the act of the Lodge Mauchline St. Mungo when some sixty years ago it summarily expelled one of its sons for refusing when the Lodge was sitting on "refreshment," to drink to "the Duke of Wellington"—the toast having been proposed at a time when that great man was, as a politician and head of the Ministry, very unpopular.

At the period to which the preceding cases refer, the charges upon which Lodge trials proceeded were wont to be remitted to a Committee of Investigation, whose sealed report upon the question, signed by each member, was submitted to the ensuing monthly communication of the Lodge. The accused, if objecting to the decision of this committee, had the privilege, in open Lodge, of defending his cause; he was then required to retire to the adjacent room while the subject of complaint was being discussed and the vote taken. This was gone about with great solemnity. Beginning at the senior member present, each Brother, on the invitation of the Master, rose in succession, and, placing his hand upon his heart and addressing the Chair, delivered his opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, and approval of or dissent from the sentence, if any, that had been proposed by the Committee of Investigation. On his re-admission, the accused was apprised from the chair of the decision of the Lodge. If innocent he was saluted by the Master, who beckoned him to a seat; if guilty he was escorted out of the Lodge and the Brethren were asked to give effect to the sentence which "shut the door of Masonry against" the erring one—the limit of such punishment extending to periods of from one month to ninety-nine years.—D. Murray Lyon in the "Scottish Freemason."

### FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

IN an article on "Church and State in France" in the "Speaker" the writer concludes as follows: Freemasonry of late years has become, to a far greater extent than is usually believed in England, the cover to the most amazing conglomeration of fantastic beliefs and semi-religious observances, most of which, in derision of the Catholic ritual on which they are founded, are consecrated to some form or other of Satan-worship. Paris society is honeycombed by the most grotesque forms of faith, and men and women devote themselves with all solemnity

to the most elaborate ceremonial functions in honour of mysterious deities. Many curious details on this subject are contained in a recently-published book, "Lucifer Démasqué," by a former initiate of the most secret Lodges of France. Needless to say, no love is lost between the votaries of these various shrines; they are united only by their common hatred of the Catholic Church; and the French bishops will have need of all the resources at their command, and all the intrepidity of their American Brethren if, in the approaching struggle, they are to triumph over their enemies.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

“IN our Lodge recently when action was about to be taken on a petition, the Worshipful Master having asked the usual question, several Brethren responded, all of them except one recommending the applicant. One member expressed an opinion adverse to the petitioner. A ballot followed and the petition was rejected. The Brother who questioned the fitness of the applicant is now accused of having cast the negative ballot. Does not this course destroy the secrecy of the ballot? Was it proper for the objecting Brother to express his opinion as he did, and thus give his Brethren good reason to infer who voted in the negative?”

It has always seemed to the present writer unwise to criticise adversely in open Lodge the character of a petitioner for the degrees. The better course is to let the positive objection appear in the ballot. We recall a few instances where a discussion has taken place in regard to the character of an applicant, and such a discussion did not help matters as regarded the candidate, while some heart-burnings followed a severe arraignment of the petitioner by one member who violently opposed him. But the right to discuss, in open Lodge, before the ballot is passed, the fitness of a petitioner for Freemasonry, cannot be gainsayed. If a member decides so to do he can declare the reasons which lead him to the conclusion that the man about to be balloted for is not a desirable acquisition to the Fraternity. The member is not obliged to do this. In some cases at least, he would put himself and his Lodge in an awkward position, by making remarks derogatory to an applicant's character. If his mind is made up,—if he has such knowledge as will justify his casting a negative ballot—why should he invite a discussion by stating his own adverse opinion. Past Grand Master Drummond, of Maine, whose judgment we generally approve, takes a different view from that here expressed. He thinks there should be a discussion of the merits of a petitioner for the degrees before a vote is taken. Dealing with one of the points we have noticed, Bro. Drummond says, that if a member opposes an applicant and gives reasons why he should not be admitted to the Fraternity, and a negative vote follows, the Brethren ought not to infer that the objecting member cast the adverse ballot. "Masonically, no such inference can be drawn, for his objections may have been overcome by the statements of others; but if it is practically so, still is it better for the Craft to have it so, occasionally, rather than blindly elect candidates, especially in a large city, who are strangers to most of the members, upon the mere report of an investigating committee."

Our thought is that such an inference would be drawn; and not infrequently harm rather than good would come from the discussion. Here again comes in the statement: "All things lawful are not expedient." Of course in a small Lodge, where all the members form a sort of family circle, such a discussion may well take place, and the merits of a candidate be fully canvassed. In such a Lodge, representing the ideal of a Masonic organisation, there would be no inferences drawn, and the ballot would be still a secret one to all intents and purposes.—"Freemasons' Repository."

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. Walter H. Hayes, for many years head-master of Christ Church Schools, Clifton, and member of Colston Lodge, No. 610, took place at the Parish Church, Winscombe, the first part of the service having been held at Christ Church, Clifton. Assembled at the Church were a large number of friends of the deceased, the various institutions with which he had been identified being represented. Among others were Bros. H. J. Spear, Pearce, H. T. Davis, W. M. Gange, G. M. W. Cass, T. Govier, E. T. Grubb, Smith, A. Barratt, Rossiter, Machen, C. L. Thomas, Stoate, Hughes, and J. H. Davis.

### In Memoriam.

MORGAN.—In memory of Brother William Wray Morgan, founder of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who died 23rd June 1893.



### AN UNWISE DEPARTURE.

**F**REEMASONRY is without doubt the oldest established institution in the world. This is generally admitted by the great majority of people of the present day, whether they are Masons or not. Its great age has been attained by a strict adherence to certain so-called landmarks that it was made unlawful for any man or body of men to remove. These are recognised as having been established in the beginning, and made unchangeable by the founders of the institution. By whom, when or where this was done may not be satisfactorily established, nor can it be an institution that existed in a pre-historic age, and has only traditions for its earliest history. So far as written history of Masonry avails, this theory is well supported, and for many generations past it has been generally accepted and adhered to as being finally settled.

The Masons of the present day suppose themselves to be following in the footsteps of their forefathers for many generations. The great mass of them have been taught and believe this to be their imperative duty, and have no disposition to do otherwise. It is true all have not been taught exactly alike, and hence there is not absolute uniformity in all things pertaining to the government and ritualistic work of Masonry. Experience has shown that this is not essential to the growth and prosperity of the institution. There is a wide difference in this regard, in many respects, in Masonry as practised in Pennsylvania and Indiana, and yet in both of these great States there is prosperity, growth, and happiness within the domain of Masonry. In each the Craft are working in harmony according to the light that has been given them.

We now come to the special point in this article. One of the cardinal principles of Masonry has always been that its esoteric ritual should not be committed to writing. The neophyte is impressively taught this lesson in his very first step in Masonry. There is in the whole system of Masonry, and the great multiplicity of degrees following this first one, no more binding obligation than the candidate takes upon the checkered pavement, and there is no power that can absolve him from it. It is this that has been the safeguard of Masonry as it has come down through past ages. Men claiming to be Masons have at different periods in the past published what they claimed to be correct expositions of the esoteric ritual of Masonry, but they never had any evidence to establish its correctness, save their own individual, unsupported word. This counted for little with the most of people outside of the Masonic Order. If these exposers had ever been Masons, the fact of their revealing secrets, in violation of their obligations to keep them, branded them in the eyes of the world as perjurers, whom honest men would not believe, hence their pretended expositions did no harm to Masonry.

There are, however, some Masons of the present day who seem to have grown wiser in their own conceit, at least, than their forefathers, or even the founders of this time-honoured Institution. Strange as it may appear to the Brother who holds in conscientious regard the obligations taken upon the altar of Masonry, it has come to the point at last where a great Grand Lodge, like that of Ohio, Massachusetts, or Michigan, can wilfully violate this most solemn obligation, and order a written copy of the esoteric work made, to be preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge, from which cypher copies are to be made for the use of Lodges. We are not so very much surprised that this has been done in Ohio, where some other no less absurd departures from ancient usages of the Craft have been perpetrated in the last few years, but in old staid Massachusetts we did not deem such a thing possible. And it is not surprising to us that the Grand Lodge of the old Bay State should be the first made to feel the effect of this unwise departure from the old method of transmitting the esoteric work from mouth to ear. Much as we dislike to give this matter the publicity of appearing in a Masonic journal that many read who are not Masons, we have already seen it in several of our exchanges, and knowing ones may wonder why the "Advocate" has nothing to say about it. It has developed that in a few months after the written copy was made by order of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, it appeared for sale in print, and two prominent Masons were expelled by the Grand Lodge for publishing it. They claimed that there was no greater offence in issuing one thousand copies than in making a single written copy. One thing is very sure, if the written copy had not been made there would have been no printed ones. The first offence was by the Grand Lodge, and the offence of these two Brothers was but a natural sequence to it.

Grand Lodges that have been led into this unwise departure cannot too soon rescind their action, and cause all written or printed copies of esoteric work to be cremated.—"Masonic Advocate."

We will admit that there are "cranks" in Masonry as well as in the Church, but we deny that such "cranks" have a right to make the whole body cranky, and if they do not succeed to

get together and growl and pout and slander their superiors, especially when they are in a hopeless minority. Better by far that these Brethren had never seen the light of a Masonic Lodge, or been taught the lessons of the "middle chamber." That such men have existed from time immemorial, and do still exist at the present day, is but to admit that we are human. And yet Masonry is calculated to correct these irregularities and make us purer, holier and better men, if we will only be governed by its teachings.—Bun F. Price Tennessee.

### HALF DAY TRIP TO SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.

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**Vaudeville.**—Mr. Frederick Kerr, who enters upon the management of this theatre, has produced a most amusing farce specially adapted for the summer season. Under the title of "The strange adventures of Miss Brown," Messrs. Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe have written a play largely reminiscent of old favourites, but merry withal, and in parts highly dramatic, and being splendidly acted may safely be termed successful. Miss Brown turns out to be a young Officer of the Lancers, in search of his wife, with whom he has eloped from boarding school, and who gains admittance to the seminary under the name and dress of Miss Brown. The funny complications that ensue may easily be imagined, but of course everything comes right in the third act. Mr. Kerr, thoroughly restored after his late indisposition, was excellent in representing this somewhat risky character, his acting leaving nothing to be desired. Miss May Palfrey, as Angela the bride, played and looked the part to perfection, while the genial humour of Mr. Lionel Brough, the severe Duenna of Miss M. A. Victor, and the efforts of Mr. John Beauchamp, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, Miss Gladys Homfrey and last, but by no means the least, Miss Esme Beringer, secured a happy result both for the actor-manager and the authors. The farce was preceded by a pretty little piece "Between the Posts," in which Mr. Tom Buckstone and Miss Adela Measor make their re-appearance in London after a lengthened stay in the United States.

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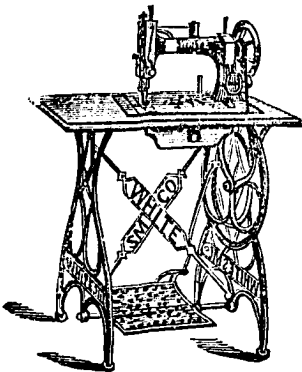
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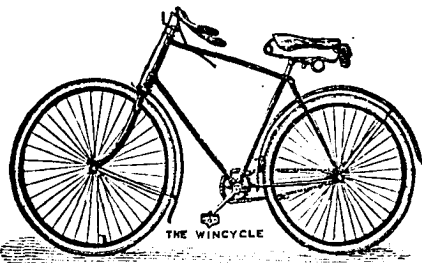
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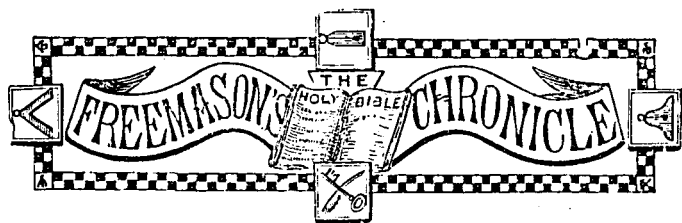
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### THE COLONIAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a correspondent of your contemporary, the "Freemason," signing himself "Observer," has personally alluded to me as "one of Bro. Lamonby's nominees," and to my low position on the poll, allow me in fairness to explain.

1. I never sought election.
2. I was *not* nominated by, or in consultation with Bro. Lamonby who, I may remark, did not nominate anyone.
3. I was nominated, with three others, by my own Lodge, the "Cambrian of Australia, No. 656, E.C."

We were nominated, I believe, as a protest against the treatment of my Lodge by the late Board—a treatment which my Lodge, rightly or wrongly, considers to have been illegal and unjust.

We have not canvassed for support, and as Grand Lodge voluntarily elected two out of our four nominees the Lodge will, I have no doubt, be as grateful as I am for this continued proof of Grand Lodge's determination to support us in the cruel difficulties under which we have been, without fault of our own, so long suffering.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

S. R. BASKETT P.M. 656.

25th June 1895.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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### CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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#### GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36.

**ON** Monday, 24th inst., the interesting ceremony of installing Brother Frederick George Harrison as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. The ceremony was all the more interesting seeing that Bro. Harrison during his connection with this Lodge since the year 1889 has made himself exceedingly popular with his fellow members, and by his adherence to the ancient traditions and tenets of the Order has won the esteem of the Brethren outside his particular Lodge, his election to the chair for the ensuing year was therefore as popular as it was unanimous. Amongst those present at the ceremony were Brother Marmaduke Tennant the esteemed Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. C. R. Lyne Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, and many others.

Prior to the installation ceremony Bro. D. R. Roberts formally presented to the Lodge an enlarged coloured photograph of his father, one of the oldest Masons in Cardiff, and who, as far back as thirty years ago occupied the chair of the Glamorgan Lodge for two years in succession, and was in consequence accorded Provincial honours. This handsome present was accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. A. L. Roberts, another son of the esteemed Brother whose photograph formed the object of the presentation.

Bro. Fisher, who moved that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded their worthy Brother for his kind memento, spoke highly of his connection with the Glamorgan Lodge, and services to the Craft in general.

The vote was seconded by Bro. S. Cooper, who said that it was Brother David Roberts who had initiated him into the mysteries of Freemasonry thirty years ago.

Bro. Wallace cordially supported the vote, remarking that he knew of no one who had endeavoured more to conform to the principles of Masonry in his daily life than had their esteemed Brother David Roberts. The vote was enthusiastically and unanimously carried.

A second presentation followed, being that of a Past Master's jewel, which was presented on behalf of the Lodge to P.M. Bro. Clarry, by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant who, in making the gift, spoke in eulogistic terms of the services Bro. Clarry had rendered the Lodge.

The latter having appropriately responded, Brother D. R. Roberts the retiring Master installed Bro. Frederick George Harrison into the chair of the Lodge, the ceremony being enthusiastically applauded.

Bro. Harrison expressed his high appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and subsequently invested his Officers.

In the evening the annual banquet was held at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual toasts were honoured

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#### LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

**A**T a recent meeting of this ancient Lodge, at which Bro. Thomas Nettlingham W.M. presided, Bro. James Alfred Whitfield S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The installation meeting will take place at the Town Hall, Gravesend, on the 15th July, when a large gathering of Provincial Freemasons may be expected.

Last Wednesday several of the members formed themselves into a Lodge of Recreation, and, accompanied by their wives, daughters and sweethearts, proceeded by train to Hampton Court, thence by "La Bourgoyne" launch to Windsor.

The proceedings were under the management of Bro. Joseph Davis I.G. of the Lodge, and were in every respect most agreeable and satisfactory. The party returned to Gravesend by special train in the evening, having spent a most enjoyable day.

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#### MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

**T**HE members met on Tuesday, 25th inst., in strong force, aided by a large number of Visitors, to instal the W.M.-elect Bro. Dr. Arthur Edwards Povey.

The installation ceremony was carried out in a manner worthy of the Lodge by Brother Ralph Robinson (formerly Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction), and the Officers were appointed.

In addition to a P.M.'s jewel, a very handsome silver tea service was presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. Philpot.

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#### MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

**ON** the 24th inst., a large number of Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull, to take part in the annual installation ceremony.

Bro. J. E. Walker having been installed as W.M., he appointed the Officers.

The annual banquet followed, and was attended by about eighty Brethren.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. submitted Our Grand Rulers, to which Bro. Joseph Todd (of York) Prov. Grand Treasurer Grand Standard Bearer of England responded, and said that in Grand Lodge the Province of North and East Yorkshire was well known and highly esteemed. He recognised in his recent appointment an honour conferred upon the Province as well as upon himself.

Bro. M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Secretary proposed the toast of the evening, and in doing so said that he hoped all the Worshipful Master's hopes and aspirations would be fully exemplified. The Lodge was never so numerous, nor was it ever in such a prosperous condition, and never did greater unanimity exist in any Lodge. Bro. Walker's courtesy and geniality were well known, and every member congratulated him sincerely on his attaining the position as W.M., and wished him health, strength, and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master was heartily received on rising to respond, and

in doing so said the pleasure he felt in attaining the highest position in the Lodge was to a small extent minimised by the knowledge of the great responsibilities which the office involved, and a nervous feeling that he might possibly not be able to perform the duties in so worthy a manner as his predecessor, whose Masonic knowledge had been most accurate, and who was in possession of considerable eloquence, two qualities which made it the more difficult for him to follow. However, he hoped to be able to fulfil the duties to their satisfaction. Man was but mortal, and one could not do more than one's best; but he assured them, from the bottom of his heart, that he never undertook a duty in his life in which he meant to succeed more than he did that as the Master of the Minerva Lodge. He had the satisfaction of knowing that the good ship Minerva was manned by a set of Officers second to none, who would assist him, as skipper, right loyally in piloting her on a successful year's voyage. He believed he was correct in saying that he was the youngest Master, without exception, who had ever had the honour of presiding over the fortunes of that Lodge, and they might rely upon his best efforts being put forward for the good and welfare, peace and prosperity of the good old Minerva, which had given him his Masonic birth, and so soon raised him to the highest position of the Lodge.

Other toasts followed, the gathering being a most enjoyable one. Bro. Frederick Costello performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies to the entire satisfaction of his Brethren, says the "Eastern Morning News."

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 388.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Halesworth, on Monday, 24th inst., when Bro. T. Stevenson was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested the Officers.

The banquet took place at the Angel Hotel.

#### SUTHERLAND LODGE OF UNITY, No. 460.

THE annual picnic of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., when Chester and Eaton Hall were visited. The party consisted of about eighty ladies and Brethren.

#### BANK-TERRACE LODGE, No. 462.

THE members held their annual picnic on Wednesday, 19th inst., the location chosen being Whitewell. Over forty ladies and Brethren started from the Hargreaves' Arms Hotel, in well-appointed four-in-hands. The first stop made was at the Whalley Arms, where friend "Willum" greeted them with a hearty welcome. After a small refresher an adjournment was made to the Abbey grounds, where the party were photographed. A fresh start was then made, and Ribchester Bridge reached about 11 o'clock, where a most substantial breakfast was found awaiting, to which ample justice was done. Leaving Ribchester at 12.30, the drive was delightful. King Sol gave the benefit of his most powerful rays, and the rain of the day before had made the roads all that could be desired. Passing through Longridge and the private road to Whitewell, good old friend Coghill's establishment was reached at 3 o'clock. The party had now about an hour to explore the beauties of the neighbourhood before dinner. A most recherche dinner, which reflected every credit on mine host, was presided over by Bro. D. C. Dewhurst W.M., the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Jas. Walmsley S.W.

Loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. At 6.30 the return journey was commenced by way of Mytton, the Hargreaves' Arms being reached at 10 o'clock, where a jovial hour was spent. So ended one of the most enjoyable picnics the members of the Craft have yet held, says the "Accrington Gazette."

#### LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., the following being present:—Bros. H. J. Harrison W.M., Hy. B. Brown I.P.M., Robt. Adshead S.D., Geo. H. Scott J.D., J. Chadderton I.G., J. C. Brown Treas., J. M. Frost Sec., Thos. Tyers P.M., Wm. Kay P.M., Jas. Robinson P.M., Jno. Greenup P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Chas. H. Griffiths, J. T. Moorhouse, Wm. B. Gleave, W. H. Wagstaff, Walter Taylor, J. G. Hewson, Thos. Bibby, J. Hibbs, Joseph Harrison, Geo. E. Mellor, John W. Fry, and Dr. E. E. Jones.

Visitors:—Bros. Jas. Hy. Walker 361, A. Walker 654, Geo. R. Berry 1011, and J. Butterworth 1155.

Bro. Fry, who was desirous of making further progress into Freemasonry, was regularly questioned as to proficiency, and duly passed into the degree of F.C. by the W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Whittaker P.M.

Before the close of business, Bro. Griffiths S.S., who had submitted a notice of motion to the effect that a picnic be held in connection with the Lodge, introduced the matter, which upon being put to the vote was carried. The place selected being Bolton Abbey and Woods, and the date Wednesday, 24th July.

At the festive board Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, that of the candidate being proposed by the W.M., who, in his remarks, explained that arduous duties connected with the passenger traffic at the Manchester Ship Canal had prevented Bro. Fry from appearing among them at an earlier date, but he hoped that at their meeting in September he would be enabled to find time to go through the final stage.

Bro. Fry, in response, said he thanked them for the patience they had shown towards him, and he also felt grateful to them for the kind words which had been uttered on his behalf. Whatever inconvenience he had caused them in the past would, he hoped, be redeemed by him in the future.

Bro. H. B. Brown I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., to which Bro. Harrison replied.

Other toasts followed, which were relieved by songs from Bros. Hewson, Griffiths, Moorhouse, Mellor, and Roberts P.M.

#### DERBY LODGE, No. 724.

THE installation of Bro. John Parry as Master of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 26th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, in the presence of about 100 members and visitors.

The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. Heath I.P.M., and Brother Parry was presented by Bros. Thomas Chesworth and Bencun.

An interesting feature of the proceedings at the banquet, which was supplied by Brother Casey, was the presentation to the I.P.M. of a Past Master's jewel, together with apron and collar.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

ON Wednesday, 19th inst., an ordinary meeting was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Brethren resident in the metropolis were conveyed from Paddington Station to Taplow by a saloon starting at 10.35. At Maidenhead the company, which included Bros. G. W. Tucker W.M., C. Dearing P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Berks., Edward Allen P.M. P.G.A.S. Berks., F. Foxley P.M., Fenton P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Boulting, W. C. Page D.C., E. E. Niblett I.G., Charles Townley, Herbert Sprake, and others, boarded an electric launch, which conveyed them up the river past Bisham. The party having lunched on board, returned to Maidenhead at four o'clock, in time for the duties of the Lodge.

Bro. Walter Aldridge, of Highbury Lodge, 2192, and Bro. Nicholson, Wolsey Lodge, 1656, were admitted as joining members. Mr. George Hards, of the Ray Mead Hotel, was initiated, the ceremony of initiation being admirably conducted by the Worshipful Master.

At the dinner which followed, the usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

The company left Taplow at half-past eight o'clock, and an hour later arrived at Paddington, the unanimous verdict being that the day had been most pleasantly and profitably spent. The members of the Lodge and their friends were much indebted to Bro. Fenton P.M. and Bro. Charles Dearing P.M. for the admirable manner in which they conducted the arrangements.

#### DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE vitality and energy of this prosperous summer Lodge, which may justly be called the Kensington Out-of-town Lodge, was again evidenced, says the "Kensington News," by the large attendance of members and distinguished visitors who, notwithstanding the Ascot races, assembled on the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, for the installation meeting.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was received and adopted. The ballot was taken for Mr. Albert J. Clayton, and proving unanimous in his favour, Bro. W. J. Gardener W.M. initiated him and Mr. David Liddle into Freemasonry.

Bro. J. Cox the W.M.-elect was then presented and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. Gardener.

Bro. C. G. Hatt P.M. stated he had undertaken to represent the Lodge as its Steward at the annual festival in aid of the funds of the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to be held on 26th February 1896, and asked for a grant from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, when the very handsome sum of 25 guineas was voted for that purpose, which the W.M. and four other Brothers immediately augmented by promising five guineas each.

The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in appreciation of services rendered during the year as Master.

After other routine business the Lodge was closed, when the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the Town Hall in a most admirable manner by Mr. Zissell, of Hounslow.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to in a truly Masonic spirit.

#### RICHMOND LODGE, No. 1011.

A CUSTOM which, within our knowledge, is not observed by any other Lodge in Manchester or in the districts surrounding it, but which is nevertheless very popular in the Richmond Lodge, is the meeting of the Brethren at an early hour of the morning to instal the Worshipful Master for the following year, occupying the remainder of the day by a picnic. This was done on Thursday, the 20th inst., when the Brethren assembled at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, shortly after 10 a.m., and the Lodge was duly opened.

Bro. James Standring W.M. occupied the principal chair as Installing Master, being supported in the other chairs by Bros. Geo. T. Lenard W.M. 1077 as S.W., and S. Bamford P.M. as J.W. The services of several Past Masters were brought into requisition, Bros. Robert Caldwell P.P.G.Swd.Br., John Williams, Thos. Mottershead, and S. Bamford rendering the various addresses, while the Working Tools of the three degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Mottershead, Bro. Charles Turner P.P.G.A.D.C. being responsible for the various proclamations. The work of addressing and investing the Officers for the ensuing financial year was also divided among the above quintette of Past Masters, and if the audience had gone to the Lodge expecting monotony in the proceedings, they were agreeably disappointed, for the rapid change of action all through the ceremony left one in bewilderment as to what new surprise was in store and to follow.

Altogether Bro. Geo. A. Crighton the in-going W.M. may congratulate himself upon the fact that the ceremony of his induction into the chair of K.S. was performed in a most satisfactory manner, all interested in the work, from Bro. Caldwell (the doyen of the Lodge) downwards, being thoroughly in earnest in what they did. The new Officers are as follows:—Bros. Wm. Thompson S.W., F. T. Hair J.W., Kinder Treas., Henry Jones Sec., Robert Caldwell P.M. D.C., Alfred Hall S.D., Herbert Johnson J.D., Holyoak Org., George Pettinger I.G., Dyson Broadbent, Robert Hall and Walmsley Stewards.

Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Turner introduced a notice of motion, which was seconded by Bro. Caldwell, that £10 be given from the funds of the Lodge to the East Lancashire Benevolent Institution. This was carried unanimously.

Lunch succeeded, the same being supplied in an admirable manner by Mrs. Stopford, of the Hotel, after which the Brethren proceeded to the Central Station, where they took train for Urmston. Arriving there the party were submitted to the photographic process, being afterwards conveyed in wagonettes to the neighbourhood of the Ship Canal, by way of Stickens Island and the locks at Barton, returning to Urmston via Carrington and Davyhulme.

Bro. John Walton P.M. had provided one of those very excellent dinners for which the management of the Victoria Hotel is justly noted. This was succeeded by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, these being alternated by musical contributions from several Brethren.

The health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master was submitted by Bro. Caldwell, and received a suitable response.

Advantage was taken of the occasion to present to Bro. Jas. Standring



I.P.M. a very beautiful Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of services rendered to the Richmond Lodge, the donee acknowledging the gift in suitable terms.

In the course of conversation it was suggested that arrangements be made for another picnic to take place at an early date, and it is probable that the locality selected will be Hope, for a visit to Castleton, Derbyshire.

The Brethren afterwards proceeded to Manchester by train. Besides those mentioned above, our representative noticed the presence of Bros. R. T. Dawson P.M., J. O. Hind, John Renwick, S. Butterworth, Rd. Markham, Geo. R. Berry, and James Hyde.

Visitors:—Bros. Walter Baron W.M. 1219, Geo. C. Williams P.M. 152, Geo. H. Needle P.M. 1458, William Dumville P.M. 2156, and Thos. Smith 1055.

#### EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, the 17th inst., Bro. George Ben Goodfellow W.M.

There was a good attendance of members and Visitors, among the former being Bros. Henry Smith P.M. P.P.G.D., E. G. Lingard P.M. P.P.G.W., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., and among the latter Bros. J. Bell P.M. Sec. 104 P.J.G.D. Cheshire, W. Hy. Beastow Treas. 1459 P.G.Stwd., Mark Stafford P.M., H. J. Salmon 654, G. J. Westbrook 1774, and E. Edmondson 323.

Two ceremonies had been announced, but only one candidate put in an appearance, viz., Mr. Samuel Horsfield, Cotton Manufacturer, Hyde, who, after being balloted for, was initiated by the W.M.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, these being varied by songs, &c.

#### ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE festival of St. John and the celebration of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Boroughgate, Otley, on Friday, 21st inst. There was a good attendance of members, besides a numerous list of Visiting Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge, from Leeds, Bradford, Ilkley, and elsewhere.

The installation of Bro. M. Houlden as W.M. of the Lodge was the principal feature of the gathering, and the ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Walter Strain, assisted by Bro. W. Laycock P.M. P.P.G.St.B., and Bro. J. A. Macnab.

The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

#### ST. PETER LODGE, No. 1125.

THE members visited Ilfracombe on the 20th inst., on the occasion of their annual outing, and spent a most enjoyable day. Several visited Watermouth Castle and grounds, by permission of Mr. C. H. Bassett. Luncheon and dinner were served at the Royal Hotel.

#### DE MOULHAM LODGE, No. 1146.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Monday, 17th inst., at Swanage. There was a large attendance at the installation, twenty-two Masters and Past Masters being on the dais.

The new W.M. is Bro. F. A. K. Hounsell of Bournemouth; the installing Master was Bro. H. F. Atkins P.M. 195 P.P.S.G.W. Norths. and Hunts.

The banquet took place at the Royal Victoria Hotel.

#### ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Battle, on Thursday, 20th inst., when the W.M. Bro. F. W. Hotham presided over a very large attendance.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Brother V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary, and others.

The Worshipful Master installed his successor Bro. F. Gorham Ticehurst, who proceeded to appoint his Officers.

Brother the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., in highly eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Secretary Brother R. Hughes P.P.G.S.B. P.M., for his valuable services during many years past. The proposition was seconded by Brother F. W. Hotham, and enthusiastically carried.

Bro. Hughes, in returning thanks, expressed his obligations to the Brethren for the kindness he had always received at their hands, and his continuing desire to promote the best interests of the Lodge in the future.

Bro. J. B. Foster P.M. was appointed the Lodge representative on the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee. The usual banquet was postponed.

#### ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

FOR several years past the members of this Lodge, which meets at Weston-super-Mare, have arranged annual outings with a view of further cementing the "mystic tie." On each occasion the arrangements have been tended with success, but it must be fairly admitted that this year's picnic has beat all previous record, says the "Western Mercury." Some twelve months since, when Dr. Wicksteed removed from Weston-super-Mare to Dulwich he was presented with a fitting acknowledgment of his valuable services to Freemasonry in general and St. Kew Lodge in particular in the shape of a handsomely framed testimonial and other souvenirs of respect and esteem. The worthy recipient of this mark of Masonic favour in acknowledging the gift, expressed regret that, for a time, he was leaving Weston-super-Mare, adding that at his new home he should at all times be pleased to entertain, individually or collectively, his Masonic Brethren.

When the time arrived for making arrangements for the outing of the present year, the invitation which had been given in general terms, was at once directly extended by Dr. Wicksteed, and accordingly The Grove, Dulwich, was decided upon as the scene of the outing of the Freemasons of Weston-super-Mare, for 1895. Thursday was the date fixed for the trip, and favoured with delightful weather—sunshine tempered with a gentle breeze—nearly forty of the members of the Lodge availed themselves of the special arrangements for travelling made by the G.W.R. Company, and subsequently spent a day of unalloyed enjoyment. The party left Weston-super-Mare in a

saloon carriage at 6.55 a.m., reaching Paddington shortly before 11.0 a.m. Here their much-respected entertainer of the day awaited them with two well-horsed private omnibuses.

An exceedingly pleasant drive of little more than an hour brought the party safe to The Grove, and in the delightfully-situated grounds adjacent to the residence a marquee had been erected, in which were arranged such creature comforts as "patients" would naturally be expected to require after accomplishing a long journey. A stroll through the house and then around the well-kept gardens and boating lake brought one o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the shelter of the marquee, where a recherché luncheon was served. The donor of the feast presided, supported by the Hon. Hylton Jolliffe (the Conservative candidate for the Wells Division), and several other personal friends.

The repast over, the umbrageous foliage of the stately elms in the paddock afforded excellent shelter from the rays of the sun whilst the "fragrant weed" was enjoyed, and "digestion having waited on appetite," the party was conducted over the Art Galleries connected with the Dulwich College, followed by a pleasant stroll through the well-kept park of over seventy acres—land recently given by the Governors of the College to the London City Council for the purposes of a public park and recreation ground, and now laid out at the expense of the ratepayers, with an ornamental lake, which will doubtless give Westonsians some idea of how space can be utilised to produce the best possible effect.

At three o'clock the omnibuses were again brought into requisition, this time to convey the party to the Crystal Palace. Here they were entertained to all the principal sights and novelties—including the recently added attraction of an African village, with numerous interesting specimens of the various kinds of bipeds and quadrupeds peculiar to the land that is proverbial for its "Sunny fountains rolling down their golden sand." At six o'clock, underneath the large clock in the central transept was the point of re-assembling, and here the worthy doctor awaited his guests and conducted them to an elegantly furnished saloon, where covers had been laid for forty guests—the company being nearly identical with that at the luncheon.

The repast having been thoroughly enjoyed, Dr. Wicksteed said he had no formal toast list, but as Masons, on the anniversary of the ascension to the throne of England of the beloved patron of their Order, they could not pass over "Queen and Craft."

Bro. Webb (W.M. of St. Kew Lodge) then submitted the toast of Our worthy Host, remarking that it needed no words from him to commend it to their notice. He was proud to know that during his year of office their Masonic outing had surpassed its predecessors, and would long stand as a red-letter day in their annals. It was true they had lost Dr. Wicksteed for a time from Weston-super-Mare, but he hoped the day was not far distant when they would see him as of yore. He proposed the health of Dr. Wicksteed, and better health to his better half.

Dr. Wicksteed, on rising to respond, was most enthusiastically received. He said he regretted the health of Mrs. Wicksteed had not permitted her to receive them that day, which she would otherwise gladly have done. In briefly reviewing Masonry in Weston-super-Mare during the present year, he feelingly referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of two of its valued members—one ripe in years, having far exceeded the allotted span; the other in the prime of life—a life of activity and kindness, both in and out of his Masonic apron. He could not express how pleased he was to find himself surrounded that day with faces he so much respected. He wished to entirely exclude politics from their proceedings that day, but he might tell them that in all probability circumstances would call him to Weston-super-Mare at no distant date, when he hoped to find things as he had left them—in perfect working order. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the present was not the last time they would come up from Somerset to see him at Dulwich.

Bro. J. L. Dickinson agreed with the Chairman that the present was no time for politics, and therefore he might be permitted to propose the health of a member of St. Kew Lodge, without the same being regarded in the least politically. The toast was the health of the Hon. Hylton Jolliffe, whose presence among them was a source of much gratification. The time would shortly arrive when the electors of the Wells Division would be called upon to elect a successor to Sir Richard Paget, and if the majority should see fit to return a Tory, he did not think that party could possibly find a better man than the Hon. Hylton Jolliffe. He was not going to give them his personal opinions on the matter, as, with two or three exceptions, he found himself in a hot-bed of Tories; in fact, he almost felt inclined to ask himself, Why am I not also a Tory? At any rate, as Masons they knew no politics, and gatherings like the present afforded men of all shades of opinion an opportunity to meet on one common ground; at the same time he would reiterate his hope that if the Wells Division decided on Tory representation, their choice would be Bro. Jolliffe.

Hon. Hylton Jolliffe briefly acknowledged the compliment, adding that he had simply come to spend that day with them as a Mason and for no ulterior motive. He could not, however, refrain from expressing to Brother Dickinson his best thanks for all his kind wishes.

The Chairman next proposed the W.M. and Officers of St. Kew Lodge, speaking of them as thoroughly efficient. The traditions of the Lodge were good and the outlook better. The basis of their continued prosperity, however, was to get the Masonic Hall into their own hands; and it was his great desire that this should be done as speedily as possible.

Bro. Webb W.M. responded, and complimented his several Officers, from the S.W. to the Tyler on their efficiency. Having thanked the Chairman for his kind allusion to the worth of their late Bro. Alford, he said Dr. Wicksteed had set them a noble example towards securing the Masonic Hall property, by giving the Lodge twenty-two shares, representing £88. He concluded by proposing the health of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Shand (Dulwich) and J. Burnett (Highbridge).

The health of the Secretary (Bro. W. E. Perrett jun.) for carrying out the day's arrangements, and the Tyler's toast, brought the post prandial proceedings to a close.

An adjournment was shortly afterwards made to the Queen's Corridor—which had been kindly reserved for the occasion by Dr. Wicksteed—where the party witnessed one of Brock's brilliant displays of fireworks, which included many novelties.

A "loving cup," and an expression of thanks and best wishes towards the munificent entertainer brought the evening to a close, when Dulce Domum became the password of the night.

#### DUKE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 1353.

AT the meeting of the Lodge, Brother Councillor Jackson was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

## HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

ON Thursday, 20th inst., the members celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Baptist, to intal the W.M.-elect, Bro. J. O. Jones.

This Lodge has had an existence of over twenty years, says the "Liverpool Post," having been founded and named after the late Bro. Hamer, in whose name one of the most useful charities of the Province was dedicated—viz., the Hamer Fund for Old Men. The Lodge has had a most successful career, and Thursday's gathering was a very large one, the chair being taken by Brother T. A. Laidlaw Worshipful Master. The installation was excellency performed by Bro. Thomas Pierrepont P.M., and the Officers were invested.

During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. with a massive case of silver plate, suitably inscribed, on behalf of the Lodge.

Brother R. J. L. Kynaston P.M. Treasurer was also presented with a handsome marble timepiece and bronzes, on the completion of his seventh year-of office, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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## CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 20th inst., the following being present:—Bros. Wm. B. Midgley W.M., Edwin S. Done S.W., F. W. Maxwell J.W., J. W. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., John Wardle P.M. Sec., H. B. Fawsett S.D., J. E. Lightbown Std., John Walkden P.M., Edward Hilton P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), R. Hothersall P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., James Kershaw. Visitors:—Bros. Samuel Gaskell S.W. 163, John Peake J.D. 146, E. Webb P.M. 1134, Robert Race 163, Peter Davison 581.

Although Bro. Midgley has reached the antepenultimate stage of his Mastership with few ceremonies, yet on this evening he entirely redeemed himself in that respect, for the privilege was afforded him of performing three initiations, which he did with the carefulness and perfection expected from him. By way of variation in the working, he received the assistance of his Wardens, and also of Past Masters Wardle and Walkden. Bro. Maxwell J.W. presented and explained the Working Tools, the Charge was rendered by Bro. Done S.W., while the two Past Masters named divided the honour of addressing the candidates from the N.E. The candidates in question were Messrs. John Bird Midgley, Estate Agent, Whalley Range; George Harry Nield, Didsbury; and Ashton Whitworth, Merchant, Cheetham, who, at the festive board which succeeded, thanked Bro. Hothersall for many kindly expressions which he used in proposing their health.

It was announced that the annual picnic of the Lodge would take place on Saturday, 13th July, to Trentham. It is intended as part of the programme to visit the porcelain works of Messrs Minton, to drive through the grounds of the Duke of Sutherland, and also to view his fox-hound kennels. If the day is fine, a pleasant trip is in anticipation.

Before finally separating for the recess, Bros. Fawsett, Roberts and others contributed songs, being accompanied upon the piano by Brother Lightbown.

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## ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday of last week, Bro. William Mosley W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Thos. T. Sefton I.P.M., J. Clough S.W., Saml. Statham P.M. P.P.G.Treas., F. Townson P.M. Treas., Thomas M. Brown Sec., William Lambert S.D., W. T. Bleas J.D., W. Allen Smith I.G., J. Harrop P.M., Thomas Kay P.M., Thomas Threlfall P.M., Edward Holland P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. H. Burton, J. Hudson, G. L. Hardcastle, E. Hewitt, James Stewart, William Woodeson, Rev. James Preston, Richard Hilton, W. Robinson, John Harwood, W. H. Barrett, J. Handley, and A. H. Sellers.

Visitors:—Edward L. Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P., J. Bowers P.M. 1730, W. Shepherd 298, and Geo. Evans 367.

The principal business of the evening was that of raising to the sublime degree Bros. Joseph Hudson and William Robinson, the first ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the other by Bro. Statham. This over, the Brethren partook of supper, after which was the usual festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. That of the Provincial Officers was responded to by Bro. Littler, to whom the duty had been relegated.

Bro. Statham proposed the health of the candidates, and treated them to a definition of the beautiful precepts of Freemasonry. He also took the opportunity of paying a suitable tribute to Bro. Harrop, for the perfect manner in which he performed his duties as Director of Ceremonies, adding that when the Preceptor is so perfect, it was no wonder that his example should be reflected in the work of the other Officers.

Bro. Hudson, in reply, thanked the Brethren for drinking his health so enthusiastically, and also Bro. Statham for the excellent way in which he had given expression to the sentiments regarding himself. In respect to the ceremony of that evening, he had anticipated something of an especial character, but the sublimity of all he had seen far exceeded his expectations. He would never forget it, and should endeavour to be a good Mason, and uphold the high position which the Albert Victor Lodge had attained in the Province of East Lancashire.

Bro. Robinson said that he was not much of a speaker, but he took that opportunity of thanking the Brethren for so heartily drinking his health. He had been impressed by the previous ceremonies, but that of to-night had been still more impressive; what he had seen would take a lifetime to digest. To his mind the ceremonies and symbols were wonderful, and reminded him that his duty was to become a good Mason among them.

Bro. Sefton proposed the health of the W.M., saying that great regard had always been shown to the position which he occupied; personally he felt warmly towards him, and esteemed him very highly. The efforts which he had made that night had added fresh laurels to his already fine working, and he had set an example for all of them to copy. Without the ceremony of that evening he already stood very high in their estimation, but he had now increased their respect and endeared himself still more to them.

Bro. Mosley W.M. responded, saying that he rose with feelings of great gladness to thank them for the way in which his name had been accepted. He had without doubt had plenty of work; the duties of the chair, however, had not appeared to be of an arduous character, but rather ones of profit and pleasure; he should always try to do his best for the benefit of the Albert Victor Lodge.

The various toasts and speeches were lightened by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Harwood, Clarkson, Rev. James Preston, Allen Smith, and Edward Roberts P.M., a pleasant evening passing quickly away.

In connection with the above Lodge a picnic took place on the 19th inst.,

two days previous to the meeting just described. The place selected was the Cheshire town of Knutsford, which, to residents of neighbouring counties, is usually suggestive of May-day festivities and ancient games, with bold Robin Hood, Maid Marian, and Friar Tuck redivivus, and very much in evidence.

The party, consisting of over thirty Brethren and lady friends, went by train from the Central Station, Manchester, to Altrincham, from whence they were driven by coaches through some of the loveliest of Cheshire scenery which it is possible to see, including High Legh, Peover, Tabley, Tatton Park, &c., arriving at the Red Cow hostelry, Knutsford, in time for a substantial meal. After the symposium the usual concomitants of a Masonic gathering were not forgotten, Loyal and other toasts being indulged in. Bro. Tom Bradbury also treated the company to a very humorous song.

Bro. Thomas T. Sefton I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. and Mrs. Mosley in very kind and appropriate terms, to which the Worshipful Master replied on behalf of himself and wife.

Bro. James Clough S.W. was responsible for the toast of the ladies and Visitors, and he acquitted himself in a most creditable manner.

The return journey was commenced at 7.30, ending in Manchester shortly before 10 p.m.

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## BOSCOMBE LODGE, No. 2158.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at Boscombe, when there was a large attendance of members and Visitors. Bro. A. E. F. Francis was installed by Bro. C. T. Miles P.P.G.S.W.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Hotel Burlington, when the customary toast list was honoured.

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## MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 24th inst., the following being present:—Bros. Cyril H. Beever W.M., W. A. Brabner I.P.M., Chas. Harrop S.W., Jos. Hilton Treas., Fred Hilton P.M. S.D. P.P.G.D.C., Sam Luke I.G., F. W. Wollaston P.M., Chaplain Prov.G.A.D.C., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., Edwyn A. Smith Org., S. H. Stubbs Std., Thos. Black P.M. P.P.G.D., J. W. Lloyd P.M., E. Roberts P.M. 1459, H. Bowes, F. Todd, A. J. Holt, F. V. Arden, W. F. Dearden. Visitors: Bros. Rev. John Challoner 2232 Prov. G.A.Chaplain, Thos. Shorrocks P.M. 350, Wm. Rushton Org. 1375.

In the absence of Bro. Hy. Nall P.M., Bro. Beever W.M. gave an explanation of the Second Degree Tracing Board, which was received with very great approbation by the Brethren.

Brother Luke reported that over sixty had responded favourably to the circular sent out respecting the picnic to Ripon, and he looked hopefully forward to a very pleasant trip on that day week, every necessary preparation having been made to secure that end.

The festive board was an exceptionally merry one, and for downright enjoyment has probably not been often surpassed even in the annals of Minnehaha gatherings. Some lively, yet withal friendly passages at arms took place between Brother Brabner and the Rev. Challoner, who treated their listeners to some very fine and humorous utterances.

The musical portion of the entertainment was sustained by Bros. Beever, Harrop, Luke, Rushton, Roberts, and Shorrocks. Bro. Thos. Black gave a very fine recitation.

The W.M. announced that Bro. Geo. Black, whose father we have just mentioned, had been engaged by Sir Henry Irving to play at the Lyceum Theatre, and that he would make his first appearance before a London audience that evening. Properly speaking, however, his real debut would be made on Thursday evening in Louis XI. Bro. Black jun. would also accompany the celebrated actor in his contemplated American tour.

Here is another "on dit" for our readers. Bro. Brabner, of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, has just completed a new five-act drama, entitled "A Woman's Victory," and it is to be produced at the Pavilion Theatre, Mile End, London, on 19th August, and afterwards taken on tour with special scenery and printing. The representation will be in the hands of Marie Dagmar's company, that lady herself undertaking the leading part.

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## INSTRUCTION LODGE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Tuesday, with the following present:—Bros. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, G. T. Lenard Treasurer, Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secretary, E. Entwisle W.M., Eugene Loebell S.W., W. M. Bond J.W., Jno. Whittaker S.D., G. B. Goodfellow J.D., J. J. Dean I.G., H. J. Harrison, Geo. R. Berry, Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., A. Ashworth P.M., Edward Roberts P.M., and John Renwick.

Bro. Entwisle having assumed the principal chair, put the necessary questions to Bro. Ashworth, who had consented to act as candidate, and the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. This over, Bro. Harrison took the chair, and Bro. Dean acting as candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Berry introduced the name of Bro. Chas. G. Rickard, Merit Lodge, No. 934, who will be balloted for in due course.

The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the proceedings were adjourned until Thursday, 12th September.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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## HAYLE CHAPTER, No. 450.

THE Companions met in the Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on Tuesday, 18th inst., when Comps. R. S. Read, F. W. Thomas, and W. Vial were installed as Principals.

The Chapter having been consecrated and constituted in 1874, it was the twenty-first year of its existence. Companion Anderton officiated at its consecration, assisted by the Companions of the Cornubian Chapter, and it was a source of great gratification to several of those present at that time to see him among them again, to take part in the interesting ceremony.

A summary of the work performed during the period of its existence was

prepared and read to the Chapter by Companion Osborn P.Z., to the gratification of all present.

The banquet was laid in the dining-hall of the Cornubian Lodge, by Mr. Trevena, of the White Hart Hotel, and gave every satisfaction.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### JORDAN LODGE, No. 319.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Thursday, 20th inst., Bro. W. Hersey W.M. in the chair.

Bro. S. Wills J.W. was ably installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Lane P.G.S.O. England, and afterwards appointed his Officers. The annual meeting of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge followed, at which Bro. Lane enthroned Bro. W. Hersey as W.C.N. for the ensuing year, the Officers being also appointed.

The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the refectory, where refreshments were served by Bro. Ridson.

### ST. ALBANS LODGE, No. 344.

THE members had their annual excursion on Thursday of last week. The party, exceeding sixty in number, proceeded by railway to Harby. From the station the party were conveyed by the delightful route through the woods to Belvoir Castle. On the terrace the Brethren and their friends were photographed by Bro. Caldwell. Special privileges were accorded by the Duchess for the inspection of the castle. A substantial meal was partaken of at the Peacock. Afterwards the gardens and mausoleum were visited. The return journey was made by way of Harby and Stathern.

### PRESENTATION AT CHATHAM.

ON Tuesday of last week, says the "Rochester Journal," there was a large gathering at Portland Arms, Otway Street, Chatham, who took part in an interesting presentation. Mr. W. H. Atkinson, who has retired from business, reached on Tuesday his jubilee birthday, and a number of friends, headed by Mr. A. W. F. Marshall, seized the opportunity of making him some acknowledgment for the various good turns he had served those who sought his aid. The presentation was made by Councillor James Kent, who was in the chair, and consisted of Masonic Jewels, a pair of gold solitaires and an illuminated address. In making the presentation Councillor Kent referred in touching terms to the many acts of kindness which Mr. Atkinson had done. Mr. Atkinson, who was considerably affected, thanked the donors. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent in toast and song, Mr. Marshall filling the vice chair.

After providing for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures and the payment of Debenture Interest, the report of Spiers and Pond Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March 1895, leaving £3,527 15s 1d to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted after the shareholders' meeting, to be held on the 8th July. The share transfer books are closed from the 24th June to the 8th July, both inclusive.

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### 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.

16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole  
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall  
1924 Wickham, Brockley  
1996 Priory, Acton  
61 Probity, Halifax  
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield  
113 Unanimity, Preston  
119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven  
156 Harmony, Plymouth  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley  
328 St. John, Torquay  
331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro  
408 Three Graces, Haworth  
431 St. George, N. Shields

433 Hope, Brightlingsea  
467 Tudor, Oldham  
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne  
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne  
928 Friendship, Petersfield  
977 Fowey, Fowey  
1045 Stamford, Altrincham  
1071 Zetland, Saltash  
1077 Wilton, Blackley  
1211 Goderich, Leeds  
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield  
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter  
1264 Neytune, Liverpool  
1286 Bayon, Lincoln  
1302 De Warren, Halifax  
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft  
1542 Legiolium, Castleford  
1573 Caradoc, Swansea  
1600 Hamilton, Alford  
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge  
2163 Jersey, Southall  
2166 Cotehele, Calstock

#### Tuesday.

Colonial Board, Freemasons'-hall, 4  
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle

70 St. John, Plymouth  
103 Beaufort, Bristol  
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham  
158 Adam's, Sheerness  
209 Etonian, Windsor  
252 Harmonic, Dudley  
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley  
294 Constitutional, Beverley  
315 Royal York, Brighton  
364 Cambrian, Neath  
366 St. David, Milford  
393 St. David, Berwick  
421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton  
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield  
510 St. Martin, Liskeard  
558 Temple, Folkestone  
660 Camalodunum, Malton  
673 St. John, Liverpool  
734 Londesborough, Bridlington  
789 Dunheved, Launceston  
804 Carnarvon, Havant  
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne  
847 Fortescue, Honiton  
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
974 Pentalpha, Bradford  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
990 Neyland, Neyland  
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth  
1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1244 Marwood, Redcar  
1310 Harrow, Harrow  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle  
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead  
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington  
1981 Arnold, East Molesey  
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell  
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield  
2475 Border, Blackwater

#### Wednesday.

74 Athol, Birmingham  
86 Loyalty, Preston  
94 Phoenix, Sunderland  
128 Prince Edwin, Bury  
137 Amity, Poole  
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse  
168 Mariners, Guernsey  
282 Bedford, Tavistock  
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike  
298 Harmony, Rochdale  
320 Loyalty, Mottram  
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol  
327 St. John, Wigton  
341 Wellington, Rye  
368 Samaritan, Sandbach  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
380 Integrity, Morley  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate  
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamst'd  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
580 Harmony, Ormskirk  
643 Royal, Filey  
654 Peveril of Peak, New Mills  
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield  
697 United, Colchester  
838 Franklin, Boston  
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract  
970 St. Anne, East Loos  
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-St.  
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury  
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1544 Mount-Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1549 Abercorn, Gt. Stanmore  
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampton C.  
2355 Chantrey, Dore  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2464 Longsight, Longsight  
2490 Amphill, Amphill

#### Thursday.

10 Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons'-hall  
1155 Excelsior, Crystal Palace  
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury  
1383 Friends in Council, Golden Sq.  
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate  
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal

1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
1950 Southgate, New Southgate  
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell  
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
57 Humber, Hull  
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil  
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne  
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks  
195 Hengist, Bournemouth  
208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury  
219 Prudence, Todmorden  
230 Fidelity, Devonport  
249 Mariners, Liverpool  
266 Naphtali, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
275 Harmony, Huddersfield  
283 Amity, Haslingden  
289 Fidelity, Leeds  
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
305 Apollo, Beccles  
317 Affability, Manchester  
337 Candour, Uppermill  
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
509 Tees, Durham  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden  
633 Yarborough, Manchester  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool  
710 Pleiades, Totnes  
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Plumstead  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1164 Elliot, St. Germans  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1384 Equity, Widnes  
1500 Walpole, Norwich  
1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm  
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire  
1829 Burrell, Brighton  
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
2091 Castleberg, Settle  
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton  
2255 Philbrick, Chingford  
2317 Bisley, Woking  
2321 Acacia, Bradford  
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon

#### Friday.

242 St. George, Doncaster  
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highb'dge.  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
318 True and Faithful, Helston  
375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
445 Fidelity, Towcester  
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyne  
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
566 St. Germain, Selby  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
712 Lindsey, Louth  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill  
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

#### Saturday.

1928 Gallery, Anderton's  
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell  
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.  
308 Prince George, Todmorden  
336 Benevolence, Marple  
444 Union, Starcross  
453 Chigwell, Chingford  
1146 De Moulham, Swanage  
1223 Amherst, Riverhead  
1460 Thames Valley, Halliford  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
1567 Elliot, Feltham  
1929 Mozart, Croydon  
2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth  
2077 Epping, Chingford  
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington  
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend  
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey  
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet  
2442 St. Clement, Leigh  
2473 Molesey, E. Molesey



## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

### Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30  
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.  
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8  
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., 8  
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction  
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30  
 1349 Friars, White Horse, White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, 8  
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, W., 8  
 1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7  
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7-30  
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7-30  
 1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8  
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney  
 1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8  
 1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7  
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8-30  
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8  
 1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7  
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington, 8  
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8  
 1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30  
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., 7-30  
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7  
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8  
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8  
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N, 8

### Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street,  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn,  
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30  
 198 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8  
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8  
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6-30  
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7-30  
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8  
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30  
 733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8  
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill,  
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8-30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 933 Doric, Plough Tavern, Bow Road  
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7-30  
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington  
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6-30  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.  
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd., 8  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

### Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8  
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7-30  
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7-30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8  
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7-30  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

### Thursday.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8.  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime  
 house, E., 7-30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7-30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6-30  
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7-45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8.  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5-30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7-30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

### Friday.

- Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney  
 Church), 8  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

### Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park, near  
 Nunhead Junction, 7-30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney  
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7  
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

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