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RULED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST.

ONE of the most important features in connection with Freemasonry—the one in fact that is at the basis of the Institution—is that of equality, which characteristic is not only made a special feature of at the time of the reception of every new candidate into the Order, but is acted upon throughout the working of our Lodges, and is, indeed, generally recognised in Masonic matters. This being so it must appear somewhat of an anomaly to notice the power conferred on a Worshipful Master, when he is appointed to rule and direct his Lodge; but even here we find the spirit of equality is maintained, and its principle is not violated, for the Craft recognises that each succeeding Master is equal to his predecessor, or in other words it is the Office that rules the Lodge, rather than the individual who for the time being fills the appointment.

This is the basis on which success can best be assured, and the Lodge that allows its Masters to retain the power of direction after they have passed the chair, or in other words permits itself to be ruled from the south-east corner, is running a very great risk, and may really be said to be courting dissension among its members, if not ultimate disaster. We have the greatest respect for the Past Masters of our Order, fully recognising that it is to them the Craft owes much of its present proud position, but we have far greater respect for the principle of equality among Freemasons, and on that account consider that Masters after they leave the chair should at once recognise that they have again come to the level of equality among the fellow members of their Lodge, and have no more authority in directing its affairs than the private member who has not yet received the first step on the road to promotion. It is true those who are qualified to a place in the south-east corner of the Lodge have the advantage of experience of actual superintendence, but that does not entitle them to any greater power in the management of their Lodge than their fellows who have not gone through the same training, although any advice they may offer is usually received with respect, and not infrequently acted upon in preference to the opinion expressed by members who have not yet won the distinction of having ruled in the East.

It is very dangerous for anyone in the position we occupy to take note of special cases, and attempt to apply them to the whole Craft, but in this particular we are well aware the facts laid before us, and which have more immediately led to our present remarks, are by no means exceptional—many cases have come under our notice of overbearing conduct on the part of Past Masters, and we feel the subject is an appropriate one for consideration, more particularly because we know that the large majority of those who have passed the chair recognise the principle we assert, and are careful to act up to it, never obtruding themselves beyond their fellows, or attempting to violate the principle of equality they have in their time taught to those under their direction. This fact

makes any deviation from the usual course all the more apparent, and may really be regarded as excuse for any discontent that is shown among the members of a Lodge that has the misfortune to have allowed itself to come under the control of the south-east corner.

THE PRESS AND FREEMASONRY.

A DEPARTURE from the ordinary course in regard to the proceedings of our Provincial Grand Lodges is recorded by the "Birmingham Gazette," in connection with the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire on Tuesday, our contemporary remarking that in obedience to the expressed wish of Lord Leigh Provincial Grand Master the Provincial Grand Secretary declined any information of the proceedings, or the names of those taking part.

With all deference to Lord Leigh we think his action a mistake, forming our opinion in this case on the basis that there is nothing to be ashamed of in connection with Freemasonry, while any attempts to unnecessarily add mystery to its proceedings are very apt to be misunderstood and lead to trouble.

We by no means wish to imply that we should like to see more details of Masonic work published in the general press—that is certainly not our desire—but we think a Provincial Grand Master should be expected to give the whole of those under his rule some idea of what is being done by the ruling body of his district, recognising that a very small proportion of its members can attend the annual Communications, and to attain this object he can hardly do better than bring an efficient representative and a good local paper to his aid. No properly qualified reporter would publish anything dealing with the secrets of our Order, but to say the publication of an outline of what is done at a Provincial Grand Lodge is acting in contravention to the regulations of the Order is, to our thinking, stretching the point beyond the range intended. Of course details of such meetings get into print, and this being so it is far better to have them prepared by someone fully qualified to deal with the matter, backed up by the reputation associated with a well known and long established paper, than to leave the matter to haphazard chance.

We are quite in accord with the Warwickshire chief when he rules that a list of those taking part in the meetings of his Lodge is not suitable matter for publication, as we cannot see what good purpose is served by the appearance of a long list of names and titles in an outside periodical. It may be two or three among the number are vain enough to be flattered by such a record, but by far the greater proportion are quite indifferent on the point, while a few are positively adverse to it, and while this latter class numbers even one member we would refuse to pander to the taste of those who delight in seeing their presence in Freemasonry blazoned forth to the world at large in this manner.

But it is not fair a whole county should suffer because one or two of its members make themselves conspicuously prominent, and this may be said to be particularly applicable to Warwickshire, where the work of the Provincial Grand Lodge is usually so satisfactory as to bear the scrutiny of the outside world so far as is permissible through the medium of a general newspaper. The publication of brief details of good work can hardly be expected to do any harm, while it may prove an incentive to others—both inside and outside of Freemasonry—to go and do likewise. We hope the worthy Brother who in years gone by won from us the title of "Our noble critic," may ere long modify his ideas as to what may be judiciously published in regard to the work of his Provincial Grand Lodge, and supply a reasonable permit to the press.

Going further afield we may congratulate our Australian contemporary, "Masonry," on the action of the G.L. of New South Wales, which has given official permission for the publication in its pages of affairs of Lodges under the New South Wales Constitution. This permission was held on the establishment of the Journal, but was withdrawn in the early part of 1894. Since that time the steady progress of the paper has been most marked, and the Board of General Purposes of the colony, in advising the Grand Master to re-issue the permit, has virtually recognised the impartial, active and admittedly useful character of the paper. A characteristic of our contemporary is its outspokenness on any subject it deems deserving of criticism, and bearing this in mind it is particularly gratifying to find the authorities of New South Wales boldly endorsing—though perhaps in a very indirect manner—the action of its conductors. Men of the world appreciate honest criticism, and generally set about remedying any defect that is brought under their notice, and these are the men who should have the control of Masonic affairs, rather than narrow minded individuals who look upon all outside interference as illegitimate, and try to silence criticism by attempting to crush the mediums through which the critics seek to express their views. In this direction the Masonic press serves a useful purpose, especially when conducted with fearless impartiality, and any official recognition of its work is all the more appreciated, because, in many instances, it almost seems that the heads of the Craft are the most likely to be called to account in connection with any departure from established custom, or encroachment on the rights of individual members.

THE DANGER OF POPULARITY.

NEVER was anything by the wit of man devised that could not be abused. Detractors of institutions and societies fix upon abuses and often forget the uses of the movements they criticise. The wiser course, generally, is to find out the elements of strength and goodness, and endeavour to turn them to account. That is what the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe sets us an example of doing with regard to Cornish Freemasonry, and the high principles, the generous and gentlemanly character of action his Lordship sets before them as their Provincial Grand Master does not fail of good effect upon the whole body. Freemasonry does not pretend to be a religion, but a system of morals, and a corporate way of inculcating and practising virtue. But, as was shown in the sermon preached at Saltash on Monday, and the delightful little speech in which Lord Mount-Edgumbe presented Bibles to the four lads who had carried the open Bible in procession, only a good man can really be a good Mason. The danger which besets the Craft in these days is its popularity, and a desire for the mere success of numbers at the expense of that discipline which excludes the unworthy. This is a point which was alluded to by the Provincial Grand Master. It is not a mere question of the ability of a man to pay fees—of social status—but rather of character and motives. In this wicked world the evil is ever mingled with the good; and if there are men who bring discredit upon Freemasonry, so there are men who make great profession, and then, through the weakness of human nature, bring discredit upon religion itself. It is needful that every man should take heed to his own ways.—"Cornwall Gazette."

DURHAM.

ON Tuesday, 24th, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow, when there was a large attendance of Provincial Officers, and the Masters and Officers of Lodges. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. occupied the chair, and in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M., Victor Williamson P.G.W. acted in that capacity.

The Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, and after formal business the Treasurer's statement was read by Bro. F. Wade, and adopted.

Bro. Victor Williamson P.Prov.G.W. presented the report of the Fund Committee, which, after recommending certain individual grants to widows of deceased Brethren in distress, and to the orphan of a deceased Brother, proposed that 60 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic School for Boys, a like sum to the Royal Masonic School for Girls, and 70 guineas to the Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons and Aged Widows. It also recommended that the fees of honour be voted to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The report was adopted.

The report of the Charities Committee, presented by the chairman Bro. Thomas Coulson, was seconded by Brother C. S. Lane, and was supported by Bro. R. Luck, who referred to the excellent results of the efforts of the past year. The amount contributed was the largest sum since the Durham Masonic Educational Fund was founded. The report was adopted.

The roll of Lodges was then called, when reports were presented by the respective Masters.

The Provincial Grand Master, in his address, complimented the Jarrow Brethren on the arrangements they had made for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and proceeded to allude to the losses by death which they had sustained during the year. He was happy to be able to inform them that Bro. Lord Barnard was sufficiently recovered to be able to leave Raby, and they hoped he would shortly be able to return to them in a condition enabling him to discharge all his duties, Masonic and otherwise.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. H. L. Pattinson 375	-	-	-	Senior Warden
John C. Moor	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. F. H. Webb-Peploe 1970	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. L. J. Wilkinson 1121	-	-	-	
R. S. Benson 1379	-	-	-	Treasurer
Robert Purvis jun. 240	-	-	-	Registrar
R. Hudson (re-appointed)	-	-	-	Secretary
Edward Jepson, M.D., 1334	-	-	-	} Senior Deacons
C. W. Anderson 1418	-	-	-	
T. A. Moffitt 424	-	-	-	} Junior Deacons
William Hodgson 940	-	-	-	
James Robinson 1119	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Thomas Dunn	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. J. Sanderson 1932	-	-	-	Deputy Director of Cers.
Alfred Grundy 97	-	-	-	Assist. Director of Cers.
H. C. Marston 531	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
L. R. Davies 949	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
W. R. Legg 1274	-	-	-	
L. Winston 1170	-	-	-	Organist
John Joel	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Munro 1643	-	-	-	} Pursuivants
W. D. Thompson 94	-	-	-	
William Watson 94	-	-	-	} Stewards
Thomas Prudames 940	-	-	-	
M. Bradley 1650	-	-	-	
J. J. Clegg 1643	-	-	-	
J. J. Runcieman 1970	-	-	-	
Thomas McCarthy 2462	-	-	-	} Tyler.
Thomas Grieve	-	-	-	

Brothers S. M. Thompson of the Restoration Lodge, and Edward Ensor of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, were elected auditors.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow.—"Newcastle Journal."

Referring to this meeting, the "Sunderland Herald" of 24th inst. says, it is 102 years ago to-day since the foundation stone of Wearmouth Bridge was laid, on "which occasion the Prov. Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the county of Durham took part. A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the Phoenix Hall, by the late William Henry Lambton, Esq. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by about 200 Brethren clothed in the badges, jewels, and other insignia of the different orders of Masonry. Being joined by the magistrates, commissioners, and others who were not Masons, at the gates of the hall, conducted by one of the stewards of the day, they went to church (whether by Pewterer's Lane, or Queen Street and the Back Lonnin, or by High Street and Church Street, is not recorded), through an immense crowd of spectators; the magistrates and commissioners occupying the body of the church, and the Brethren the galleries, according to their several ranks and degrees in Masonry. After a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Heskett, the procession moved from the church through the town by way of the Low Street, passing what was called the Manor house—in which the celebrated Colonel John Lilburn was born—through Panns, passing the house in which

Mr. Nicholson the shipbuilder lived at that date (who owned the docks opposite the house), and on to the crowded banks of the river, over which they passed at the Panns on a platform or bridge of keels admirably constructed and disposed for that purpose. At the north-west part of the intended bridge was formed a large area, where the first stone was to be laid, around which the Brethren were arranged; and on the cliff above a conspicuous station was railed in for the grand honours, the oration, and other purposes; from this position Mr. Burdon delivered his speech."

WARWICKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held on Tuesday, under the banner of Holte Lodge, No. 1246, in the Victoria Hall, Aston.

The Lodge was opened at a quarter-past three in the afternoon, the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Leigh being present, with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. James T. Collins, and many distinguished Brethren.

In obedience to the expressed wish of Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Secretary Beech declined any information of the proceedings, or the names of those taking part.

The Holte Lodge was first opened, and afterwards the Provincial Grand Master and Officers were received with due ceremony, and the Grand Lodge was opened.

The report of the Audit Committee was read by Bro. Harris, and approved, on the proposition of D.P.G.M. Collins.

The report from the Grand Secretary of the state of Masonry in Warwickshire was not complete, from the fact that two Lodges had not sent in their returns. The Grand Secretary, however, pointed out that there were upon his list 1,368 subscribing members at the present time, and Masonry in the Province was in a very healthy condition.

Bro. Harris was elected Grand Treasurer.

Later in the afternoon the Brethren formed in procession outside the Victoria Hall, and marched to St. Paul's Church, Lozells. The long train of Masons, attired in full Masonic clothing, naturally attracted a large amount of public attention in the vicinity.

A shortened form of the evening service was used, and Bro. the Rev. R. A. Edgell Provincial Grand Chaplain preached from Nehemiah iv., 17, 18, and 21. He urged that his hearers, like their Brother Masons of old, had their rebuilding to carry on, but it was the rebuilding of a spiritual edifice, the restoration of that Temple of God, of which each one of them was assuredly a member. Like the Masons of Nehemiah's time they must stand to their work, sword in hand, resolute to beat off the enemy, and with the Almighty's aid they should be able to carry out the work which every true Mason was called upon to perform—to erect the spiritual edifice of their lives square and true according to the plan of the Great Architect of the Universe. If Masonry was to be real and effective, one of the chief objects of the Brotherhood must be mutual help, the protection and encouragement of its members, to the help and encouragement of them in the work they had themselves individually and collectively to perform. Concluding, the preacher urged the claims of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils Aid Fund, and a collection was afterwards made on behalf of the same, the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bros. Smith-Ryland and Prichard handing round the plates.

Subsequently a banquet took place at the Victoria Hall, under the presidency of the Deputy of the Province.—"Birmingham Gazette."

WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Friday afternoon, 20th inst., in the Town Hall, Bootle, by command, and under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M. R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

The attendance numbered upwards of 1,000 Brethren, including many Provincial Officers, headed by Brother Lord Skelmersdale S.G.W.

The Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, entered the Lodge in processional order, and the Prov. G.Lodge was duly opened, the Prov. Grand Master being saluted according to ancient form.

The Prov. Grand Secretary (Brother W. Goodacre) read the rolls of the P.G.L. Officers and Lodges in the Province, showing that each of the 111 Lodges, with the exception of Furness (Ulverston), No. 995, and Arthur John Brodgen, No. 1715, was represented. The minutes of the proceedings of last year's P.G. Lodge were passed, after which

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. J. D. Crawford submitted his accounts for the past year, showing total receipts

£1,718 7s 9d, including £814 4s 9d brought forward from last year; fees from Lodges, £776 9s; fees of honour from Provincial Grand Officers, £46 4s; and collection at Provincial Grand Lodge, Lancaster, £36 3s. The principal items of expenditure were:—Grants by Charity Committee, £215; R.M.I. for Girls, £105; Provincial Grand Secretary, £400; printing, &c., £55; deputations, £41; Royal Albert Asylum, £36 15s. The credit balance was £948 15s 8d.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. Goodacre reported that the past year had not been marked by any exceptional event. The roll of Lodges had been increased by one, the Tyldesley Lodge (2572), and the number of members by 593, making the total membership 7,256. As an instance of what might be done in the way of benevolence, one Lodge had contributed £329 during the year in support of the three West Lancashire Institutions. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, with an income of £1,850, had assisted in the education and advancement in life of 206 children at a cost of over £1,500 during the past year. The Alpass Institution had received £924, and aided 42 widows at a cost of £520. The Hamer fund had received £564, and assisted twenty Brethren at a cost of £357. The Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence had granted thirteen petitioners £215, supplemented since the accounts were made up by further grants of £75 to six petitioners. The Grand Lodge had assisted Brethren and widows of the Province to the extent of about £300 during the past four months. Three boys had been placed in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Master remarked that the report was very favourable and acceptable indeed. As far as the increase of members and Lodges was concerned, he did not think they wished for it very much. He did not want it to be taken, however, that where there was ample room for a new Lodge, or where a Lodge had become too large, he was not ready to receive an application. What he meant was that there should be no increase without real necessity. In regard to Charity, they could not help patting themselves on the back. He thought the Province had done admirably well; and it would go forth to the world that West Lancashire had done its duty. Roughly speaking, they had given in charity nearly £2,000 in the year. He was very much pleased with such a result, and hoped they would not fall behind in the future, but be able to uphold their credit and reputation. In view of the large number of applications for relief, he quite agreed with the Provincial Grand Secretary as to the great necessity for very careful supervision over candidates proposed into Freemasonry. This was a topic he had spoken upon in London and elsewhere during the past twelve months. Wherever he had gone he had impressed again and again upon the brethren that theirs was not a benevolent institution. They wished to enrol amongst their numbers men of means—men who would be able to keep up the best traditions of the Order as regards charity, and not men who joined with the simple object of getting what they could out of it. He did not say one word of reproach against that Province, but he was sorry to say that the evil was growing in other parts to a very considerable extent. They were charitable and willing to support and educate their children, support their widows, and assist their old men, but they were not a benevolent institution, and if they would impress that fact everywhere they went they would do good.

Brother J. J. Lambert proposed the election as Provincial Grand Treasurer of Brother Henry Nall 1375, Provincial Grand Treasurer of Royal Arch Masons. This was seconded by Bro. Salter P.P.G.D., supported by Bro. J. D. Murray P.G.Treas. England, and unanimously agreed to. The following were elected Auditors:—Bros. H. W. Johnson, James Platt, J. T. Callow, J. J. Lambert, and Dr. Crawford.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie D.P.G.M. it was agreed that twenty guineas be voted from the fund of benevolence for the benefit of Mrs. Banning, a candidate for election on the foundation of the R.M.B. Institution, and the following donations were voted from the charities fund:—W.L.M. Educational Fund fifty guineas, W.L. Alpass Benevolent Institution and W.L. Hamer Benevolent Institution thirty guineas each.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then invested:

Bro. T. Wilde Rico	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. H. Arnott	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. C. Bluett	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. T. H. Lesson	-	-	-	
H. Nall	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. Bowden	-	-	-	Registrar
W. J. Worden	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
W. Goodacre	-	-	-	Secretary
W. E. Harwood	-	-	-	} Senior Deacons
J. L. Wolfenden	-	-	-	
J. Cunliffe	-	-	-	
W. J. Fleetwood	-	-	-	} Junior Deacons
R. R. Ellis	-	-	-	
W. Sweetman	-	-	-	
J. Milne	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
T. Vernon	-	-	-	} Directors of Ceremonies
Whittaker Bond	-	-	-	

F. Pritchard	-	-	-	-	} Assist. Dirs. of Ceremonies
W. Taylor	-	-	-	-	
J. Rigby	-	-	-	-	
F. Gore Little	-	-	-	-	} Sword Bearers
T. Eastham	-	-	-	-	
R. H. Webster	-	-	-	-	
R. Wardle	-	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
A. E. Workman	-	-	-	-	
S. Howard	-	-	-	-	} Organist
H. Peers	-	-	-	-	
P. J. Ashton	-	-	-	-	} Assistant Secretary
E. Ross	-	-	-	-	
P. Armstrong	-	-	-	-	} Pursuivant
J. Galley	-	-	-	-	
S. L. Fraser	-	-	-	-	} Assistant Pursuivant
W. K. Brewster	-	-	-	-	
J. F. Willan	-	-	-	-	} Stewards
W. H. Ball	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	} Tyler.

Charity jewels were presented to the following:—Bros. B. B. Hartley 2269, J. M. McLeod 113, John Brindle 2269, Captain Garnett 1051, J. S. Sommer 2457, J. Cunliffe 2457, T. Forrester, T. W. Rice 1403, J. Chadderton, C. Watson Ch. 613, E. Broadbent 2109, T. T. Shann 2109, and J. H. Wells 2109.

A collection, amounting to some £30, was then made in aid of the Bootle Borough Hospital; and thanks having been accorded to the retiring Provincial Grand Treasurer for his year's services, and to the Mayor and Corporation of Bootle for the use of the Town Hall, the Lodge was closed.—"Liverpool Courier."

FRESH LONDON LODGES.

A NEW Lodge, under the title of the National Artillery Lodge, is to be forthwith constituted, the warrant having been received on Monday, by the Secretary, Lieut. G. P. W. James, 3rd Kent (Arsenal) Artillery Volunteers. The Lodge will be open to Officers of the Royal Militia Artillery, the Hon. Artillery Company, the Volunteer Artillery, and the adjutants of the Royal Artillery serving with those branches of the service, the first W.M. being Colonel Ritchie, R.A., of the War Office. Captain Weston, 3rd Kent Artillery Volunteers, is to be the Senior, and Major Vane-Stow, City of London Artillery Volunteers, the Junior Warden, and among the first members are Colonel the Earl of Stradbroke, President of the Council of the National Artillery Association; Lieut.-Colonel Murley, City of London Artillery Volunteers; Captain Nicholls, 3rd Kent Artillery Volunteers; and Captain Turner, City of London Artillery Volunteers.—"Morning Advertiser."

The Consecration of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, will take place on Monday, 14th October, in Rhemba Gardens, Empire of India Exhibition, Earls Court, the ceremony being assigned to Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by other well known Masons. The inauguration is set down for 5 o'clock, and will be followed by a banquet at 7.

HERE AND THERE.

MY first paragraph under this heading referred to the summons of a travelling Mark Lodge, dated 4th April 1847, a document very interesting in its way. My query as to whether any of the members are now in the land of the living has elicited the following reply, addressed in the first instance to Bro. C. F. Matier Mark Grand Secretary, and duly forwarded to me:

9 Royal M. B. Institution,
Croydon, 14th August 1895.

SIR,—I see in this week's "Freemason's Chronicle," an enquiry as to whether any of the Brethren who belonged to the Ashton Travelling Mark Lodge are still living.

The writer was initiated in the travelling Mark at Ashton-u-Lyne, in Lodge Union, and belonged to the Burial Club, in which it was usual to pay extra contributions when a funeral occurred. I have often been to the Sunday Mark Lodge held at Stalybridge, Ashton, Hyde, Marple, Denton, Openshaw, Ardwick and other places.

My Lodge and Chapter were the Duke of Athol, Denton, 210, and Chapter of Faith of the same place. I am a P.M. and P.Z., and a Past Provincial Officer of East Lancashire. I am pleased to say I am still in the land of the living, am an annuitant of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a resident of the Croydon home.

I shall take it as a favour if you will pass this note on to the Brother inquiring in the "Freemason's Chronicle."

I am, yours fraternally,
(Bro.) ALEXR. McILQUHAM.

P.S. Fidelity was one of the Lodges connected only, and was held at the "Pitt and Nelson," Ashton.

My best respects to Bro. Ilquham, and I sincerely hope that he may be spared for many years to take, as he seems to do, an interest in matters Masonic.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 44.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A most extraordinary statement respecting the above Lodge appeared in your issue of the 14th inst. By whom furnished I do not know, but the authenticity of the statement which displays such gross ignorance might have been ascertained by reference to Brother Lane's valuable "Masonic Records."

The date of the Friendship Warrant is 23rd July 1803, which can be clearly proved from Grand Lodge records. This Lodge was one of the Athol or Ancients Grand Lodge and No. 39. There were several warrants issued with this number attached—one dated 18th June 1755 which was cancelled June 1793 and not re-issued. Another was dated 4th March 1795, which lapsed shortly afterwards. Then the present Friendship Lodge warrant was issued 23rd February 1803, therefore it cannot be correctly stated as having commenced in June last the 141st year of its existence.

The same statement says "the W.M.-elect is present W.M. of a Lodge in Leeds." This is an error, Brother Wilkinson being at present W.M. of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, Batley.

If, as I am afraid, the author of these erroneous statements is a member of the Lodge, how comes it that he breaks his Masonic obligation by revealing the state of the ballot for W.M. thus publicly, which is utterly foreign to the genesis and spirit of Freemasonry?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN CHADWICK Prov.G.Sec. and P.M. 44.

[We refer Bro. Chadwick to the official calendar of Grand Lodge, where the date of origin of No. 44 is set down as 1755, and have no doubt he will agree with us that the statement there should be deemed far more worthy of credence than any made in the compilation of a private writer, no matter what his ability, or how far Grand Lodge itself has endorsed his labours by superintending the publication of his book. It is no part of our duty to decide on differences which exist between the statements of the Calendar Committee of Grand Lodge and Bro. Lane, but if Bro. Chadwick will take steps to correct the "gross ignorance" displayed—by the Committee we have referred to, it would seem—we have no doubt we and others will fall in with the decision they arrive at. We very much question if this is the only alteration that will be needed in Grand Lodge Calendar if every statement made in Bro. Lane's book is to be considered irrefutable. In regard to the situation of the W.M.-elect's other Lodge, Batley is so near Leeds as to render the error on that point of little moment. The third item in the letter is purely a matter of opinion; we should not have given the figures had we reported the meeting, but being supplied to us we printed them, thinking there might be some special reason for their publication and seeing no actual harm in their appearance.—Ed. F.C.]

THE WICKED (P) DESIGNS OF FREEMASONRY.

THE following reply to the letter we reproduced last week is from Saturday's "Weston Mercury":

SIR,—I certainly expected a reply from Mr. Shaw to my letter of the 7th September, in which I challenged him to edify the public with some of the wicked designs of Freemasons, of which he boasts he knows so much. Persons who attack institutions or individuals with the intention of doing harm, when called on to substantiate the same, and, from inability, failing to do so, are invariably branded by right-minded men as malicious impostors. Mr. Shaw accuses Freemasons of having Satanic designs against the religion of Christ. I deny it, and challenge him to produce proofs. He shuffles out of this by the stupid plea that it would take volumes to do so. I leave your readers to form their own opinion on the calumnies of this champion of Christendom.

The idiotic twaddle of Miss Vaughan (whoever she may be) is really too ridiculous to comment on; but in stating that the Devil is our leader, and that we are the authors of School Boards and strikes, is an exhibition of ignorance and malice for which it would be difficult to find a parallel. She arrives at this charitable conclusion after having read all Anti-Masonic works, &c., &c.—doubtless written by those as ignorant of the subject as Miss Vaughan herself.

I am writing in the defence of Freemasonry as practiced in this country and the Colonies. Of the so-called Freemasonry of France I know very little, but I am right in stating that the wrath of the Pope has been hurled at that institution, because its Roman Catholic members, by absence from the Confessional, refuse to be fettered body and soul by the partially-recognised dogma of papal infallibility, or frightened by the pains, penalties, and terrors of excommunication. In continuance of such manly independence they have my hearty good wishes. Unless Mr. Shaw responds to my challenge to expose the Satanic designs of English Freemasons, I shall take no further notice of his ravings, nor the tainted authorities he brings to his assistance.

Yours truly,

P. S. SAUNDERS.

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THE WEYMOUTH MASONIC CHAIR.

FOR very many years one of the most noticeable objects shown to visitors to the Guildhall at Weymouth has been a chair which bears the date on its rather tastefully carved upright back 1571, and in connection with this antique object an important and valuable discovery has just been made which will doubtless prove particularly interesting to the Freemasons of Dorset.

Some short time since the W.M. of the All Souls Lodge of Freemasons, at Weymouth, Brother J. Howard Bowen, caused the old minute books of the Lodge, dating from 1767, to be examined, with a view to a history of the Lodge and of Freemasonry in the district being written, and this work was very judiciously entrusted to Mr. Zillwood Milledge.

In the prosecution of this labour of love Mr. Milledge unearthed many interesting facts that had long been buried in ages of the past, and amongst them were important revelations in respect to the chair under notice. It was revealed that the Masonic Lodge "Arimathea," which in 1809 met at the Lion Inn, on the Weymouth side of the water, was possessed of this chair, and that on the 5th March 1828 the Lodge ceased to work, whercupon the members joined the All Souls Lodge, which was working in the then new premises (the present hall), and which had been working from the year 1767.

In 1821 Mr. Samuel Weston, whose statue is at present time a striking feature of the staircase leading to the magistrates' court and the council chamber at the Guildhall, presented the All Souls Lodge with an extremely handsome Master's chair, and in February 1828, Mr. W. Eliot presented two large chairs for the use of the Wardens, so that when Lodge Arimathea ceased to exist a month later there was no room or place for the Arimathea chair in the All Souls Lodge. It was therefore removed for safe keeping to the old Town Hall on the Weymouth side of the water, and subsequently to the Guildhall on the Melcome Regis side. It was only on the perusal of the MSS. of the All Souls Lodge that these facts came to light, and on it becoming known that the noted chair that had so long been a show feature of the Guildhall belonged to the Masonic Order of the town, an application was in proper form made to the Mayor and Corporation of the borough for its restitution. This application was accordingly read at the last meeting of the Town Council and was readily granted.

The chair will, therefore, be returned into the possession of the Order to which it originally belonged, and no doubt by All Souls members it will be jealously guarded amongst the valuable Masonic relics to be found in their Lodge Room. It is understood that the Mayor and Corporation of the borough (Mr. T. H. Williams) will cause a silver plate to be placed on the chair, prior to its restitution, with a light blue enamel letter inscription as follows:—

"This chair, date 1571, belonged to the Masonic Lodge at Weymouth known as the 'Arimathea,' which in the year 1828 ceased to be a separate Lodge, and united with the 'All Souls' Lodge, now numbered 170. It was given over for safe keeping to the Corporation of this borough, and placed in the Town Hall and afterwards in the Guildhall, where it has remained down to the present time. On the application of the Worshipful Master J. Howard Bowen, Officers, and Brethren of 'All Souls,' No. 170, their request to have the chair passed back to them was by resolution of the Corporation, 12th September 1895, acceded to.

T. H. Williams, J.P., Mayor.

Worshipful Brother Sir R. N. Howard, J.P.,
P.G.D.(England), town clerk.

J. T. Whettam Secretary 170."

His Worship will be invited to the All Souls Lodge for the purpose of handing over the chair on a date yet to be fixed.—
"Southern Times."

INSTALLATION OF LORD SANDHURST.

A SPECIAL communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay was held at the Town Hall on the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing His Excellency the Right Honourable William, Baron Sandhurst, G.C.I.E., as Pro District Grand Master of Bombay.

The Darbar Room was fitted up as a Lodge Room for the occasion, and it was scarcely large enough to accommodate the very large gathering of Masons present; representatives from almost every Lodge in the Presidency attending, the banners of the various Lodges working under the District Grand Lodge being ranged behind the dais.

The Deputy District Grand Master in charge Bro. H. W. Barrow, attended by his Officers, entered the Lodge in procession, and the Lodge was duly opened.

The Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India Bro.

J. W. Smith, who was attended by his Officers, was received in due form.

The arrival of Bro. His Excellency Lord Sandhurst was announced by the District Grand Marshal Bro. Hon. W. R. Macdonell, who produced the Patent of His Excellency's appointment.

Lord Sandhurst was then introduced by the D.G. Marshal and seven Past Masters, and the Patent having been read aloud by Bro. E. J. Smith D.G. Secretary, His Excellency was duly inducted into the chair after having been invested with the insignia of his Office, and saluted. The business being over, the Pro D.G.M. closed the Lodge.

The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquet hall, where covers were laid for over one hundred and sixty. Dinner over, the usual Loyal toasts were given and honoured.

Bro. Barrow, in proposing the health of His Excellency said he hoped that before long it would be found possible to obtain a suitable site for a Masonic Temple in Bombay. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, the cheering lasting several minutes.

His Excellency made an interesting speech in reply, and said that he hoped not only that a site might be obtained, but that he would be able to lay the foundation stone.—"Madras Mail."

DEVIL-WORSHIP AND FREEMASONRY.

THE Right Rev. Dr. Northrop, Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., recently informed a correspondent of the "Catholic Times" that, in his opinion, there is no truth whatever in the sensational accounts about devil-worship in a magnificent Masonic temple in Charleston. Bishop Northrop has lived fifty years in Charleston, is personally acquainted with all the leading Freemasons there, and has been in the Masonic Hall, which in no particular answers to the description published in numbers of newspapers. His Lordship considers that Catholics, who are themselves the victims of so many calumnies, should be especially careful not to spread falsehood about others; and gave our correspondent, who is in Liverpool, permission to publish what he said. Monsignor Quigley, the Vicar-General of the diocese, also expressed his complete disbelief of the stories about devil-worship by Masons, in so far as Charleston is concerned.—"Catholic Times."

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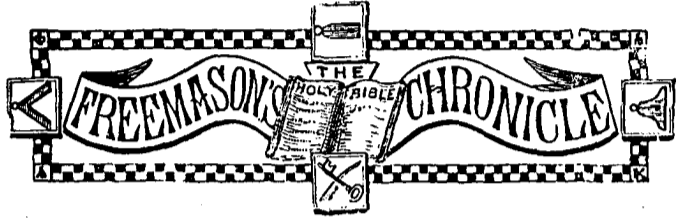
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London, September 1895.



SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 1895.

It is worthy of note that Durham, despite the fact that the amount contributed to the local Education Fund was larger last year than in any year since its foundation, voted sums of sixty guineas each to the two central Educational Institutions, at the recent annual Provincial Grand Lodge, and a further sum of seventy guineas to the Benevolent Institution. While such wide liberality continues we need have little fear of local funds superceding the parent ones established in the interests of the whole English Craft.

In the course of their cruise the Brethren of the Channel Fleet were entertained by the Masons of Scarborough, who organised two smoking concerts for their enjoyment, and in other ways contrived to give the visitors a hearty and brotherly reception, which was subsequently acknowledged through the columns of the "Scarborough Post" by "A Brother," who wrote on behalf of the Brethren of the Fleet.

The annual meeting of the Chough Lodge, No. 2264, was held on Thursday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, Bro. William Close Smith being installed. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The weekly meetings of the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1719, will commence for the season this evening (Saturday), at the Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8 o'clock, when Bro. G. W. Beste Secretary will work the third degree, to be followed by a rehearsal of the ceremony of Installation by the Preceptor, Bro. James Speller.

The members of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction will hold the first meeting at their new quarters, the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station, next week, when members of the Mark Degree are invited to take part in the proceedings, which will be under the direction of a qualified Preceptor.

The enterprise of Bro. Bennett in providing suitable accommodation for Masonic gatherings at his establishment—the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet—was further rewarded last night, when the regular meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, was held there, on removal from its old quarters at the Red Lion, Barnet, which house is passing through some radical changes at the present time. We hope Bro. Bennett will retain the patronage of the Gladsmuir, and also secure the transfer of the other Masonic bodies which have regularly met at Barnet.

During the summer some additions have been made to the Masonic and other accommodation of the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, which for the past twelve months has been under the proprietorship of Bro. T. Watt, who will formally inaugurate the new quarters at an invitation dinner on Tuesday next.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

THE monthly meetings were resumed at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 19th inst., when Bro. R. R. Linthorne W.M. presided over a large attendance of members.

A good deal of business was transacted, after which the usual banquet was held, and a pleasant time was spent.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 16th inst., Bro. George Ben. Goodfellow W.M.

There were present:—Bros. Abm. Pemberton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treas., Thos. Knott P.M. Sec., Hyde Marriott S.D., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., E. Broome I.G., Capt. E. G. Lingard P.M., Walter H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G.R., Geo. Lingard Vaughan P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, H. G. Fisher, T. B. Brooks, Charles Crush, Charles Porter, and others.

In the absence of candidates for Initiation and Raising, which ceremonies were due, the principal business of the evening resolved itself into that of electing Officers for the ensuing year.

The work of the reigning W.M. had commended itself so satisfactorily to the Brethren, that being unanimously requested to act again, Bro. Goodfellow consented, and he will accordingly guide the Egerton ship for another period of twelve months.

At the festive board, loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. W. H. Vaughan P.M., &c., who commented upon the fact that an honour had that evening been conferred upon Brother Goodfellow which it had not been the privilege of any other member of the Lodge to enjoy. It was to be hoped that the forthcoming year would be as successful as the one which had nearly ended, and that the Officers and Brethren would respond loyally to the calls which Bro. Goodfellow might make upon their services.

Bro. Goodfellow W.M., on rising to reply, said he did so with mingled feelings, for his re-election had made it difficult for him to respond. He had had many pleasures during his term of office, and perhaps not a few disappointments in the fact that some of the Brethren had been away when they might have been present. He had got through his year happily and comfortably, and could congratulate himself upon the fact that several new members had been brought among them to swell their ranks. He had, moreover, been supported by the Past Masters of the Lodge, and his thanks were due to them for the same.

Bro. G. L. Vaughan P.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer, extolling his work in the past, wishing him every success in the future, and hoping he would for many years continue in office.

Bro. Pemberton, in reply, said he liked the position of Treasurer, and would always do his best to please. One of his enjoyments of that evening was to know that the W.M. had again been elected unanimously.

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ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

THE Installation meeting was held on Friday, 20th inst., at the New Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, a special dispensation for the meeting to be held there having been granted by the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master. There was a large muster of Brethren.

Bro. A. Swann was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. J. Nunn P.M. P.P.G.D. Suffolk, and appointed his Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. R. Stebbings was re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. A. R. Chamberlayne (the out-going Master) with a handsome Past Master's Jewel, which that Brother gracefully acknowledged.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, an elegant dinner being well served by Bro. and Mrs. Bolton.

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DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 2437.

THE annual meeting was held in the Town Hall, Wokingham, on Monday, 16th inst., when Colonel Edmund Molyneux was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A good many Brethren were present, amongst them being Bro. J. T. Morland D.P.G. Master-in-charge Berks. P.G.D. England.

The installation banquet afterwards took place at the Rose Hotel, Wokingham, when about twenty-five sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured, and between the speeches some capital songs, &c., were rendered.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE first regular meeting of the session was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th inst., the following among others being present:—Bros. William Boden P.M., Clement Jno. Hall J.W., Oates Rushton Treas., R. Meggitt Sec., John Kinsey Asst. Sec., T. H. Stott J.D., A. G. Bryce I.G., Wm. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., B. Hopkinson P.M., J. H. Ratcliff P.M., J. S. Whittle D.C., W. E. Brooks, S. Kew, James Andrews P.M. P.P.S.G.D., R. H. Whatham, E. Crowther, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Visitors:—Bros. Kenneth M. Stewart I.G. 1140, Harry Goldman J.D. 323.

The principal business of the evening was that of passing to the degree of F.C. Bros. W. E. Brooks and Edwin Crowther, the first ceremony being performed by Brother Schofield P.M., &c., and the second by Brother Boden I.P.M. Bro. Ratcliff P.M. presented and explained the Working Tools in so excellent a manner, that, familiar as we were with his work in another Lodge, he surprised us on this occasion.

At the festive board which followed, various toasts were honoured,

prominence being given to that of the newly-passed candidates, the latter responding in fitting terms. Quite an ovation was made in honour of Bro. Crowther, whose early departure abroad for a lengthened period was announced.

Songs, &c. followed, given by Bros. Kew, Whatham, Stott, Stewart, and Goldman.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

ON Monday, 23rd, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, Bros. Purle W.M., Saunders S.W., Wise J.W., W. M. Stiles G. Treas. Preceptor, Lewis Deputy Preceptor, Scales Treasurer, Johnstone Deputy Sec., Lamegeon S.D., Enspacht J.D., Ronveall I.G., P.Ms. Ellenger, Rice, Walker, Dickenson, Mote, Edmonds; Bros. Stear, Gurner, Merritt, Oakley, Payne, and several others.

The minutes being confirmed, Bro. Johnson answered the questions, was entrusted, and subsequently passed to the second degree.

Bro. Payne was next examined, and then raised to the third degree, the ceremony being carried out in a very efficient manner.

Bro. Hall, a member of the Clissold Lodge, was elected a member, and a hearty vote of congratulation was accorded to Bro. Walter Merritt on his election as W.M. of the Strand Lodge. This being the first time that Bro. Purle had acted as W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried for the very excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

An appeal for votes on behalf of the son of the late Bro. Dixie was very earnestly made by Bro. Stiles.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 25th, Bro. F. A. Slater W.M., Fennell S.W., N. R. Moffatt J.W., Joss S.D., W. Bettinon J.D., C. Holland I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, J. Gibbs P.M., W. Boyce P.M., Naphali, West, Thornton, Goulston, Owers, and Kenny.

After preliminaries the Lodge was opened in second degree. Bro. Naphali answered the questions, and Lodge being opened in the third, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, he acting as candidate.

Bro. J. W. Gibbs P.M. in an able manner gave the Traditional History of the third degree.

The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the Brethren assisted Bro. Goulston to work the third and fourth sections of the lecture.

Bro. Fennell having been duly elected to the chair for the next meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, 2nd October.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE first meeting of this session was held on Friday, 20th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington:—Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. W.M., E. G. Platt S.W., G. Keblell J.W., F. Keblell S.D., Jackson J.D., Ditchman I.G., F. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor, H. Willmer Secretary, T. I. Bird P.M. Treasurer, and Cole, Newman, Wyatt, Yates, Whittaker, Wertzell, Hill P.M., Edmonds P.M., Mason, Crane P.M., O. J. Von Holtorp P.M., Gallery, Peters, Witte, Palmer, G. Clark P.M., Siegenberg W.M., J. Von Holtorp, Davison P.M., Tilley, Ives P.M., Todd P.M., and others.

The minutes of meeting held 7th June were confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. Bro. W. H. Tilley acting as candidate.

Four new members having been elected, Bro. Platt was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week.

On the proposition of Brother T. I. Bird P.M. P.G.S.B. Middx., a preliminary Committee was appointed with the view of forming a Masonic Charities Association in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, some thirty-six Brethren having promised to become members.

The Committee, at the meeting yesterday, intended to frame bye-laws, arrange details, &c.

The Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

IN connection with this popular Lodge, held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, the commencement of the winter session, inaugurated on Thursday, the 12th inst., must be regarded as a great success, a large number of Brethren being present. Bros. Jas. Wm. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor, Geo. T. Lenard Treasurer, and Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, are seldom away from their posts, and on this occasion the meeting was recruited by the presence of Bros. John Chadwick P.M. P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov.G. Secretary (E.L.), John Cliffe P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Godfrey Higham P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Richard Simister P.M. 163, A. Ashworth P.M. 999, H. B. Brown P.M. 581, R. Armitage P.M. 1083 Geo. Rideal P.M. 1798, and others.

The usual custom of opening Lodge was adopted, and the general business disposed of. There were two ballots, and it is most satisfactory to note that although the Lodge numbers nearly 200 members, there were propositions for eight joining members.

Telegrams of regret for enforced absence were received from Brothers H. H. Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.S.G.D., Lofthouse, and Geo. B. Goodfellow W.M. 1030.

A very excellent tea, provided in Mrs. Stopford's best manner, followed, and an evening which may rank as a memorable one in the annals of the Instruction Lodge passed quickly and merrily away. The contributors to the harmony were Bros. W. H. Worsley S.W. 1458 (who played some of his admirable and inimitable pianoforte solos), Fred Hilton P.M., &c., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, A. B. Taylor, S. Butterworth, Blacow, and Howard.

The festive board was under the charge of Bros. J. W. Abbott Preceptor acting W.M., George W. Davies W.M. 1459 acting S.W., and W. H. Worsley S.W. 1458 acting J.W.

Amongst the principal toasts was that of the Preceptor, proposed by Brother Higham, and admirably responded to by Brother Abbott.

Brother Worsley proposed the Treasurer, speaking of the arduous work which the position entailed upon Brother Lenard, and the creditable manner in which he invariably acquitted himself. He also spoke of the help which from time to time he lent to the ceremonies, paying a very just compliment to his ready acquiescence in the performance of any portion which might be required of him.

Brother Lenard, in reply, thanked the Brethren for the way in which they had received the kind words uttered by Brother Worsley, and mentioned that one very gratifying event of the year was the giving of £10 to the Systematic and Benevolent Institution. He hoped at the same time the gift would be repeated.

Brother Cliffe proposed the health of the Secretary, saying that Brother Hebden had creditably occupied his position in the Instruction Lodge for many years. With nearly 200 members to communicate with monthly, the work was anything but easy, but he was not at all afraid of work, and performed it in a graceful manner, as though he enjoyed it, which no doubt he did.

Brother Hebden suitably replied, explaining the position of the Lodge. He stated that his own connection with it had been that of Treasurer for three years, and Secretary for the last ten. He concluded by thanking them for their hearty reception of his name.

Brother Rideal proposed the health of the Visitors, according them a very hearty welcome.

During the evening, the question as to the advisability of a meeting of Installed Masters (members of the Lodge), at specified times for a rehearsal of the ceremony of Installation, was mooted, and referred to the Secretary to arrange. As an outcome of this, a meeting was accordingly summoned to be held at the Lodge house on Friday, the 20th inst., when it was decided that such a Lodge be formed, the meetings to take place seven times each year, viz., on the third Friday of each month, September to March inclusive. Bro. Abbott was appointed Preceptor.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

CHAMPION CONCLAVE, No. 26.

A MEETING was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. T. H. Schofield Supreme Ruler. There were also present:—Bros. F. Armstrong G., John Marshall Sec. P.G.C., Richard T. Redman Std., Henry Taylor Grundy 1st V.D., John E. Williams O., Arthur C. K. Smith D.C., Wm. A. Boyer G.D.R., W. Cockcroft S.R. No. 25, Thos. Plumpton G.S., Wm. B. Midgley, F. W. Maxwell, J. A. Kirkland, Vincent Brown, Edward Roberts, Wm. Charlton, J.P.

Brother George A. Myers, who had already been elected, and was duly inducted, and afterwards Brothers Brown, Midgley, Maxwell, and Charlton were admitted, the ceremonies being conducted by the Supreme Ruler and Bro. John Marshall Past Grand C.

The Visiting Deacons gave their report, and the revised draft of bye-laws was again submitted, after which the Conclave was closed.

The North London Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings on Monday, 7th October, at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, where Companions are cordially invited to participate in the work.

The want of a tracing-board in a Lodge is always a matter for remark by Visitors, and yet there are but few Lodges in the West of Scotland possessed of one. Why? asks the "Mallet." It is not an expensive item, and a most necessary part of the furnishings.

A new sixpenny illustrated magazine, entitled "The Country House," is announced to appear in October; it will contain 128 pages of letterpress, and be fully illustrated. Offices, 30 Fleet Street, E.C.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

MANY of our readers will share with us regret at hearing of the death of Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, who was well known in Masonic circles—in city and other Lodges, and in connection with the three Institutions of the Craft, to all of which he had contributed largely from his means, and had also worked hard on their behalf among his companions. Bro. Jolliffe had been in failing health for some time, and was taken suddenly worse the middle of last week, gradually sinking until Sunday morning, when he peacefully passed away, having been unconscious for some time previous. Bro. Jolliffe will be sadly missed in many Masonic circles, although his health having prevented his regular attendance of late had, in a measure, prepared his Brethren for the final dissolution. His remains were interred on Wednesday, at Highgate Cemetery.

THE death of the Rev. William Valentine, M.A., Vicar of Whixley, York, took place on the 19th inst. Brother Valentine was a Devonshire man, and took his B.A. at Oxford in 1850, and his M.A. in 1857. He was presented to Whixley in 1853, and in the same year he was given the perpetual curacy of Alleton-Mauleverer. He was much interested in Freemasonry and its branches, says the "Western Morning News." He was Past Master of York Lodge, No. 236, and Past Grand Chaplain of North and East Yorkshire, a Past Master of the York Mark (T.I.), Past Z. of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, Past Preceptor of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of K.T., and Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in Yorkshire, besides filling many other offices.

FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

Its Position Vis-a-Vis of Christianity, and of Catholicism. By D. Moncrieff O'Connor, in the "Tablet."

(Continued.)

CURIOSLY enough about the same time, the close of 1865, the utility of this formula was questioned in France. At the following winter festival, Brémond, a Councillor of the Order, thus expressed himself: "Masonry does not impose these two beliefs, but she keeps them and proclaims them as she retains the honour of proclaiming and preserving the motto which says all men are free, equal, and brothers."¹

As for Italy, in the Constituent Assembly of Naples in 1867, Brother d'Ayala had a scruple of logic, not of conscience. "We invoke the G.A.O.U., then we take oath; and yet the Lodge of which I am a member has admitted a profane, who makes public profession of Atheism, and takes the oath likewise. All which appears ridiculous, and is repugnant to me." The Grand Master, surprised to find so great simplicity in so old a Mason, replied: "We invoke the G.A.O.U. it is true, but that is nothing but a generic expression which offers anyone the opportunity of reverting to the First Cause; the oath is likewise addressed to this being whom one appreciates according to his individual belief." Improving on their Grand Master the assembly declared it invoked the G.A.O.U.: "Such as he appears to thought guided by the observation of facts." In the same official Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Italy in which the above appears, Frapoli² boldly declares: "The idea of a Creator is the product of ignorance, hence the omnipotence of an imaginary personal God . . . hence the abjection due from creatures: the tyranny and the servitude, the contention and disorder of the world."

It would appear scruples of logic are contagious, for in this year they penetrated even France. In the Legislative Assembly of French Masonry, 1867, Rouselle, Pelletan, Parrot, and others clamoured for the abandonment of the formula. But Brother Garrison argued:

For what end would you do away with it? Ah! If it were a matter of defending one of those great principles for which our fathers gave blood and life, if Liberty of Conscience were threatened, I would say: Dare all, come what may! But here is a question of traditional formula, the keeping of which harms no liberty, and places not the least trammel on the Masonic movement.

I am particularly anxious to avoid quoting individual opinions and treating them as general statements. Let me, therefore, recall to you the fact that on 14th September 1877, at a grand assembly held in Paris the delegates of French Masonry acting under advice from all Lodges owing obedience to the Grand Orient, struck out of their statutes the articles which affirmed that: "The object of Freemasons is benevolence, the study of morality, and the practice of all virtue. Its basis is the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the love of humanity." For this is substituted: "Freemasonry has for principles absolute Liberty of Conscience and Solidarity of humanity. It excludes no one on account of his religious opinions."³

Despite, therefore, "the basis" and "the principles" of Masonry, the Existence of God and the immortality of the soul are declared by Masons—and the declarations are officially published—"to be formula which have no meaning," only a "motto," "a generic expression," "the product of ignorance."

Does, therefore, Masonry bear on its forefront the stigma of fraud? Though we are dealing with a Society which enshrouds its motives in secrecy; with an organisation veiling its springs of action from the eyes of its fellows which, aiming at light, works in darkness, it is difficult to believe it. Let us look further.

In his touching "Romance of a Royalist," the Marquis de Beauregard gives the Count de Virieu's reply to the chaff of his friend de Gilliers upon Virieu's solemnity and length of face when he returned from the Congress of Wilhelmsbad. Being asked what tragic secrets he brought thence: "The conspiracy afoot," he answered, "is so cunningly contrived that it will, so to speak, be impossible for the Monarchy and the Church to escape."⁴ The Monarchy is gone, the Church alone stands

Like one fortress 'mid a boundless waste
Oue sad, lone watch tower by a shipless flood!

The fierce summoner, under the Duke of Brunswick, of that terrible congress, was a Bavarian jurist, a genius in organising, bold to audacity, fertile in resource, unscrupulous as to means, the pantheist Adam Weishaupt. As one to whose impetus Masonry owes, perhaps, more than to any other

¹ I cannot discover who this Brémond was; I cannot think him the painter of so many religious subjects, and the decorator of the church of La Villette. He would be 62 at this time. But painters of religious subjects are not always religious painters.

² This very active Mason and Revolutionist was educated for the priesthood. Served Austria as captain of cavalry; settling in France after wandering in Italy and Germany, he acquired considerable distinction as a geologist; upon which subject he wrote frequently and well. The Revolution of 1848 found him in Italy, opposing Gioberti and Charles Albert; and giving himself up to what are euphuistically called "Mazzinian politics." He is an authority of weight and distinguished service.

³ Fava: loco cit., p. 192. The Masonic Lodges of England and the United States, upon this severed their connection with the Grand Orient of France and Lodges in its obedience. But the Lodges of Germany, Italy, Spain, Hungary, and Belgium accepted the revision.

⁴ Cp. Barruel: "Abrégé des mémoires pour servir à l'Histoire du Jacobinisme," p. 242. Luxembourg, 1800.

man of his time, the developer of illuminism out of Masonry may not inaptly lead us with his kindly light.⁵

The Court of Bavaria realising the danger of Weishaupt's teaching, the Elector ordered, 11th October 1786, a seizure of all papers to be found in the house of Councillor Xavier Zwack, and in the Castle of Baron de Bassus, Weishaupt's trusted leaders. As the most effective exposé of their subversive theories they printed them in two volumes under the title of "Original Writings of the order and sects of the Illuminati." Therein will be found this address of Weishaupt's to his Masonic adepts.

Do you remember that with the first invitations with which we drew you to us we began by telling you that nothing against religion entered into our projects? Do you remember that this assurance was again given you when you were admitted novices? . . . Do you also recall, when in the early grades, we spoke to you of morality and virtue, but how the studies we prescribed and the lessons we instilled made both virtue and morality independent of all religion? . . . Do you remember with what art, with what feigned respect, we spoke to you of Christ and His Gospel . . . How well we knew, out of that Gospel, to evolve ours of Reason; out of that morality, Nature's; and from that Religion, reason, morality, and nature, we drew the Religion, the ethic of the Rights of man, of Equality, and of Liberty? . . . We had many prejudices to overcome in you ere we persuaded you this pretended religion of Christ was nothing but the work of priests, imposture, and tyranny. If it be so with this gospel, so vaunted, so admired, what must be thought of other religions? Learn, then, they have all the same fictions for origin, all are equally based on falsehood, error, delusion, and imposture: that is our secret! The evasions we were forced into, the promises we had to make you, the praises we offered Christ and His imaginary secret schools, the fable of Freemasonry long in possession of the free doctrine, and our Illuminism to-day, the sole inheritor of His mysteries, no longer surprise you. If to destroy Christianity, all religion, we have made it appear we alone possess the true religion, remember the end justifies the means: the wise man use for good every means the wicked use for evil. Those we have used for your deliverance, those we have availed of to, one day, free humanity from all religions are but a pious fraud."⁶

Fraud—the word is their own. Nor are these the maxims of a zealot. In a letter to Thiriot, Voltaire, a Mason, declares: "Lying is a vice when it leads to evil, but it is a very great virtue when it does good. Therefore be more virtuous than ever. Lie, my friends; we must lie like the very devil; not sheepishly, not at odd times, but brazenly and perpetually!"⁷ Indeed his English enthusiast, John Morley, says of him: "When very hard pressed Voltaire would not swerve from a false oath . . ." ⁸ It is said when he died "Ici on parle Français" was inscribed on the gates of Hell.

But those who know Weishaupt from the pages of Barruel,⁹ whom, though an opponent, Masons admit to be a serious writer, will feel him to have been so beneath contempt, that it is unjust to force him on Masons as trustworthy evidence. Let us, therefore, leave Germany for fairer Italy. Any evidence of fraud there?

In 1835 the Mason Malegare¹⁰ wrote, from his shelter in London, to his fellow Mason, Dr. Breidenstein:

"We are an association of Brothers all over the world; with common vows and interests; all tending to the enfranchisement of humanity. We would shatter every kind of yoke, and yet there is one of us whom we do not see, we scarcely know, but whose hand is over us, whence is he? where is he? No one knows, or at least none say. The association is secret, even to us veterans of secret societies. It exacts deeds from us which sometimes makes one's hair stand on ends: and would you believe it? they write me from Rome, that two of our fellows well-known for their hatred of fanaticism had, by order of the supreme chief, to kneel down and take Communion last Easter!"

And Bottalla states it to have been a well known fact that Count Cavour, the better to cajole Italy and Catholic Europe, gave orders that the Masonic press proclaim him a sincere Catholic.¹¹

The Alta Vendita is the mother Lodge in Italy of that Masonic advance guard, the Carbonari. So strict is the secrecy maintained that, following the Illuminati, they correspond and are known to each other under pseudonyms. In 1822 a Piedmontese Lodge was inaugurated by a Jew, "Piccolo-Tigre," who, in a letter dated 18th January, thus instructs his agents there:

The essential thing is to isolate man from his family, to make him lose his family habits. He is sufficiently inclined, by the bent of his character, to escape household cares, to run after easy enjoyments and forbidden pleasures. Entice him, lead him on, flatter him into some importance; teach him judiciously, to weary of his daily work, and, handling him thus, after having separated him from his wife and children, and shown him how irksome all duties are, you inoculate him with the desire of a different mode of life. Man is born a rebel; stir up this inclination for rebellion even to conflagration, but let not the fire break out. It is a preparation for the great work you must begin. Having instilled a distaste of family life and religion—the one almost always follows the other—let fall some words which will awaken a wish to be affiliated to the nearest Lodge. The vanity of a citizen, or a peasant to bind himself to Freemasonry has something to do in it so ludicrous and is so common, I am always in admiration at human stupidity. I am only astonished not to see the whole world knocking at the doors of the Venerables . . . make Freemasons of them. The Lodge will lead them to Carbonarism. . . . It is from the Lodges we calculate upon doubling our ranks. Under existing circumstances never remove the mask. Be content to prowl round the Catholic sheepfold; but like a good wolf, seize the first lamb which offers.¹²

Is this fraud?

Another leader of the same Lodge—they are all honourable men—with

⁵ De Vere: Loc. cit. p. 4.

⁶ Fava—La Secret de la F. M. Lille, 3rd Ed., pp. 424.

⁷ Œuvres de Voltaire, Vol. 52, p. 326.

⁸ Morley's Voltaire: p. 206.

⁹ Ubi supra: p. 132 et seq.

¹⁰ Afterwards a Cabinet Minister of Victor Emanuel.

¹¹ "Hist. de la Revol.," en 1860, en Sicile, T. ii., p. 371.

¹² Cret. Joly., pp. 104, 107.

the innocent war name of Vénice writing his chief a rich, eloquent, bold, deeply clever Italian Mason, Nubius, details the modus operandi. Speaking of the uselessness of assassinations, he says :

Catholicism no more fears a fine stiletto than does the monarchy : but these two bases of social order can be sapped by corruption ; let us never weary of corrupting. Tertullian said, truly, the blood of martyrs peopled Christianity. It has been decided in our councils we want no more Christians : Make no more martyrs, but popularise vice among the masses. Let them breathe it in by the five senses ; let them drink it in ; let them be saturated with it ; and this ground which Aretino, the choice of author will not escape you, has sown is ever ready to receive lewd precepts. Make hearts vicious, and you will have no more Catholics. Withdraw the priest from work, from the altar, from virtue, find out adroitly how to otherwise occupy his thoughts and his time. . . . It is wide spread corruption we have undertaken ; the corruption of the people by the clergy, and of the clergy by us, a corruption which must one day enable us to bury the Church in its grave. I lately heard one of our friends laugh in a philosophic way at our projects, saying : "To bring down Catholicism, you must begin by suppressing woman." This is true in a sense, but as we cannot suppress woman, let us corrupt her at the same time as the Church. *Corruptio optimi pessima*. The object is fair enough for such men as we are. The best dagger with which to pierce the Church to the heart is corruption. To work then till it be done !¹⁸

Is this

Heaven's sweet cup, or poisonous drug of Hell ?

Is then Ragon's ascription of the doctrine of the Love of God to Masonry a fraud ? Are the principles of the Existence of God, and the Immortality of the Soul in the Masonic statutes an imposture ? Is its motive really truth or the discovery of truth ?

(To be continued.)

The Freemasons and the Roman Catholic Church have waged a "truceless war" for generations. A grand engagement seems to be impending. Each declares that the challenge was given by the other, but both agree that the situation is intolerable. The church has summoned an International Anti-Masonic Congress, or perhaps is concerting such a measure ; while the Society has begun to agitate for a more rigid administration of the laws existing against clerical privileges, and also to impose more stringent legislation. To British Freemasons the strife is incomprehensible, unless they be acquainted with the history of the Craft abroad. Why should their Brethren assail the church, and how could they make head against it, even if the Leaders were so inclined ? Supposing such hostility possible on this side of the Channel, just for the sake of argument, the Society would burst to pieces at a mere proposal of war. French Masonry, or any other on the Continent, is very different from ours. Many years have passed since the Grand Lodge of England declined to recognise the Orient of France because the latter insisted that a formal profession of Atheism, or, at least, a denial of Christianity, should be included among the ceremonies of initiation. The Orient has rescinded that article, we believe, but the spirit remains. Certainly, the Roman Catholic Church is justified in fighting to death now, but itself is responsible for the state of things. Foreign Masonry, at its inception, was as harmless as English. But it was a secret society, and as such the hierarchy joined with the Civil Power in harassing its members. Bitterly must the more intelligent ecclesiastics regret their predecessors' rashness. Masonry became a rallying flag for all who loved freedom ; and, at this moment, both parties agree it has captured the governing class of the Republic. The combatants are not ill-matched.—"Evening Standard."

Speaking of the position taken up by the Romish Church in connection with Freemasonry, the "Bristol Mercury" says :—The condition of active hostility is absolutely confined to foreign countries, and, in effect, we believe, to France and Italy—so much so, indeed, that even among members of the Craft the antagonism is inexplicable in this country. The initial blunder was undoubtedly that of the Church, which forbade its faithful children to join any secret society. The result was that, as often happens when such a decree is issued in any matter, the Lodges were captured by the enemies of the Church, and were found to be convenient rallying places for the advocates of revolutionary principles in countries where freedom of political opinion was little understood. In fact, the Church itself converted them into political organisations. The Grand Orient of France went further, we believe, than any other, and struck out of its fundamental principles that of belief in God. The Grand Lodge of England, with the hearty concurrence of its members all over the country, at once refused to recognise it or to have any intercourse with it. The Grand Orient may since have somewhat modified its attitude of resolute disbelief, but it still remains outside the pale of English Masonry, which is wide enough to include the Jew, the Parsee, and the Mahomedan, but requires a belief in the Supreme Power. The present Pope is credited with entertaining the most friendly feelings towards this country.

¹⁸ *Loco. cit.* pp. 128, 129.

He might easily give effect to them, without derogating from the position in matters of religious belief which was defined in Bristol by Cardinal Vaughan, if he would discriminate between Freemasonry as practiced in English and as practiced, we may say, in Latin countries. The advantage would only be to Catholics, who as Englishmen fully understand the true nature of the case, but are held back by the decree of the Holy See. A more tolerant attitude towards this country would make his position stronger and more logical than it is at present. The Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne, is the recognised and active head of the whole of Freemasonry throughout the British dominions, and it is a monstrous absurdity that he and other princes would give their countenance to an institution which could possibly be rendered subversive of law or order, or which was even in the remotest degree of a political character. Among the nations of Northern Europe it has the same encouragement from the ruling dynasties, and in the United States its basis is the same as in Great Britain. But we deal with our own case only, and we say that the Roman Catholic Church gives little practical proof of the goodwill which is so freely expressed, having regard to the position of the Royal house in the matter. It rather tends to justify what the enemies of Rome would say, that it cares only to have its own way, whether right or wrong.

A movement in Massachusetts to establish a Masonic Home in that jurisdiction seems to meet with a considerable degree of favour. The design, if we are correctly informed, is to establish an Institution similar to the Home at Utica, N.Y., whose ministry already has been large and blessed. It is a matter of rejoicing that now in so many different parts of the country enterprises have been started to provide for the destitute widows and orphans of Masons, and for aged Brethren who may be in indigent circumstances. Freemasonry ennobles itself by this kind of work, and thus rightfully commands the approval of its own members and the world at large. Masonic benevolence thus attested will bear blessed fruits.—"Freemasons Repository."

The man who sits down in the Lodge and waits to be appreciated will find himself among the "lost freight," and un-called for. If he desires to make a success in the Order he must show his "goods," and then his worth will soon be rated and appreciated. The opposite of this one is the man who wants to run the Lodge according to his own ideas ; he will find himself "side-tracked" at some flag station, never to be heard of again.—"Masonic Journal."

In a Lodge the other evening the W.Ts. of an E.A.F. were being presented to a newly initiated candidate. The Lodge in question evidently does not possess a proper set, for in place of the 24in. G. a 3ft. rule was substituted, which, if the candidate be a thinking man, would rather nonplus him.—"Masonry."

It is the practice of Masons that brings Masonry into disrepute. Her teachings are all right, but her members in their daily lives contradict those teachings.—"Masonic Trowel."

UNIVERSALITY.

"E. O." says that "E. G. M." should understand the functions of a Grand Chaplain, and why the Bible is of necessity used in Christian countries. This is, however, just what "E. G. M." does not understand, if Freemasonry poses as being "universal," and "recognises no distinction of creeds." Of course, if all Freemasons who live in Christian countries are expected to believe in the Jewish or Christian Deity, the functions of "a Grand Chaplain," and the reading of the Bible, as part of the Masonic ceremonies would be intelligible enough ; but it would utterly destroy the claim for "universality," because that includes not only Jews and Christians, but people of every other religion, and of no religion whatever. My contention is that Freemasonry was originally a brotherhood pure and simple, with no question of creed attached to it, but that the introduction of these religious services, performed by Grand or other Chaplains, has destroyed its original characteristics, and has reduced it to the level of a Christian sect, instead of a universal brotherhood.—E. G. M., in the "Echo."

A new departure in Insurance.—An important new departure, in the form of a comprehensive policy providing for compensation in the event of accident or disease, is now being made by the Accident Insurance Company, St. Swithin's Lane, London, E.C. It is believed that many who have not seen the wisdom of taking out policies covering accident alone will avail themselves of the increased advantages now offered, and will insure themselves against the risks of which all, of whatever rank, profession, or occupation, are liable. The company, it may be noted, continues the business founded in 1849. The office instituted the system of general accident insurance, under which nearly £1,000,000 has been paid in compensations, giving relief in thousands of cases of death or disablement, and providing help when most needed by the insured or their families.

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.

- 1745 Farringdon Without, Viad't H.
- 61 Probity, Halifax
- 62 Social, Manchester
- 79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
- 85 Faithful, Harleston
- 89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
- 102 Unanimity, North Walsham
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
- 302 Hope, Bradford
- 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
- 388 Prudence, Halesworth
- 408 Three Graces, Haworth
- 433 Hope, Brightlingsea
- 467 Tudor, Oldham
- 543 Cleveland, Stokesley
- 557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
- 607 Chicheley, Thrapston
- 613 Unity, Southport
- 699 Boscawen, Chacewater
- 985 Alexandra, Lincoln
- 1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
- 1177 Tenby, Tenby
- 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
- 1258 Kennard, Pontypool
- 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
- 1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
- 1286 Bayon, Lincoln
- 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
- 1542 Legiolium, Castleford
- 1564 St. John, Woking
- 1575 Clive, Market Drayton
- 1600 Hamilton, Alford
- 1758 Obedience, Okehampton
- 1895 Thames, Henley
- 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
- 2187 Adur, Henfield

Tuesday.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons-hall, 4
- 9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
- 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
- 172 Old Concord, Freemasons'-hall
- 217 Stability, Anderton's
- 255 Harmony, Richmond
- 765 St. James, Bridge House Hot.
- 1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
- 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse
- 1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
- 1397 Anerley, Anerley
- 1472 Henley, North Woolwich
- 1693 Kingsland, Highbury
- 2032 Richmond, Richmond
- 2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel
- 2150 Tivoli, Frascati
- 2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
- 2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
- 47 Newstead, Nottingham
- 52 Union, Norwich
- 70 St. John, Plymouth
- 103 Beaufort, Bristol
- 120 Palladian, Hereford
- 124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
- 126 Silent Temple, Burnley
- 158 Adam's, Sheerness
- 160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
- 226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
- 252 Harmonic, Dudley
- 265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
- 294 Constitutional, Beverley
- 315 Royal York, Brighton
- 340 Alfred, Oxford
- 364 Cambrian, Neath
- 366 St. David, Milford
- 373 Socrates, Huntingdon
- 393 St. David, Berwick
- 421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
- 457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
- 484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
- 493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
- 510 St. Martin, Liskeard
- 558 Temple, Folkestone
- 599 Cherwell, Banbury
- 615 St. John and St. Paul, Erith
- 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
- 660 Camalodunum, Malton
- 673 St. John, Liverpool
- 685 Northumberland, N'castle-o-T
- 702 Sherborne, Stroud
- 734 Londesborough, Bridlington
- 779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
- 794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
- 804 Carnarvon, Havant
- 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
- 847 Fortescue, Honiton

- 855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
- 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 974 Pentalpha, Bradford
- 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
- 990 Neyland, Neyland
- 995 Furness, Ulverston
- 1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
- 1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
- 1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
- 1067 Royal Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-Severn
- 1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
- 1134 Newall, Manchester
- 1193 Doric, Wymondham
- 1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
- 1214 Scarborough, Batley
- 1222 St. Kew, Weston-super-Mare
- 1244 Marwood, Redcar
- 1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
- 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
- 1282 Ancholme, Brigg
- 1336 Square & Compass, Wrexham
- 1367 Beaminster Manor, Beaminster
- 1395 Way Side, Woking Station
- 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
- 1488 St. Eleth, Amlwch
- 1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
- 1522 Olicana, Ilkley
- 1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
- 1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
- 1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
- 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
- 1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
- 1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
- 1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
- 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
- 1904 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
- 1970 Hadrian, South Shields
- 1981 Arnold, East Molesey
- 2001 Narberth, Narberth
- 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
- 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Av.
- 2136 St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortfd.
- 2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

- 511 Zetland, Anderton's
- 1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
- 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
- 1491 Athenæum, Criterion
- 1585 Royal Commemoration, Putney
- 1687 Rothesay, Frascati
- 74 Athol, Birmingham
- 86 Loyalty, Preston, Lanc.
- 94 Phoenix, Sunderland
- 128 Prince Edwin, Bury
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
- 164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
- 168 Mariners, Guernsey
- 258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
- 279 St. John, Leicester
- 282 Bedford, Tavistock
- 287 Unanimity, Stockport
- 298 Harmony, Rochdale
- 301 Apollo, Alcester
- 320 Loyalty, Mottram
- 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
- 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
- 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
- 471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
- 504 Berkhamptead, Berkhamptd.
- 533 Eaton, Congleton
- 555 Fidelity, Framlingham
- 580 Harmony, Ormskirk
- 606 Segontium, Carnarvon
- 611 Marches, Ludlow
- 643 Royal, Filey
- 645 Humphrey Chetham, Manchester
- 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
- 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
- 697 United, Colchester
- 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
- 838 Franklin, Boston
- 910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
- 929 Waveney, Bungay
- 970 St. Anne, East Loos
- 992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton
- 1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
- 1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
- 1010 Kingston, Hull
- 1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
- 1024 St. Peter, Maldon

- 1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
- 1085 Hartington, Derby
- 1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
- 1205 Metham, East Stonehouse
- 1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
- 1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
- 1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-St.
- 1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
- 1335 Lindsay, Wigan
- 1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
- 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
- 1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
- 1461 Clausentum, Woolston
- 1478 Longleat, Warminster
- 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
- 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
- 1532 Bective, Carlisle
- 1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
- 1544 Mount-Edgumbe, Camborne
- 1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
- 1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
- 1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
- 1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
- 1736 St. John, Halifax
- 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
- 1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
- 1808 Suffield, North Walsham
- 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
- 1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
- 2042 Apollo, Liverpool
- 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
- 2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
- 2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
- 2283 Euston, St. Neots
- 2355 Chantrey, Dore
- 2368 Alan, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
- 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
- 2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
- 2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
- 2464 Longsight, Longsight
- 2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

Thursday.

- 27 Egyptian, Anderton's
- 45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tavn.
- 192 Lion and Lamb, Cannon St. H.
- 227 Ionic, Criterion
- 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-h.
- 742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
- 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge Ho. Hot.
- 1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
- 1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
- 1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
- 1765 Trinity College, 13 Manderville Place, W.
- 1772 Pimlico, Westminster
- 1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
- 1950 Southgate, New Southgate
- 2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand H.
- 2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
- 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone
- 24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 31 United Industrious, Canterbury
- 38 Union, Chichester
- 41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
- 57 Humber, Hull
- 110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
- 114 British Union, Ipswich
- 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
- 254 Trinity, Coventry
- 266 Naphtali, Heywood
- 269 Fidelity, Blackburn
- 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
- 283 Amity, Haslingden
- 289 Fidelity, Leeds
- 295 Combermere Union, Maccles'f'd
- 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 305 Apollo, Beccles
- 309 Harmony, Farcham
- 317 Affability, Manchester
- 324 Moira, Stalybridge
- 337 Candour, Uppermill
- 360 Pomfret, Northampton
- 361 Industry, Hyde
- 362 Doric, Grantham
- 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
- 446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset
- 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
- 539 St. Matthew, Walsall
- 625 Devonshire, Glossop
- 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
- 633 Yarborough, Manchester
- 637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
- 703 Clifton, Blackpool
- 710 Pleiades, Totnes

- 761 St. John, Dursley
- 792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
- 856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
- 976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
- 1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
- 1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
- 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
- 1164 Eliot, St. Germans
- 1231 Savile, Elland
- 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
- 1284 Brent, Topsham
- 1324 Okeover, Ripley
- 1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
- 1384 Equity, Widnes
- 1473 Bootle, Bootle
- 1500 Walpole, Norwich
- 1504 Red Rose Lancaster, Padiham
- 1513 Friendly, Barnsley
- 1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
- 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
- 1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
- 1639 Watling Street, Stony Stratford
- 1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
- 1829 Burrell, Brighton
- 1874 Lechmere, Kidderminster
- 1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
- 2028 Granite, Marborough
- 2043 Kendrick, Reading
- 2091 Castleberg, Settle
- 2169 Osborna, East Cowas, I. of W.
- 2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
- 2255 Philbrick, Chingford
- 2317 Bisley, Woking
- 2321 Acacia, Bradford
- 2342 Eastford, Kelvedon
- 2350 Corinthian, Hindley
- 2386 Clarence, Chester
- 2414 Wychwood, Burford

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
- 890 Hornsey, Anderton's
- 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
- 1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
- 2076 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.H.
- 2482 Eccentric, Café Royal
- 44 Friendship, Manchester
- 242 St. George, Doncaster
- 291 Rural Philanthropic, Highb'dge.
- 306 Alfred, Leeds
- 355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon
- 375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street
- 404 Watford, Watford
- 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
- 460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyne
- 521 Truth, Huddersfield
- 574 L. Berkshire of Hope, Newbury
- 601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
- 652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
- 698 Ryde, Isle of Wight
- 709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
- 751 Eastnor, Ledbury
- 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
- 936 Adair, Aldeburgh
- 998 Welchpool, Welchpool
- 1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
- 1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
- 1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
- 1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
- 1405 Southwell, Nottingham
- 1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
- 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
- 1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
- 1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
- 1754 Windsor, Penarth
- 1833 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
- 1993 Wolsley, Manchester
- 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
- 2330 Beneventa, Daventry
- 2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
- 2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion
- 1622 Rose, Camberwell
- 1949 Brixton, Kennington
- 2202 Regent's Park, York & Albany
- 2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall
- 149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
- 370 St. George, Chertsey
- 444 Union, Starcross
- 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1223 Amherst, Riverhead
- 1388 Canynges, Bristol
- 1458 Truth, Manchester
- 1460 Thames Valley, Halliford
- 1550 Prudence, Plymouth
- 1567 Elliot, Feltham
- 2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth
- 2096 George Price, Croydon
- 2442 St. Clement, Leigh

We desire to draw the attention of our Manchester subscribers and others who may be likely to visit that city to the concluding paragraph in our report of the Instruction Lodge, No. 581. The formation of an Installed Masters Lodge for rehearsal of that important ceremony, which every enthusiastic Master is desirous of performing on behalf of his successor, must necessarily supply a great want. That it is likely to be a success goes without saying, especially as the fee to members of the Instruction Lodge is only 2s 6d per year, and the night of meeting is so arranged as not to interfere with other Lodges. We learn that at the preliminary meeting, mentioned elsewhere, there were present a dozen Past Masters, and half that number of Acting Masters, who were all in hearty accord with the movement. We regard the proposal as a splendid method of securing uniformity in this important ceremony, and it might well be imitated in other large Masonic centres.

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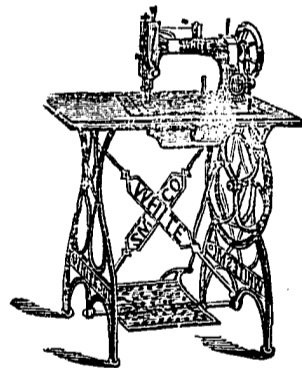
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- Drury Lane.—7-30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer.
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- Court.—8-45, Vanity Fair.
- Adelphi.—8, The Swordsman's Daughter.
- Princess's.—7.45, Saved from the Sea.
- Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
- Prince of Wales's.—7-35, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 3.
- Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
- Criterion.—8-20, All abroad.
- Strand.—8, A Handsome Husband. 9, In a Locket.
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- Garrick.—8-30, Alabama.
- Toole's.—8-45, Thorough-bred. (Last night.)
- Avenue.—9, The Private Secretary.
- Royalty.—8-30, The Chili Widow.
- Duke of York's.—8-15, Her Advocate.
- Daly's.—Second edition of An Artist's Model.
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- Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.
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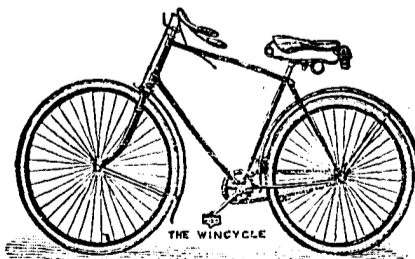
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22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7-30
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 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
 188 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
 793 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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30
 1472 Hanley, 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 Crenton, 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, 33 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, Eastera Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime
 house, E., 7-30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bothnal 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
 1612 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,
 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.
 1298 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.
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