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## QUESTIONING THE RECORDS.

THE letter we publish elsewhere from Brother Nathan Heywood I.P.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, supported as it is by the evidence of our Manchester representative, who has personally inspected the Warrant under which the Lodge is working, and confirms the date of 18th June 1755, makes the action of Bro. John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, whose letter we published last week with editorial comments, yet more inexplicable than we then regarded it. As a Past Master of the Lodge referred to, Bro. Chadwick cannot plead ignorance of the facts of the case, but even if he was not fully aware of the details he had a ready means at hand to learn them, and certainly adopted a very extraordinary course when he penned his anything but polite letter to us, commenting on the "gross ignorance" displayed in our report, a term which, on investigation, seems to be more applicable to the critic than the criticised.

The fact seems to be that Bro. Chadwick has become a convert to the Mutual Admiration Society that has so long existed in connection with Masonic literature, which society regards criticism, doubt, or contradiction as little short of heresy when applied to one of themselves, but unanswerable when they, in turn, venture to express an opinion at variance with that of someone else. This combination has done a great amount of harm in the past, and must continue to do so unless a check is put upon it, as it stifles honest criticism, and tends to perpetuate errors which, under more rational treatment, might soon be corrected and set at rest on a really substantial basis. We do not imagine Bro. Chadwick would have had a word to say against the statement in the report referred to—wherein it was recorded that this ancient Lodge commenced the 141st year of its existence on the 18th of June last—had it not been that in Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" a much later year of origin is ascribed to it, he quoting 1803 as the date of its foundation.

However it may be, we have no intention of accepting the statements contained in Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" in preference to those of the official publications of Grand Lodge, for, as we are reminded by an esteemed correspondent this week, one of the chief reasons set out by Bro. Lane for issuing his second edition was to provide the means of making "many hundreds of important corrections" in the first one—a very poor recommendation we thought at the time, and so consider it at the present. Having admitted that the first edition needed many hundreds of important corrections, what guarantee have we that the second is any better? Experience in regard to this Manchester Lodge seems to convince us that instead of Bro. Lane's book being a compilation of facts it is but an exposition of theories, for we imagine there is some theory as the basis of Bro. Chadwick's opinion, although it must be wholly at variance with the statements contained in the Warrant of Confirmation under which the Lodge is being worked, and which were no doubt fully enquired into before they were issued under the authority of the rulers of Grand Lodge.

The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is no hero worshipper, and thinks no more of criticising the acts of the Masonic luminaries than it does of finding fault with the conduct of a private member; one of the results of our actions in this direction being that we are tabooed by our friends of the before mentioned Admiration Society; in fact we long since sacrificed ourselves so far as they are concerned, by daring to open our pages to such writers as Bro. Jacob Norton, who, despite his perpetual iconoclasm, won the admiration of many of his most determined opponents, on account of the perseverance he displayed, and the marvellous powers he possessed of unearthing supporting links in the different chains of evidence he sought to establish; he was, in fact, a model controversialist—he would argue to the fullest of his power against a Brother writer, would say the hardest and bitterest things in regard to his theories, and at the same time entertain no animosity nor expect any; rather looking forward to the enjoyment of a hearty expression of friendship, and a pleasant chat over the varied points of difference between himself and those who opposed his views.

Doubtless he was not always right, but he was far too independent to find favour among the class of Masonic writers who cannot tolerate opposition to their pet theories, and more often than not he had the best of the argument, simply because those who opposed him lost their temper when their statements were questioned.

We hope this will not be the end of the controversy now started in regard to the age of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44; surely the matter can be settled one way or the other, and that would be far better than allowing the continuance of such an anomaly as a Provincial Grand Secretary openly declaring that the supreme authority of the Craft is in gross ignorance of the real facts of the case. How does Bro. Chadwick reconcile his action with the third and tenth of the Antient Charges to which he gave his consent previous to his Installation as Master, and which must frequently have been brought under his notice since?

## ADDITIONAL SCHOOL VACANCIES.

IT is with considerable gratification we are able to announce that in all probability the vacancies for the two Educational Institutions already provided for Thursday and Friday next will in each case be increased by the declaration of another vacancy before the poll opens, the removal of a boy and a girl from the respective Schools rendering such a course possible. We may therefore look for the election of eighteen girls from the approved list of thirty-four candidates, on Thursday; and seventeen boys from the approved list of forty-six candidates the following day, so that altogether thirty-five of eighty applicants will next week be admitted to the benefits of the Masonic Schools.

It is not our usual course to specially urge the claims of

particular candidates, but we depart from our rule on this occasion on behalf of the lad Dixie, whose father was known to us for many years, we having been schoolfellows together, continuing our friendship in after life, and ultimately cementing it by frequent meetings in Masonic Lodges. Happily our late Bro. Dixie made many friends in his lifetime, not a few of whom are working most strenuously on behalf of his son, whose success, we sincerely hope, will be assured at the election on Friday. If any of our friends can spare a proxy or two for him we shall be specially obliged to them, and a really deserving case will be assisted.

### NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, on the 30th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P. The consecration of three new Lodges will take place at the meeting, says the "Newcastle Daily Journal," viz., "The Temperance," "The Delaval," and "The Holmes," which shows that Freemasonry is making good progress under the régime of Sir. M. W. Ridley.

### LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincolnshire was held at Grimsby, on the 26th ult., Comp. William Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., Grand Superintendent presiding over a large assemblage.

The Provincial Superintendent delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he alluded to the excellent work done by the late Comp. Kirk as Grand Treasurer.

The Registrar reported an increase in the number of Companions, and the Acting Treasurer a balance in hand. Comps. F. J. Sowby (Gainsborough) and Wormald (Lincoln) were nominated for the Treasurership, and Comp. Sowby was elected, being seconded by Comp. Sissons.

Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Provincial Grand Officers were invested as follow:—

Comp. Jas. B. Morton	-	-	-	2nd Principal
W. H. Moore	-	-	-	3rd Principal
B. Vickers	-	-	-	Scribe E.
W. Hirst	-	-	-	Scribe N.
B. Beeson	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
F. Barrett	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
W. W. Sowby	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
F. J. Sowby	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. L. Reyner	-	-	-	Registrar
H. J. Atkinson	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. G. Pearson	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. H. Gane	-	-	-	Master of Ceremonies
G. H. Gregory	-	-	-	Organist.

### WORCESTERSHIRE.

BY command of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, on Wednesday next, 9th inst., under the banner of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59, which will be opened at 4 o'clock, when the ceremony of Advancement will be worked, after which the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers will enter the Lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in due form at 5 o'clock.

The business of the meeting will be of the ordinary character, and will include an address on the subject of Mark Masonry, delivered by the Rev. Bro. J. W. Down P.G. Chaplain, after which a collection will be made on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, for the Festival of which a Steward will be nominated, as representative of the Province.

### SOMERSETSHIRE.

PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Somerset was held on Tuesday of last week, in the Masonic Hall at Bath, when all the Lodges in the Province were represented.

The Brethren attended in large numbers, among them being Viscount Dungarvan Deputy Grand Mark Master of England,

Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary, and Bro. Baron de Ferrieres Provincial G.M. Worcestershire P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Hereford.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ancient form by the Prov.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, who was supported by a full muster of present and past P.G.L. Officers.

The Treasurer's accounts were highly satisfactory, and a substantial sum was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Prov.G.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. Col. Long	-	-	-	Deputy
Col. A. T. Perkins P.G.D.	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Bro. C. J. Baldwins P.M. R.C.	-	-	-	Junior Warden
G. M. Wilson P.M. 171	-	-	-	Master Overseer
F. Bendle P.M. 155	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
G. R. Wilson W.M. 155	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. T. E. W. Thomas Chaplain 162	-	-	-	Chaplain
C. W. Redway P.G.D. England	-	-	-	Treasurer
H. Bevin W.M. 177	-	-	-	Registrar
F. T. Elworthy P.G.S.D. England	-	-	-	Secretary
E. E. Baker W.M. 102	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
E. W. Loveless W.M. R.C.	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
H. Davies J.W. 191	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
F. W. Bishop S.W. 191	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. F. Coggan M.O. 191	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. A. Milborne 162	-	-	-	Organist
T. Colenutt S. 9 119	-	-	-	Inner Guard
T. Bamfield P.S.W. 119	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Rogers 119	-	-	-	Stewards
Eustace Fuller 177	-	-	-	
A. G. Salter	-	-	-	Tyler.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed, the Brethren dined together on the premises, an excellent repast being provided by Bro. W. Fisher.

### CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday afternoon a special Masonic service was held at St. James' Church, Laird Street, North Birkenhead, when a collection was made on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Fund.

The service was choral, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Millward Hughes 2496 P.Prov.G. Organist, assisted by the choir of St. Anne's Church, Birkenhead, and Brethren from various Lodges, and during the collection the solo "Crown ye with Palms" (Faure) was impressively sung by Bro. Walter Baker. The Brethren, numbering about 200, assembled in St. James Schools, Miriam Place, Laird Street, from whence they marched in procession to the church, wearing the clothing and insignia of the Craft.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Johnson P.M. 1289 P.P.G. Chaplain, who took his text from Exodus ii., 9, "And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." In the course of his sermon the preacher referred to the many benevolent and charitable schemes which existed in the 19th century for the care and education of children, speaking in high terms of the great good which had been accomplished by the Cheshire Masonic Educational Fund. Its special object was to give education and maintenance, as well as affording means for advancement in life, of the children placed on the foundation of the Institution. He especially commended the plan pursued of not removing the little ones from their mother's care, in order that they might still enjoy home influences which were so beneficial to them. After alluding to the benefits of education, Brother Johnson said that the income of the fund during the past year had been £341, and that forty-nine children had been cared for at a cost of £363. He concluded by making an appeal to the Brethren for liberal contributions on that occasion. The collection amounted to the sum of £15 12s 2d.—"Liverpool Mercury."

### BURNS AND FREEMASONRY.

THE claim of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2 (S.C.), that Burns was the Poet Laureate of that Lodge, and that the well-known picture representing his installation was an accurate reproduction of the gathering on that occasion, was challenged in some Masonic quarters, and the question has been for a long time under the consideration of Grand Lodge. The Grand Committee have recently unanimously adopted the following resolution:—"Grand Committee having considered the report of the sub-committee re the picture in the board-room of Grand Lodge, inscribed—'The inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, 1st March 1787, presented by James Burnes, K.H., F.R.S., &c. to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1862,'—and 'facts' brought before them anent the same, refuse to recommend any alteration on said inscription."

## LORD WOLSELEY AND THE CRAFT.

FIELD-MARSHAL Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., was entertained in Dublin on Tuesday night, 24th ult., by his "Brethren of the mystic tie" to a banquet in the Masonic Hall. The compliment was a token of the well-deserved personal esteem in which the distinguished guest is held in the Masonic Order, while attesting at the same time becoming pride in our illustrious countryman, who has won his way to the position of Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Army. In either view the banquet was a happy thought, the realisation of which could not fail to be crowned with success, and also to shed lustre on the Ancient Order of Freemasonry.

Lord Wolseley's connection with Irish Masonry stands unique. He was under age when, on the 15th April 1854, just before setting out for the Crimea, he was initiated in the Military Lodge of Ireland, No. 728, and for the purpose of his induction a dispensation had accordingly to be obtained. The then Grand Master was the Duke of Leinster, who presided over the destinies of the Order for the long span of sixty-one years—namely, from 1813 to 1874. On his death he was succeeded by the first Duke of Abercorn, who likewise took part in Masonic functions to his life's end. His Grace in turn was succeeded by his son, the present Duke of Abercorn, as head of the Order.

Thus Lord Wolseley has had the experience of three Grand Masters, and he can boast of forty-one years in the Order. On the other hand, to his Brethren and the outside public it is clear that the good impression which he received of it at the outset of his career he has ever cherished. He maintained his connection with Masonry whilst soldiering in every clime, and on his return to his native land as Commander of the Forces in Ireland, he resumed membership of the Military Lodge, in which he was initiated, serving for two consecutive years the office of W.M. Moreover, he has evinced personal interest in the charities of the Order. It gave him real pleasure to attend the annual athletic sports at the Masonic Boys School, and distribute the prizes, with words of encouragement to cultivate those manly sports and pastimes which make men of muscle and self-reliance. His famous tadpole speech at the Dublin Gymnasium gave a great impetus to the systematic cultivation of athletics in our schools. Not that he would cultivate the physical at the expense of the intellectual powers. A splendid example of self-help himself, he knows the value of training the mind.

The Duke of Abercorn, with whom Lord Wolseley was recently on a visit at Baronscourt, was to have presided on the 24th, but unfortunately the state of his Grace's health prevented him from undertaking the journey to Dublin. With deep regret the Brethren heard of their Grand Master's delicate health, and fervent wishes were expressed for his speedy restoration to vigour. Here is his own admirable letter to Sir Charles Cameron, who will be recognised as the right man in the right place as one of the Honorary Secretaries of the banquet:—

Baronscourt, Ireland,  
23rd September 1895.

MY DEAR CAMERON,—I must beg of you to express to the Brethren my great regret at being unable to be present at the farewell dinner to Bro. Lord Wolseley to-morrow. I should have liked it above all things, but my health will not quite permit of it. The dinner is a pleasant way of testifying to the friendship and merits of a Brother and a nobleman—not to add a soldier—who has lived amongst you for the last five or more years. During that time he has earned the esteem of all classes in Ireland. But even among the responsible duties of his office as a soldier he has found leisure to devote some of his spare moments to the promoting and upholding of the Order of Masonry in Ireland. This, I know, is much appreciated by the Brethren. The dinner to-morrow is a mark of that appreciation. Give Bro. Lord Wolseley a hearty Masonic cheer in drinking his health, and rest assured in your mind that when he leaves our shores you will all of you lose a good Mason and a sincere friend.

Yours very truly,

ABERCORN, Grand Master.

In the absence of the Grand Master, the chair was taken by the Senior Grand Officer present—Brother James Creed Meredith, LL.D. Grand Treasurer, whose speeches were in excellent vein. On his right was the guest of the evening, and on his left General Viscount de Montmorency, General Commanding the Dublin district. There was a bright array of leading Freemasons, including most of the Grand Officers both of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, a noteworthy personality among them being Bro. Kivas Tully, who was initiated fifty-one years ago in this country, and afterwards settled in Canada. He is representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of Canada, and happens to be visiting the "old country" on a holiday.

Lord Wolseley, in responding to the toast of his health, which was drunk with great enthusiasm and hearty cheers, complimented the honorary Secretaries, Sir Charles Cameron and Bro. Albert Murray, and expressed his pride in Masonry, looking to its diffusion in promoting Brotherhood among all classes and sects of Irishmen as the best means of doing justice to Ireland. He hoped when he revisited Ireland to partake of Masonic hospitality. The banquet was a great success.—"Belfast Weekly News."

## SUITABLE LODGE QUARTERS.

IT is well known to our readers we are not among the class who consider the standing of Freemasonry in this country is improved by limiting the number of its Lodges. Of course the authorities are justified in using every precaution and in making diligent enquiry before they accede to the request of petitioners for a new Warrant, but unless it can be shown that some real and tangible objections exist we do not consider any check should be put upon what may be regarded as the natural growth of the Order.

Adopting this view of the case the question naturally arises, what are tangible objections that may be urged as reasons for refusing to grant a Warrant? It is not for us to decide the question, but it is no very difficult task to point out one or two items that may be, and doubtless are, taken into consideration, among the number being that of proper accommodation for the proposed new Lodge.

The character of the different Lodges of Freemasonry may be said in great measure to depend on the surroundings of their meeting places, and this being so Grand Lodge may reasonably require attention to the very important detail of proper accommodation, a matter that has shown a radical advance in recent years, not only in the great metropolis, but in almost every other part of the country, public caterers apparently recognising the wisdom of making special arrangements in their establishments for Masonic meetings, and not unfrequently showing more regard for the wishes of the members of the Craft, than for any other section of their patrons. This may in a measure be understood when it is recognised that a public establishment may derive as much prestige from the patronage of a Lodge, as that body does from the enjoyment of a respectable and high class home—the advantages, in fact, are mutual, and accordingly, while we are delighted to record the successful inauguration of a new Lodge, we are equally gratified in hearing of new and comfortable quarters being opened for their accommodation.

This was the case on Tuesday, when we had the pleasure of assisting at an informal inauguration of a most convenient and handsome Masonic Temple and suite of rooms at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, of which Bro. T. Watt is the present proprietor. His establishment is the home of the Imperial Lodge, No. 1694, and the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, besides accommodating the weekly meetings of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, each of which bodies is now to be congratulated on the possession of such quarters as should satisfy the most fastidious, and render their meetings even more enjoyable than usual.

The new Temple measures 47 by 20 feet, is richly decorated, handsomely furnished, and, with its accompanying ante-rooms, is entirely cut off from the other parts of the house, so that privacy and comfort are both assured. Electricity is employed for illuminating purposes, and this adds no little to the generally attractive appearance of the improved quarters, which we hope will receive that support from the Craft they so richly deserve.

Bro. Watt took advantage of the completion of the alterations he has made at his establishment by entertaining a few friends to dinner on Tuesday, among the company being the Worshipful Masters of the two Lodges meeting at his house, together with some of the regular attendants of the Faith Instruction Lodge, not the least in importance from a Masonic standpoint being our old friend Bro. T. Bull, who appears to have quite recovered his former health and spirits, and may be cited as a living exemplification of the fact that great enthusiasm for Freemasonry does not impair one's chance of the enjoyment of comfortable old age, for it must be conceded that Bro. Bull has for many years been one of the most consistent supporters of the Craft and its work to be found anywhere in the country.

Bro. Watt occupied the chair, and must have shared with his guests the satisfaction of knowing the dinner provided was all that could be desired. No doubt some special care was taken in its preparation, but we were assured it was only a fair exemplification of the capabilities of the establishment, and as such deserves particular commendation, and if the Lodges are equally well served they will have no reason for complaint under this head. At the conclusion Bro. Watt gave the usual Loyal toast, which was followed by a fine musical selection by the Misses Neecham.

Bro. A. E. Webster submitted the toast of Friends and Brothers, which, he said, in view of the fact that all present were members of the Craft, was somewhat confusing, for he felt that the larger term of Brother embraced the lesser one. Still he had great pleasure in complying with the wish of their chairman that the toast should be submitted, and hoped the spirit of friendship and brotherhood would mark all future gatherings in the handsome apartments they had just inspected.

Bro. Davis responded, he also referring to the close association of the terms "friends" and "brothers," yet they were different, inasmuch as Brotherhood could be claimed as a right by every member of their Order, while friendship was a matter entirely dependent on personal sentiments. The chairman of the evening might be said to associate the feelings of friendship with the principles of brotherhood, while as a member of the Craft he gave every promise of becoming a splendid Mason. The Temple he had provided was not merely an ornament, but was also useful for those who appreciated the work as well as the spirit of Freemasonry, and he hoped it would prove a successful venture on the part of Bro. Watt.

The next toast was "Success to the new Lodge Rooms," which was ably submitted by Bro. Goffin, who gave some very interesting details of the past history of the neighbourhood, in which, years back, he occupied a house with kitchen and flower garden, on the spot now occupied by some of the busiest establishments of the district. Truly he could say, in view of what he had himself experienced in the neighbourhood: "The old order changeth, giving place to the new." No doubt Masonry was increasing day by day and year by year in London, and it owed much to the enterprise of such men as their chairman, who, in his estimation, possessed all the characteristics of a good Mason. He hoped the new Lodge Room would be a success, and that it would be well filled by learning Brethren—men who desired to learn all the virtues of Masonry, with as few of the vices of humanity as was possible.

The Masters of the Pimlico and Imperial Lodges responded, each expressing gratification on behalf of their Lodge for the handsome improvements that had been made for their, and other Masonic assemblies.

Other toasts followed, the whole being interspersed with some excellent music, and thus was launched what we hope will prove one of the most satisfactory additions made to the homes of London Masonry in recent years;

## 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.

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## LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 44.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The letter of Bro. Chadwick would lead any of your readers to believe that the Lodge of Friendship was warranted on the 23rd of February 1803, whereas the warrant hanging in the Lodge Room, signed by the Duke of Sussex and Lord Durham, recites that the Lodge was warranted on the 18th day of June 1755.

If Bro. Chadwick is correct in his surmises, the Duke of Sussex and Lord Durham must have been seriously misled, which I think scarcely probable. Bro. Chadwick's objection comes too late in the day to carry much weight in face of such documentary evidence.

Referring to the second paragraph in Bro. Chadwick's letter, the W.M. used his discretion in declaring the state of the poll.

Yours fraternally,

NATHAN HEYWOOD.

## STATE AID FOR OUR SCHOOLS.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—One continually hears it stated that free education is provided by the State, and I have also heard it urged that the Masonic Educational Institutions should have some recognition from the same source. Is such a thing possible? or is State aid limited so as to exclude such grand and purely philanthropic Institutions as our Schools must be admitted to be from its benefits?

I have enjoyed the privilege (?) of paying School Board rates, but have never had an opportunity of sending my children to a Board School—false pride, perhaps, has kept them away; and I am also a supporter of the Boys and Girls Schools, but I believe I get no relief from the rates in that direction, which is certainly an anomaly. But I must not occupy your space discussing the pros and cons of educational legislature, except so far as it concerns my original query.

In considering the estimates for education, &c., in the House of Commons, Mr. Ackland said that at the present time the State was giving for elementary education alone more than 28s per child in average attendance. Now, I presume this means an average payment of 28s per child, and as some must be below the average, others of course must be above it, so that there is little doubt but what many get 30s each. Now, what is the reason our Boys and Girls cannot earn this sum, or even more, for the Scholastic Institutions of Freemasonry? I do not think there would be any risk of their failing in the examination, and it is fair to assume that the two Institutions would benefit to the extent of some £800 a year if such a course was possible. It seems to me absurd to say that the State provides free Education for every child in the country if there is no way of getting the grant for such deserving Schools as those of Freemasonry. Is it that they are too well conducted to come within the scope of the Act, or what is the difficulty to be surmounted?

I shall be very pleased if someone more conversant with the Education laws than I am will enlighten me on the point, which concerns not only the two Schools of English Freemasonry, but every other Scholastic Charity of the country—is, indeed, of such moment as to call for amendment, which I feel could be secured by united action on the part of those who would benefit by the change.

Yours, &amp;c.,

GIVE AND TAKE.

## OUR WICKED(?) DESIGNS.

THE controversy at Weston-super-Mare as to the designs of Freemasonry seems likely to end in the usual way when an opponent finds he has a bad case—our assailant's course now is to abuse the other side, and pretend to retire on his dignity, as his latest letter (in the "Weston Mercury") shows:

SIR,—Having given authority for my assertions, to which men of goodwill are sure to refer, I have no intention to trespass on your space by useless controversy with those unwilling to seek the truth. When these have been studied and disproved, I shall be prepared to tender still further evidence by reference to responsible authors. Disinterested acts of pure benevolence cannot possibly demand profound secrecy.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. H. SHAW.

## MASONIC CHARITY?

THE following appears in a Melbourne weekly paper which has been sent to us carefully marked for insertion:

The Masons are supposed to be a charitable body. A lady writes the following letter concerning the widow of a Freemason, who for four years has struggled to support her two children:—

Two months ago she appealed to the Masons of the Grand Lodge, Melbourne, for assistance. A printed form of queries was sent to and answered by her, she at the same time forwarding her husband's clearance from his Lodge. She was then requested to appear before the committee, which she obeyed, though she remarked to a friend, "I would sooner starve, if I had only myself to consider, but for the sake of the children I'll go."

She went, a delicate refined woman, before a dozen or more—must I call them men?—to be questioned and cross-questioned, from which ordeal she came, looking as white as a sheet and nearly fainting, with an order to wait outside and they would see what they could do for her; that was—what do you think?—she must write to New Zealand, to the Lodge to which her husband belonged, for assistance. Such is the way Freemasons keep their promises. I have always understood that one of the salient points of Masonry is to assist and protect a Brother's widow and children. The letter was written to New Zealand on the following day, eight weeks ago, and remains unanswered yet. Do the Masons of Australasia understand the real principles of Masonry?—"Masonry."

## HERE AND THERE.

I AM writing this in sight of a calm and placid sea, a promenade full of holiday seekers, and rather a dull sky at Manchester-super-Mare. The town of the present day, with a population of nearly 24,000, its—shall I say—myriads of lodging-houses, numberless hotels, gardens, and other places of recreation, and last, though decidedly not least, its magnificent tower, is widely different to the Blackpool of a hundred years ago. In 1789 a writer named Baldwin, of Paternoster Row, London, published a description of it, wherein he says that "Blackpool has ever been a favourite watering-place of Manchester people." It was then only rising into existence, was quite in its infancy, and too insignificant to be noticed by the gay or invalids at a distance. It derived its chief support from Lancashire, and especially Manchester. In August the company were most numerous, then amounting to about four hundred; but in October no one was to be seen. At that time there were only about fifty scattered houses to the extent of a mile along the beach, and none of the superior houses for the reception of company seemed to have been more than seven years old. A gentleman who had regularly visited Blackpool since 1770, declared to Mr. Baldwin that when he first knew the place the little white cottage at the lane end, which became the news-house in 1788, was the only one of public resort. There was no place of worship in Blackpool, nor was any service performed in any of the rooms, "nor was there to be seen," says the author, "one Methodist preacher roaring against a wall."

There were fine sands for walks or rides, a parade, and a pretty grass walk on the verge of the sea, about six yards wide and 200 long, with an alcove at one end and a vile pit at the other. The chief inns or boarding-houses in 1788 were those of Bailey, Forshaw, Hull, and Hudson, the first being the most fashionable.

In the present day, however, visitors crowd not only from Manchester, but from such distant places as London, Paris, &c., and I have often heard the highest eulogiums passed upon it on account of its peculiarly enervating and bracing air. Anyone who wishes to "recreate," and have the very best value for their money, may safely pay a visit to this watering place, sometimes termed the "Brighton of the North."

There are three handsome piers, the North, the Central, and the South, and from one or other of these steamers sail daily during the season to Southport, Douglas (Isle of Man), Barrow-in-Furness, and other places.

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The term "civil engineer" was applied about the middle of the last century to a person who devoted himself to occupations of the kind originally practised by military engineers, and who belonged to the civil, and not to the military community.

John Smeaton, Fellow of the Royal Society, who in 1759 completed the construction of the new Eddystone lighthouse (the former one was destroyed by fire in 1756), is said to have been probably the first civil practitioner, at least in England, who formally adopted the title "civil engineer."

The lacuna between his time and that of the Stephens and Brunels, which latter inaugurated the era of railways, was worthily filled by such names as James Brindley, James Watt, Robert Mylne, John Rennie, and Thomas Telford. A very old Engineering Society, founded by Smeaton, adopted two mottoes, one in Greek and the other in Latin. The former says, "We conquer by art the difficulties offered by Nature."

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The Eddystone Lighthouse is placed on a rock about 12 miles south-west of Plymouth. In 1696, a gentleman of Essex, by name Winstanley, was engaged to erect a lighthouse upon the Eddystone rock, and in four years completed it. But while undergoing some repairs under his direction in 1703 (on the 29th November), a violent hurricane came on, which blew the lighthouse down, and Mr. Winstanley and all his workmen perished, nothing remaining of the erection but a few stones and a piece of iron chain.

In the spring of 1706 an Act of Parliament was obtained for rebuilding the lighthouse, and a gentleman named Rudyard, a silk mercer, was the engineer employed. He placed five courses of heavy stones upon the rock, and then erected a superstructure of wood. The lighthouse on the Bell Rock, off the coast of Fife, and the one placed at the entrance of the Mersey, on the Black Rock, were similarly constructed, so that there seemed good reason for adopting the principle.

Mr. Smeaton thought that the work was done in a masterly manner, but in 1755 the edifice was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Smeaton himself was afterwards retained on the new structure, which, begun in 1756, took four years to complete, and became the admiration of the whole world.

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The name of Winstanley recalls to my mind a very talented actress and author, a descendant of the unfortunate gentleman who perished in the terrible storm which carried away the Eddystone structure. Miss Winstanley, the lady in question, was married at the age of eighteen to Captain George Sterling Oflahertie, of Galway, Ireland. At the age of fifteen she had appeared before a Sydney audience, and was considered to be very attractive. Manchester, however, had the honour of witnessing her first appearance on any stage in this country. She made her debut at the Theatre Royal, as Constance, in Shakespeare's tragedy of "King John." After various provincial successes, she found a home at Drury Lane, and next at the Princess's, which was then under the management of Mr. Charles Kean.

Mrs. Winstanley (she retained her maiden name on account of her profession) was a prolific writer, and three of her books which were very popular a quarter of a century ago deserve a prominent place in the literature of the country, viz., "Dora Riversdale," "Twenty Straws," and "The Mistress of Hawk's Crag."

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## FREEMASONS AND CLERICALS.

From the "Globe" Correspondent,  
Paris, Friday (20th September).

I HAVE already alluded to the war which has broken out between the Freemasons and the Clericals, and were the subject not interesting to so many people, I should not think of returning to it. In my last reference to it I confined myself to what the Freemasons had to say: it is only fair that we should now give the Clericals a hearing. For this purpose one of the principal writers in the Clerical organ, "La Croix," who, at the same time, is said to be a member of one of the religious orders, has been applied to, and his answer is worth quoting. "I am not sorry," he said, "that the Freemasons should have declared hostilities in such a clear and frank style. We have expected it for a long time, but one cannot be warned too often. During the past few years the Clericals have remained quiet and resigned. Our adversaries have taken advantage of our silence and patience to seize on all the machinery of government, and thereby put an irresistible pressure on the public powers. Whether the government likes it or not, it is the prisoner of the Lodges, whose sole aim is the destruction of the religious beliefs which are so dear to us. The Grand Orient affects to be indignant at the attacks made on it. It is astonished that we should have the audacity to defend ourselves, and to start papers in opposition to theirs. This is ingenuous, indeed, but it will not wash. The era of resignation has come to an end. If we are to perish, it will be better to die fighting; but we shall not perish, for the Church is immortal. It has defied and vanquished enemies of a very different stamp, and suffered persecutions far more terrible. As regards the idea of a 'casier maçonnique,' a kind of private information register, it was not started by us, but we approve of it. It is only natural we should want to know with whom we have to deal, in order not to be exposed to introducing Freemasons into our homes and relations."

The Clerical editor then went on to say that they knew perfectly well that the laws from which they are suffering were the work of the Freemasons. They formed part of a programme drawn up long ago. "Those laws," he said, "were intolerable. In the matter of education, they drove religion out of the schools, while in respect to the conscription, and under the pretext of equality, they rendered the recruiting of the clergy almost impossible. The service of one year in the hospitals might be accepted, but who could resist the influence of three years of military service, to say nothing of the service in the reserves, which is still more demoralising? Again, as regards fiscal matters, we are placed outside the common law; imposts have been made especially for us. After having made us suffer morally, it is now sought to ruin us. The Bishops hoped that the military law would be applied with a moderation which might have made it supportable, but nothing of the sort. Had we refused to submit to it, what would the government have done? Would it not have been disarmed in presence of the thousands of faithful determined to obey their consciences and their spiritual chiefs? I am convinced that on this point resistance will ultimately be organised. A few recalcitrant congregations will be sold, but the government will not dare to attack all the congregations united together. In the end, nobody will have the courage to support those unjust laws. In the meanwhile, the wind blows in the direction of war, and Freemasonry is the enemy. We have been patient too long: the time for action has now come."

All the Clericals, however, are not so bellicose as our contemporary, "La Croix." Says the Secretary of the Anti-Masonic Union:—"We do not desire war, and we shall not seek it. All we wish is to take advantage of the 'convent' which the Freemasons are organising to organise in our turn an International Anti-Masonic Congress. Catholicism is a power, and must show the world that it is one. If we do not demonstrate the fact, the Freemasons will continue to go ahead, without for a moment remembering that we are still their eternal obstacle. What we want to do is to put a stop to the fatal influence of Freemasonry, which is not only an anti-religious sect, but which also manages to get possession of all the positions in the Government, whether political, social, or financial, to the exclusion of the Catholics. To remedy this situation, we shall make use of all the means in our power, such as public lectures, the propagation of Catholic papers, free libraries, works of charity, and fêtes of all kinds. The role of the Anti-Masonic Union, which will be only one of the offshoots of the International Congress, will consist in the employment of these means. By placing ourselves under the protection of St. Michael, St. Francis, and the Venerable Joan of Arc, by appealing to the Catholic Societies which already exist, to the Catholic clubs and associations, by creating Anti-Masonic sections everywhere throughout the country, and especially in the localities where Freemasonry has its Lodges—by doing this we hope to struggle victoriously against the ills which beset the Church and the Fatherland. Some of our friends have proposed to establish 'casiers maçonniques,' by the aid of which we should

be able to prove that such and such a person is a Freemason, to be shunned by all who desire to defend and support the outraged and persecuted Church. I do not agree with this proposal, though it may be useful at a given moment. To sum up, there are good Catholics numerous enough in France to counterbalance the baneful influence of the Freemasons. But let me again say that, as far as myself and friends are concerned, it is not a war which we are preparing: we shall keep ourselves simply on the defensive, and wait to see what turns up."

Such is the situation of the rival parties, according to the latest details, for some of which I am indebted to our enterprising contemporary, the "Matin." It is evident that there is a good deal of sound and fury on both sides, which will probably end in nothing. As will be seen, the Clericals and Catholics are divided on the subject: this is a bad state of affairs to begin with. It may also be questioned whether they have not taken the field too late in the day to command success. There might have been a chance when the religious congregations were dispersed, but they have lost the opportunity by waiting too long, and now their threatened demonstrations seem almost out of place. That they may have right on their side is possible, but might is stronger than right, and might appears to be on the side of the Freemasons. Having allowed them to instal themselves in all the Governmental posts, to say nothing of the Senate and the Chamber, it will be hard work to get them out again. The Clericals may attack them, but to little purpose: their influence is only likely to become greater by their resistance. The Clericals seem to be aware of this contingency; hence the Congress, with which they hope to strike a deadly blow. On their side, the Freemasons hope to kill their enemy by the means which they propose to adopt, but which, like everything connected with the Order, will be kept secret. Outsiders will be curious to witness the battle—supposing it comes off, which is by no means certain, the official declaration of war not having yet been made. A few weeks longer, and we shall all be wiser, and, let us hope, better, whether we be Clericals or Freemasons.

The new Lodge to be consecrated at the Empire of India Exhibition, on the 14th inst., under the title of the Empress, No. 2581, will have for its first Master Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale Past Grand Treasurer, with Dr. Maitland Coffin and Bro. Imre Kiralfy as his Wardens. A great success is anticipated.

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**A** GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Thursday, 10th October 1895, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider the recommendation of the General Committee as under, and to elect 17 Girls (or in the event of the above-mentioned recommendation being adopted 18) into the School from a list of 34 approved candidates.

Recommendation of the General Committee:

"That one further vacancy (making 18 in all) be declared for the October Election in consequence of the withdrawal of Mabel Margaret Vale from the Institution."

The election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual business is over, and close at Three o'clock precisely.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

No. 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,  
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**A** QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 11th day of October 1895, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution;

To consider the following Resolution of the Council of Friday, 27th September:

"That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the Election on Friday, 11th October, to fill the place of the boy Roland George Francke, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term."

To elect SIXTEEN, or, if the above recommendation be adopted, SEVENTEEN Boys, from an approved list of Forty-six Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely. The Ballot for the election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

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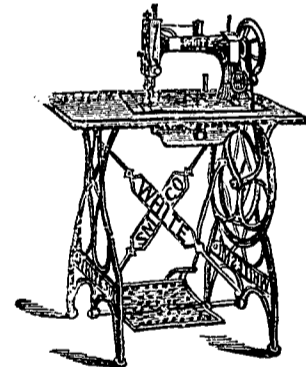
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- Covent Garden.—12th October, English Opera.
- Lyceum.—8, Romeo and Juliet.
- Court.—8.45, Vanity Fair.
- Adelphi.—8, The Swordsman's Daughter.
- Princess's.—7.45, Saved from the Sea.
- Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
- Prince of Wales's.—8.15, A Woman's Caprice. and 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.
- Vaudeville.—8.20, Between the Posts. 8.55, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.
- Garrick.—8.30, Alabama.
- Avenue.—9, The Private Secretary.
- Royalty.—8.40, The Chili Widow.
- Duke of York's.—8.15, Her Advocate.
- Daly's.—Second edition of An Artist's Model.
- Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. 8.20, A day out. At 9.50, Titania. Grand Ballets, Juggling, Wrestling, &c.
- Empire.—Variety Entertainment. 8, On Brighton Pier. 10.10, Faust.
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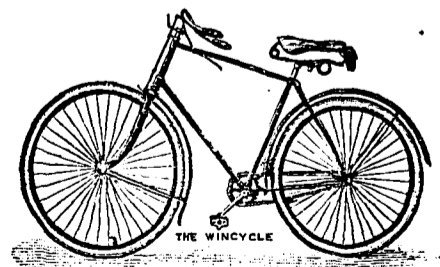
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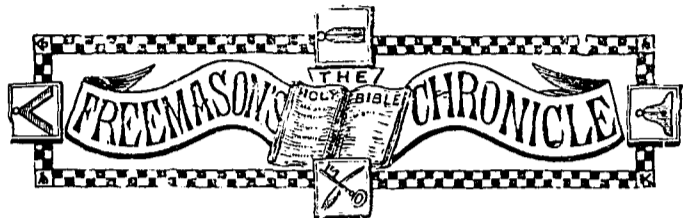
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SATURDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 1895.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly Council Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 27th ult., Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treas. in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Adamson, Fairchild, Cumberland, Kempster, C. W. Hudson, John Strachan, C. Pulman, and H. Imray.

After the usual routine business it was reported that a boy had been discharged before the expiration of his term, and at the request of his parent. The Council therefore resolved to recommend the Quarterly Court of the 11th October to declare a further vacancy, making seventeen instead of sixteen to be elected.

A letter from the Head Master, thanking the Council for his recent increase of salary, was read.

The Board of Management of the R.M.I. for Boys has resolved to perpetuate the memory of its late member—Brother William Masters—by founding a Prize to be named after him. It is estimated that a sum of £100 will be sufficient for the purpose, and the list (already well started by members of the Board) is open to be added to by any of the friends of our lamented Brother, whose zeal for the Institution merits this lasting recognition. Bro. McLeod the Secretary will be glad to receive any donations for the fund.

### DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth. Bro. W. Powell presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Jew, C. Watson, J. J. C. Elliott, C. Mutton, F. Maby, J. R. Lord Hon. Treasurer, J. B. Gover Hon. Secretary, and W. H. Dillon Hon. Assistant Secretary. At a meeting held on the 17th it was decided to place three candidates on the list for election in October, but it was now reported that only one application—from Axminster—had been received. The three unsuccessful candidates at the election held in April are still eligible, and the votes then recorded for them will stand to their credit at the forthcoming election. There will thus be four candidates for the three vacancies. It was intended to have held the October meeting at Exeter, but the Masonic Hall in that city, which is undergoing alterations, will not be available on the date fixed for the meeting, and the Committee resolved that, subject to the approval of the Exeter Brethren, the meeting should be at Plymouth. It was announced that the Plymouth Guildhall had been secured for Wednesday, 27th November, for the annual concert in aid of the funds of the Institution. The concert will be held under the banner of Lodge St. John, No. 70, and Bro. G. R. Stanlake W.M. of the Lodge is elected Chairman of the Committee. Last year's concert resulted in a net profit of £100.

The eighth report of the Fund, being for the years 1893 and 1894 is now ready, and is of a most encouraging character. The receipts for 1894 amounted to £502, being the largest sum yet donated in one year, the previous year being credited with nearly

£450. As Bro. Hughan states in the introduction: "These figures testify most eloquently to the firm hold which the Fund has on the fraternity in Devonshire, and how steadily the financial position has improved."

The total obtained from subscribers, donors, and interest from 1879 to the end of 1894, amounts to £4,769 2s, but the expenses, including the printing of the reports, have only been £279 18s 6d. Some 60 children have received, or are receiving, the benefits of the Institution, a third of the number still participating; but so economical and efficient have been the management, and the needful expenses so light, that nearly £1,500 is in hand, all of which, save about £100, is deposited in the Devon and Cornwall Bank.

The donations and subscriptions for the past two years from the Lodges and other Masonic bodies cover some 25 pages, and a full statement of the Treasurer's accounts is also appended.

There are a few Lodges that do not subscribe, but when it is remembered that the money is raised and spent in the county, and all the Officers give their services (including the indefatigable Secretary Bro. John B. Gover), it is confidently anticipated that ere long all will gladly contribute their quota to this excellent and most beneficent fund.—"Western Morning News."

In urging further support for the Provincial Charity Funds, the Worshipful Master and other speakers at the installation of a Staffordshire Lodge said the local Brethren could have more control over them than they had in respect of the three central Institutions in London. It is unquestionable there is a growing feeling in favour of supporting home charities in the many Provinces, sometimes to the exclusion of the London ones, but more generally in addition thereto, but the tendency seems to be drifting more and more in the former direction. Whether this will be to the ultimate advantage or otherwise of the central Institutions time alone can prove. There are many among the leading supporters of those three funds who believe it would be better for the Provinces to have more experience of home expenditure, as then they would more fully appreciate the advantages of the central Institutions. We are not of that opinion, however, and believe every fund that is established in the Provinces knocks another nail into the coffin of the older organisations. Happily they want good sized coffins for their burial.

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It is not often English Freemasonry receives such an increase as three new Lodges in one day, even if we take the whole of England into account, but that is what is to happen on the 30th inst., and that too within the borders of the city of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where the consecration of three new Lodges is to form part of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at its annual communication. We think the event will be a unique one in the annals of Freemasonry in this country, and certainly provides unmistakable evidence of the growth of the Order in the far north. We hope each of the new Lodges will enjoy all the advantages of prosperity.

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The Installation meeting of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687 was held on Wednesday, at the Frascati, and proved in every way a success, the Lodge giving further promise of maintaining its present high character. Bro. A. E. Clements was installed as Master, three Initiates and a joining Member were received, and other propositions were submitted. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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An interesting ceremony took place on the 25th ult., at Jesmond Old Cemetery, Newcastle, in the unveiling by Brother Joseph Cook P.P.G.S.W., the oldest Past Master of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, of a memorial erected to the memory of the late Bro. Thomas Dinning P.M. 481 P.P.G.J.W. Brother Thomas Purvis, Greenside House, Ryton, has acted as Secretary of the memorial Committee.

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We tender our congratulations and good wishes to Brother John Bartlett Organist of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place on Wednesday last, 25th ult., at St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, to Miss Annie L. Boreham, in the presence of a large number of Masonic and other friends.

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The meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction are held on Sunday evenings, at 8 o'clock, future gatherings being arranged to take place at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, where Mark Masons are cordially invited to assist in the work.

## 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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## KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE installation was held on Saturday, 21st ult., at the Palace Hotel, Kensington, Bro. W. B. Neville succeeding his brother Bro. W. B. Neville as W.M. of the Lodge for the year. The ceremony was performed throughout with the greatest success, giving pleasure to the Brethren present.

Bro. Green was passed to the second degree, and Mr. Jesse Smith successfully balloted for and initiated into the mysteries of the first.

After the business of the evening had been successfully concluded, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served and duly appreciated by the Brethren, says the "Kensington News."

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the retiring W.M. coming in for a large share of hearty congratulations, as also the new W.M., the opinion being unanimous that the working had been carried through in a manner most perfect.

As an extra mark of respect and esteem, Bro. W. B. Neville was, during the evening, after being presented with a Past Master's jewel, the happy recipient of a handsome gold and diamond ring with cat's eye centre, suitably engraved, as a recognition of his services at various times in connection with the summer outings, balls, concerts, &c., promoted by the Lodge, while Bro. Read presented him with a handsome Past Master's collar jewel, which had been worn by him for the past twenty-five years. These pleasant ceremonies were gone through amidst much excitement and goodwill, Bro. Neville returning thanks in some well chosen and appropriate remarks.

During the evening Miss Greta Williams obliged the Brethren with some excellent harmony, and Bro. Frank Norman also sang, Bro. Rev. H. Tyrell giving a humorous Yankee recitation.

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## CHOUGH LODGE, No. 2264.

THE seventh annual installation festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday of last week, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, E.C. and was very largely attended.

The W.M. Bro. George Scott Miller opened the Lodge at half-past four o'clock, being assisted during the meeting by his Officers and the following Brethren:—Walter B. Marcus P.M., Geo. J. Judge P.M., Charles Mussard P.M., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, Alfred Haynes P.M., M. J. Almond P.M., Walter Martin P.M., Richard Clowes P.G.Std.B., James Speller P.G.D. Essex, H. Jenkins P.M. 860, W. Dawson W.M. 29, T. J. Robins P.M. 25, R. W. Bowers P.M. 15, W. Kipps P.M. 1275, C. W. Stephenson P.M. 1694, H. R. S. Pulman W.M. 2309, J. Levy P.M. 205, C. G. Hawkes P.M. 414, R. T. West 1744, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, W. H. Tilling P.M. 765, H. Jenkins P.M. 860, F. Wendt W.M. 101, E. W. Lilley 1237, Charles Elithorn 1839, W. F. Derwent P.M. 1924, C. E. Roraback 55, Harry Price 804, A. Bremburg W.M. 1768, Louis and Henry Schneiders, C. H. Nickerson 2308, H. L. Thomas 1962, F. W. Denning 1772, and others.

For the convenience of the business the Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the first, when the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Percy Gray, who, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by Bro. Scott Miller.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree when Bro. William Close Smith the W.M.-elect was presented by P.M. Walter Martin, who acted as D.C. throughout the ceremony. Bro. Smith having given his assent to the ancient charges and taken the obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when he was duly placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Miller, in accordance with the old traditions. Considerable interest was evinced by the Brethren with regard to the installation of the W.M., as he was one of the first initiates of the Lodge, and his progress through the various offices had given a hopeful assurance that the dignity of the "Choughs" would lose none of its lustre under his control.

Upon the return of the Brethren the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted, and subsequently invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the year:—George Scott Miller I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. F. Percival S.W., W. V. Jull J.W., J. W. Dewsnap P.M. Secretary, Hy. Saqui S.D., J. W. Breeze J.D., M. J. Almond I.G., Arthur Strugnell D.C., J. Turle Lee Organist, Alfred Haynes and Charles Frolick Stewards, and Thomas Bowler Tyler. The usual addresses to the Master, Officers, and Brethren were then delivered by Bro. Scott Miller.

The auditor's report of the Lodge and Benevolent Funds was received and adopted.

Another candidate was nominated for initiation at the next meeting, one member resigned, and an old member rejoined, while the death of a Brother since the last meeting was announced.

The W.M. having received the congratulations of the Brethren the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was served.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and cordially received by the Brethren, Bro. Richard Clowes responding on behalf of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Clowes congratulated the W.M., and wished him every happiness during his term of office.

Bro. Miller I.P.M. proposed the W.M. He and the Master were initiated in the Chough Lodge at the same time, and it was a great honour and pleasure to instal him as his successor. He would beyond doubt make a splendid Master, and keep the Lodge well to the front.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. W. C. Smith, in reply, said he would do his utmost for the Lodge, and endeavour to keep up its great reputation. He earnestly urged the members to attend the Lodge of Instruction connected with the Lodge, where he had obtained all his knowledge of the Ritual.

In giving the Immediate Past and Installing Master, the W.M. observed that it was the toast of the evening. They all knew the great things Bro. Miller had done for the Lodge, where he had had a most successful year of office. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. G. S. MILLER,

in consideration of his valuable services as W.M.

Bro. Miller, replying, stated it was with pride that he returned his sincere thanks for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands. He had had the honour to go up as Steward for the Boys, and on that occasion the Lodge was third on the list. He was gratified that his services were appreciated, and he honoured the jewel. He was proud that he was the first initiate of the Lodge, and the first initiate to go through the chair.

The Initiate having been toasted, Bro. P. Gray responded. He had long aspired to be a Mason, and he hoped some day to become W.M.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors. They were honoured with the presence of a goodly number, and many of them were distinguished in the Craft. He associated with the toast the names of Bro. Berenberg, Wint, and Pulman, who each acknowledged the toast, testifying to the excellent working and the hospitality of the members.

The W.M. gave the Past Masters, remarking that he hoped to have their great assistance during his term of office.

Bros. Marcus P.M. and Judge P.M., whose names were joined with the toast, responded.

The Masonic Charities was next honoured.

The W.M. then submitted the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, which was responded to by the new Treasurer Bro. Miller I.P.M., who paid a tribute to the great services of his predecessor Bro. Marcus P.M.

Bro. Dewsnap P.M. Sec. also replied. He was honoured by again being appointed Secretary, and was thankful he was able to serve the Lodge.

The Officers were next given, and responded to by Bros. Percival S.W., Jull J.W., and others.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to an end.

In a Lodge of which the members are so closely connected with the musical profession as are the "Choughs" it was to be expected that a good entertainment would be provided, and in this respect the Brethren were not disappointed. The programme itself was a work of art, and will doubtless be prized and stowed away among the Masonic archives of those who were present. Bro. Turle Lee was responsible for the music, and he was assisted by Bros. Lester, Miles, Mole, J. H. Mullerhausen, and Arthur Strugnell.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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## BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

ON the 2nd inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, Bros. G. H. Fennell W.M., W. Joss S.W., C. Holland J.W., P.M. De Casseres Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Owers S.D., Bird J.D., Absolon I.G.; also Bros. Johnson, Marks, Naphali, F. A. Slater, and P.M. Boyce.

The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Johnson acting as candidate. The Brethren assisted Bro. P.M. De Casseres to work the fifth section of the lecture, Bro. F. A. Slater assisted Bro. P.M. De Casseres to work the seventh, and the Brethren assisted Bro. Holland to work the first. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees, and then closed down.

Bro. Joss having been elected to the chair on Wednesday next, the Lodge was adjourned.

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## CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Friday, 27th ult., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Bros. E. G. Platt W.M., G. Kebbell S.W., F. Kebbell J.W., C. H. Ditchman S.D., Calley J.D., Feistel I.G., F. Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, T. I. Bird P.M. P.Z. P.G.S.B. Middx. Treasurer, Harry Willsmer Secretary, and Bros. Wyatt, Mason, Witte, O. J. Von Holtrop P.M. P.G.D.C. Middx., J. Bunker P.M., W. H. Cayton P.M., Geo. Clark P.M., Steven Millin, and Wertzel.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wertzel acting as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked.

Bro. W. H. Cayton P.M. Clapton Lodge and Steven Millin Elliot Lodge were unanimously elected members.

It having been decided to form a Masonic Charities Association, the rules, &c., proposed by the preliminary Committee appointed for the purpose, were unanimously accepted, and the following Officers and Committee were appointed: Bros. Fred. Dunstan P.M. 1326 A.G.D. Ceremonies Middx. President, Geo. Clark P.M. and Sec. 1679 Vice-President, T. I. Bird P.M. and Sec. 1567 1897 P.Z. P.G.Swd.B. Middx. Treasurer, Harry Willsmer 1567 Secretary, and Bros. O. J. Von Holtrop P.M. 1897 P.G.D.C. Middx., C. J. Davison P.M. 1897, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, A. Wyatt 1567, C. J. Calley 1567, C. H. Ditchman 1567, and D. J. Witte 1327. The Lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Committee of Management was subsequently held, Bro. F. Dunstan presiding.

Propositions for membership were received, and general arrangements made for carrying on the work of the Association.

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## LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 25th ult., Bro. R. Alf. Hepworth W.M. There was an attendance of over thirty members, prominent among whom were Bros. J. M. H. Blamey I.P.M., J. Wildgoose P.M. P.P.J.G.D., J. E. Williams P.M. P.G.D.D.C., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. Gaskill S.W., Herbert A. Owles J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Fred Walmsley Sec., John Allen S.D., J. M. Studd I.G., Richard Simister P.M., D. D. Macpherson P.M., and Ben Williams P.M.

The summons indicated very little business beyond that of balloting for Bro. Edward Webb P.M. 1134, who was desirous of becoming a Joining Member. This over, the Brethren were enabled to make an early adjournment to supper.

Following this was the usual festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Owles and others being strongly in evidence when songs, &c., were desired.

## DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 18th ult., Bro. Eugene Loebell W.M. There were also present:—Bros. J. Ellwood S.W., C. T. Vlies J.W., J. Irlam Treasurer, J. Schofield Sec., H. M. Massingham J.D., Jas. Porteous I.G., J. M. Moss P.M. Org., W. Cockerham Std., J. A. R. Ashworth P.M., Robt. Dottie P.M. Acting J.W., J. T. C. Blackie, J. D. Cameron, S. Collinge, Sam Lord, M. De Cairos, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, Wm. Stoddart, and four Visitors.

As there was a very large amount of business to be transacted, the Brethren met at an early hour. An Initiation was expected, but the candidate did not put in an appearance. Bro. Blackie was passed, Brother Loebell W.M. performing the ceremony in a very careful manner.

Following this was the Raising of Bros. Lord and De Cairos, these ceremonies being undertaken by Bro. Moss P.M.

Other business was transacted, after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the festive board.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the speeches being varied by musical contributions from Bros. Cockerham, Schofield, Vlies, Roberts, and others.

The W.M. proposed the health of the newly-passed, and Bro. Ashworth proposed that of the newly-raised Brethren, to which Bros. Blackie, Lord, and De Cairos responded in appropriate terms.

By request of the W.M. Bro. Dottie P.M. proceeded to perform a very graceful act, which was that of presenting to Bro. Moss P.M. Org., on behalf of the Lodge, a gold jewel, in recognition of many years services rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Dottie, whilst explaining that the jewel was small, yet characterised it as a very handsome one, which carried with it the best wishes of the Lodge. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented  
by the Brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 1161,  
to  
Bro. J. M. Moss P.M. as Hon. Sec. for five years.

Bro. Moss, in responding, said the Brethren must excuse him if he did not say much on the present occasion, as the presentation was something not anticipated and not looked forward to. During his membership of the Lodge he had had several strong ties connecting him with it, but the incident of that night appeared to be the cementing stone. He felt too full to express himself adequately, but thanked them for their kindness with all his heart.

Other toasts, including that of the W.M., followed.

## TORBAY LODGE, No. 1358.

ON Tuesday, 24th ult., the annual meeting was held at Paignton, when Bro. Rev. A. H. M. Hore was installed as Master for the year, by Bro. C. Emmett, assisted by a strong board of installed Masters. At the close of business the annual banquet was served, and the usual toasts were honoured.

## CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at the Lodge House, Prestwich, on Thursday, the 19th ult., Bro. William B. Midgley W.M. There was a good attendance, in anticipation, perhaps, of its being election night, the following visitors being also present:—Bros. George H. Scott J.D. 581, James Henry Walker 361, and R. W. Nuttall 163.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. John B. Midgley, George H. Nield, and Ashton Whitworth were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremonies being performed by the W.M., Bro. S. F. Simons P.M., and Bro. W. W. Briggs P.M. respectively.

In the election of Officers which succeeded Bro. Edwin E. Done S.W. received the unanimous support of the Brethren for the office of W.M., and his installation into the chair of K.S. will follow in due course.

## ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, the 20th ult., Bro. William Mosley W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. Harry Turner, Salford, was balloted for and regularly initiated by the W.M.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being enlivened, not only by songs and recitations given by Bros. Harwood, Burton, Harcastle, and Roberts P.M., but by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Salford (Brother Alderman Richard Mottram).

In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, which he did in very felicitous terms, the Mayor explained that he had recently left a meeting where he had had other important toasts to propose, one being that of Her Majesty the Queen. The occasion was the anniversary of the battle of the Alma, which had been celebrated that day by a dinner at Belle Vue Gardens to the Crimean veterans who resided in the neighbourhood of Manchester. After an inspection on the Infirmary flags by the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Mr. Alderman Lloyd) and others, a procession had been formed, and the men, who wore their medals and decorations, were conveyed to the gardens, where dinner was served, Bro. Alderman Mottram presiding. After the health of the Queen had been heartily given and loyally received, Bro. Mottram announced to the veterans that a telegram had been sent couched in the following terms:—

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Balmoral.

Two hundred and fifty old Crimean veterans assembled at dinner on the anniversary of the battle of the Alma, desire to express to your most gracious Majesty their loyal feelings of respect and devotion, and hope that your Majesty may long be spared to reign over your loving subjects.

THE MAYOR OF SALFORD, Chairman.

Whilst in the Lodge Room a telegram, which was a reply to the one forwarded from Belle Vue, had been handed to him, and his Worship, anticipating the newspapers of the following day, read the message to the Brethren, as follows:—

Mayor of Salford, Town Hall, Salford.

Her Majesty thanks you and the company assembled with you for loyal and kind telegram.

Balmoral.

EDWARD.

## JOSIAH WEDGWOOD LODGE, No. 2214.

ON Thursday, 26th ult., at Etruria, the members and a number of visitors assembled for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. G. L. Birch as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were about sixty present. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Louis A. Taylor the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. J. White P.M., Richard Tooth P.P.G.R., and E. B. Jackson P.P.G.J.D.

Bro. Louis Taylor was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as an acknowledgment of the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the past two years.

After the business, the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, Hanley, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mrs. Barlow, of the Victoria Hotel. After dinner the Loyal toasts and those which are intended to honour the rulers of the Craft were proposed by the W.M., Bros. Jackson, White, and Fenton.

Bros. F. Mountford 460 P.P.G.S.D. and W. H. Bamber 637 P.G.S.D. responded for the Provincial Officers.

Bro. Taylor proposed the health of the W.M., which was drunk most heartily.

Bro. Birch, in responding, said the time he had been a Mason had been one of the happiest periods of his life. He had not joined the Craft from mercenary motives, nor with the expectation of pecuniary benefit, though he knew, if necessity should arise, brotherly sympathy and help would be rendered. He then spoke of the desirableness of strengthening the Staffordshire Masonic Charities, over which they could have more control than they had in respect of the three central institutions in London.

Bro. Jackson proposed the Masonic Charities, and Bro. Tooth responded, both of them giving expression to similar views to those of the W.M. as to the desirableness of extending the Staffordshire Charities.

Bro. E. J. Hammersley (Mayor of Hanley), in proposing the Visitors, touched on the same subject, and made some interesting remarks as to the pains and penalties to which Freemasons were liable under a very old Act of Parliament in the event of the Secretary omitting to send returns of the membership periodically to the Clerk of the Peace.

Bros. J. Ingamells 460 P.P.G.J.D., Mason P.M. 98, and E. Harding 637 responded.

The health of the retiring W.M., the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast followed.

The speeches on the occasion were for the most part very brief, in order that full advantage might be taken of the musical arrangements. Bro. F. Mountford presided at the pianoforte, and a glee party, consisting of Bros. T. Bearne, W. H. Mitchell, W. Nixon, T. Lockett, and M. Nuttall, sang splendidly a number of glees and songs, which they had carefully rehearsed, and their admirable singing was most enjoyable. Bro. Mountford and Bro. Warne also sang, and Bro. T. Lockett played with great skill a violin solo. The glee singers are all members of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge. The whole musical arrangements were most creditable to all concerned.

## LORD CHARLES BERESFORD LODGE, No. 2404.

THE annual festival was celebrated by the Brethren in the handsome Lodge Room at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on 25th ult., and was attended, in addition to the members of the Lodge, by a number of distinguished Provincial Grand Officers.

The Lord Charles Beresford is what is known as a Service Lodge—of which there are very few in existence—being composed chiefly of representatives of the Royal Navy and Army, says the "Rochester Journal."

The Worshipful Master elected for the year was Bro. H. J. T. Browne, who was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. Powell Past Grand Officer of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, there being also another Grand Officer from that Province—Bro. A. F. St. Clair P.P.G.R., flag-captain at the Nore, present.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M. Bro. H. Monsley, who had travelled up from Bristol to be present at the installation of his successor. Another pleasing episode was the unfolding of the very handsome silken banner, the property of the Lodge, which appropriately has the Beresford Arms. This was duly dedicated to Freemasonry by the Provincial Grand Chaplain of Kent the Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., of Gravesend.

The musical portion of the festival proceedings was given, for the first time at an installation, on a handsome American organ, the gift to the Lodge of Bro. Major E. Barrington Stephens. On a brass plate in front of the instrument is the following inscription:—

Presented by  
W. Bro. E. B. STEPHENS P.M. 1174, to Lodge 2404,  
on his leaving the locality, as a memento of many pleasant meetings during the period he held the office of Organist, 1892-5.  
June 1895.

At the annual banquet which followed, Bro. Browne presided, and gave the accustomed Masonic and other toasts. During dinner a portion of the Royal Marine band performed a choice selection of music, while at intervals during the evening glees and songs were given by Messrs. Voysey, Oldroyd, Holliday and Fearnley, who contributed materially to the evening's entertainment. It may be added that the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and is a valuable helper in its support of the great Masonic charities.

## ECCLESBURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

THE third anniversary was held on Monday, 23rd ult., at the Boys School-room, Duffield, when Bro. W. Shoobert S.W. was installed by Bro. W. Thomas Cox P.M. P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Dr. Hoskyns P.M. P.P.S.G.W.

An adjournment was subsequently made to the White Hart Hotel, where a banquet had been provided for the Lodge by Host Flanders. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

## BRADSTOW LODGE, No. 2448.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Alexandra Road, Broadstairs, on Wednesday, 25th ult., when Bro. Walter Cowell J.W. was installed as W.M. according to ancient custom, the Installation ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Edgar H. White P.M. of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master appointed the following Brethren as his Officers

for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. R. A. Fawcett, M.A., S.W. and Chaplain, A. H. Hardy, M.A., J.W., A. H. Hale P.M. 1209 Treas., J. T. May P.M. 429 Secretary, Frank Brightman, F.R.C.S., S.D., N. F. Merriman J.D., T. Lawrence I.G., J. Batten Organist, W. H. White D.C., F. W. Whiteing A.D.C., R. Barlow, M.D., and W. Nation Stewards, T. Martin Tyler.

Notwithstanding the absence of many who had sent letters of regret, there was a large and distinguished company present; we enumerate a few: Bros. James Smith Eastes P.G.D.Eng. D.P.G.M., F. Stanley P.M. 127 Prov.G.S.Wks, E. L. Dixon P.M. 429 Prov.G.Steward, S. R. Wilson P.M. 1209 Prov.G.Steward, R. Clowser P.M. P.G.Steward Eng., R. Morley P.M. 429 P.P.G.A.D.C., T. Bent P.M. 784 P.P.D.G.D.C., Goodbourn P.M. 429, C. Godsmark P.M. 1209, C. J. Elliott P.M. 429, W. Salmon I.P.M. 917, J. S. White P.M. 2099, C. Penny W.M. 1637, J. Neale W.M. 429, J. J. Baldwin W.M. 1209, W. V. Applebee P.M. 13, J. Hoskings P.M. 127, G. W. Hiller P.M. 429, John Welford P.M., T. Harley Jones, E. A. D. Gibbs 1982, &c., &c.

The I.P.M. Bro. A. G. Harvey was presented by the members of the Lodge with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, made by one of their number, Bro. Humphreys.

After the conclusion of the work, the Brethren adjourned to the customary banquet, which was held at the Jubilee School Room, about fifty sitting down.

The usual Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs by Miss Annie Cheal, G.S.M., Miss Annie Robinson, Bro. G. H. Dawson, Messrs. Fred C. Everill and Hook.

A pleasing episode occurred during the evening. Bro. John Welford, with his accustomed generosity, headed a subscription list with twelve guineas, being ten for himself and one each for his wife and daughter, for the purpose of clearing the Lodge from debt, and his example so stimulated the Brethren present, that nearly the whole of the amount required, £50, was at once subscribed, Bro. Welford again coming forward to make up the deficiency in the amount.

The Worshipful Master is to be congratulated upon being able to commence his year of office free from monetary embarrassment.

Thus, in this pleasant and fraternal manner, was terminated the most pleasant and successful meeting the Bradstow Lodge has ever held.

## MARK MASONRY.

ELLIOTT LODGE, No. 169.

THE annual meeting was held at Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Wednesday, 25th ult., when Bro. John Davidson was installed as Master, the ceremony being ably rendered by Bros. T. Reynolds, J. J. Facey, and A. E. Maddock.

After Lodge business was over the Brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Club, Princess Square, where the annual supper was admirably served by Bro. Harvey. The usual toasts were honoured and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the new Master.

## ALFRED CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

AT a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on Thursday, 26th ult., Comp. W. H. Wake was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year, as successor to Comp. Henry Powell. Comp. F. T. Elworthy was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. T. H. Chaffin appointed Recorder.

We may again remind our readers that the North London Chapter of Improvement will resume its meetings on Monday next, at the Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, at 8 o'clock, subsequent gatherings taking place each Monday.

The annual installation meeting of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, will be held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday next, when the Worshipful Master Bro. William Shurmur Prov. Grand Treasurer will instal his successor, Bro. W. A. Finch. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The annual benefit of Brother Harry Hunter, of the Mohawk Minstrels, is arranged for Thursday next, 10th inst., at the handsome Hall the Mohawks have so long occupied at the Royal Agricultural Hall. A monstre programme, including twenty songs specially composed for the occasion, has been prepared, and everything is in readiness for a great success. Let us hope the 3,000 seats at the Hall will prove insufficient to accommodate the large number of patrons who will combine to make the Benefit a record one.

The current number of "Great Thoughts" is the first number of a new volume, in which Dean Farrar's vivid and eloquent story, "Darkness and Dawn," will appear. The Dean himself has been interviewed by Mr. Blathwayt, to whom he has given his impressions of his new home and some idea of his methods of work. The number also contains the first of a series of articles on "The message and mission of the Church of to-day," the Rev. Urijah R. Thomas, of Bristol, opening the series with a paper on Amusements.

The activity in the building trade has been shown by the remarkable number of queries on building subjects addressed to the editor of "Work," particularly during the past twelve months; so numerous have these queries become that the proprietors have determined to issue a new weekly paper devoted exclusively to the building and allied trades, to be published under the title of "Building World." It will be essentially a practical journal, and will contain all that is interesting to persons engaged in any branch of the building trades. It will be a penny weekly journal, and the first number will be published on the 18th inst., by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

## STRATFORD-ON-AVON "MOP FAIR."

THE London and North-Western Railway Company announce that on Saturday, 12th October, a cheap half-day excursion for Stratford-on-Avon and Shakespeare's Country will leave Euston 12:30 noon, Chalk Farm 12:9 noon, Kilburn 12:15 noon, Chelsea 11:52 a.m., West Brompton 11:58 a.m., Kensington (Addison Road) 12:12 noon, Uxbridge Road 12:14 noon, Willesden Junction 12:40 noon, Clapham Junction 11:46 a.m., and Battersea 11:49 a.m., returning from Stratford-on-Avon at 7:40 p.m. The return fare, third class, is 3s 6d.

## HOTELS, ETC.

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EALING—Feathers Hotel.

EASTBOURNE—Pier Hotel, Cavendish Place. View of Sea and Pier. A. TAYLOR, Proprietor.

EAST MOLESEY—Castle Hotel, Hampton Court Station. Specimen Menus, with Tariff, on application. JOHN MAYO, Proprietor.

HAVERFORDWEST—Queen's Family and Commercial Hotel. BEN. M. DAVIES, Proprietor.

RICHMOND—Station Hotel, adjoins Railway Station. Every accommodation for Large or Small Parties.

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**NEXT WEEK.**

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

**Monday.**

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' H.
- 69 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel
- 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
- 144 St. Luke, Anderton's
- 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
- 1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
- 1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
- 1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall
- 2020 St. Botolph's, Albion
- 2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
- 2242 Tyssen Amherst, Hackney
- 53 Royal Sussex, Bath
- 107 Philanthropic, Lynn
- 113 Unanimity, Preston
- 119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
- 135 Perpetual F'ndship, Bridgwater
- 154 Unanimity, Wakefield
- 156 Harmony, Plymouth
- 199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
- 251 Loyal, Barnstaple
- 328 St. John, Torquay
- 331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
- 338 Vitruvian, Ross
- 395 Guy, Leamington
- 422 Yarborough, Gainsborough
- 428 Sincerity, Northwich
- 431 St. George, N. Shields
- 441 Three G. Principles, Cambridge
- 482 St. James, Handsworth
- 529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
- 622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
- 694 Oakley, Basingstoke
- 827 St. John, Dewsbury
- 839 Royal Glo'stershire, Gloucester
- 850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
- 928 Friendship, Petersfield
- 959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
- 977 Fowey, Fowey
- 1045 Stamford, Altrincham
- 1050 Gundulph, Rochester
- 1051 Rowley, Lancaster
- 1070 Starkie, Southport
- 1071 Zetland, Lathash
- 1077 Wilton, Blackley
- 1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
- 1180 Forward, Birmingham
- 1211 Goderich, Leeds
- 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
- 1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
- 1264 Neytune, Liverpool
- 1302 De Warren, Halifax
- 1312 St. Mary, Bocking
- 1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
- 1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
- 1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
- 1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
- 1573 Caradoc, Swansea
- 1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
- 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
- 2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
- 2166 Cotehele, Calstock
- 2240 Arrow, Kington
- 2322 E. Lancashire Centurion, Manchester
- 2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield

**Tuesday.**

- 167 St. John, Hampstead Heath
- 180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- 211 St. Michael, Albion
- 228 U. Strength, Guildhall Tavern
- 781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
- 834 Ranelagh, Criterion
- 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Hot.
- 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel
- 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall
- 1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
- 1593 R. Naval College, Greenwich
- 1604 Wanderers, F.M.H.
- 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
- 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James' Hall
- 1969 Waldeck, F.M.H.
- 1668 Samson, Café Royal
- 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras
- 80 St. John, Sunderland
- 93 Social, Norwich
- 131 Fortitude, Truro
- 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
- 241 Merchants, Liverpool
- 272 Harmony, Boston
- 293 King's Friends, Nantwich
- 319 New Forest, Lymington
- 371 Perseverance, Maryport
- 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock

- 386 Unity, Wareham
- 448 St. James, Halifax
- 473 Faithful, Birmingham
- 494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
- 495 Wakefield, Wakefield
- 496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
- 502 Rectitude, Rugby
- 503 Belvedere, Maidstone
- 506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
- 567 Unity, Warwick
- 573 Perseverance, Halesowen
- 593 St. Ann, Alderney
- 603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
- 626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
- 650 Star in the East, Harwich
- 686 Jerusalem, Bristol
- 696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
- 723 Panmure, Aldershot
- 764 Harbour of Refuge, Hartlepool
- 771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
- 877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
- 892 Royal Edward, Leominster
- 897 St. Helens Loyalty, St. Helens
- 903 Gosport, Gosport
- 954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
- 967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
- 978 Royal Somerset, Frome
- 1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1073 Greta, Keswick
- 1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
- 1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
- 1220 Solway, Aspatria
- 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
- 1267 Kenlis, Egremont
- 1402 Jordan, Torquay
- 1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
- 1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
- 1528 Fort, Newquay
- 1545 Baildon, Baildon
- 1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
- 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-Hill
- 1782 Machen, Colehill
- 1837 Lullingtons, Wilmington
- 1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
- 1883 William of Wykeham, Winchester
- 2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
- 2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
- 2134 Wilberforce, Hull
- 2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead
- 2222 Frederick West, East Molesey
- 2256 Warner, Chingford
- 2324 Horwich, Horwich
- 2339 Mistle, Manningtree
- 2360 Victoria, Southport
- 2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
- 2487 St. Michael, Stone

**Wednesday.**

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4
- 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall
  - 15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall
  - 87 Vitruvian, Southwark
  - 147 Justice, Deptford
  - 548 Wellington, Cannon St. Hotel
  - 749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel
  - 820 Lily of Richmond, Richmond
  - 1228 Beacontree, Guilhall Tavern
  - 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall
  - 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant
  - 1586 Upper Norwood, Up. Norwood
  - 1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel
  - 1815 Penge, Anerley
  - 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel
  - 1964 Clerkenwell, Viaduct Hotel
  - 2272 Rye, Peckham
  - 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
  - 2410 Esculapius, Café Royal
  - 2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
  - 2528 Lancastrian, Frascati
  - 54 Hope, Rochdale
  - 84 Doyle's of Fellowship, Guernsey
  - 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
  - 146 Antiquity, Bolton
  - 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
  - 204 Caledonian, Manchester
  - 225 St. Luke, Ipswich
  - 244 Yarborough, Jersey
  - 250 Minerva, Hull
  - 274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
  - 277 Friendship, Oldham
  - 281 Fortitude, Lancaster
  - 288 Harmony, Todmorden
  - 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
  - 323 Concord, Stockport
  - 433 Sympathy, Gravesend
  - 498 Royal Standard, Dudley
  - 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
  - 666 Benevolence, Princetown
  - 679 St. David, Aberdare
  - 730 Ellesmere, Chorley
  - 750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
  - 755 St. Tudno, Llanduduo
  - 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
  - 854 Albert, Shaw

- 906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
- 946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham
- 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
- 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
- 1060 Marmion, Tamworth
- 1064 Borough, Burnley
- 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
- 1091 Erme, Ivybridge
- 1094 Temple, Liverpool
- 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
- 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
- 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
- 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
- 1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
- 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
- 1242 Tynwald, Douglas
- 1248 Denison, Scarborough
- 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
- 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
- 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1400 Curwen, Workington
- 1403 West Lancaster, Ormskirk
- 1465 Oekenden, Haywards Heath
- 1503 Sir F. Burdett, Twickenham
- 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
- 1588 Prince Leopold, Stratford
- 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-o-Tyne
- 1663 Hartismere, Eye
- 1692 Hervey, Bromley, Kent
- 1703 Windrush, Witney
- 1715 Arthur John Brogden, Grange-over-Sands
- 1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
- 1798 Zion, Manchester
- 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
- 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
- 1868 Unity, Oldham
- 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
- 1932 Whitworth, Spenny moor
- 1947 Stanford, Hove
- 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
- 2183 R. Hampton Crt., Hampton Ct.
- 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
- 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
- 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
- 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
- 2404 Lord C. Beresford, Chatham
- 2423 St. Mark, Connah's Quay
- 2483 Hadrian, Westham

**Thursday.**

- Quarterly Court, Girls School, at 12
- 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
  - 238 Pilgrim, F.M.H.
  - 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel
  - 879 Southwark, Bridge Ho. Ho.
  - 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
  - 1471 Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury
  - 1558 Duke Connaught, Camberwell
  - 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
  - 1791 Creaton, F.M.H.
  - 1804 Coborn, Bow
  - 1820 Sir T. White, Holborn Rest.
  - 1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
  - 1987 Strand, Criterion
  - 2047 Beckenham, Beckenham
  - 2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
  - 35 Medina, Cowes
  - 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
  - 97 Palatine, Sunderland
  - 112 St. George, Exeter
  - 130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
  - 132 Unity, Ringwood, Hants.
  - 139 Britannia, Sheffield
  - 191 St. John, Bury
  - 215 Commerce, Haslingden
  - 216 Harmonic, Liverpool
  - 333 Royal Preston, Preston
  - 344 Faith, Radcliffe
  - 369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
  - 381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
  - 437 Science, Wincanton
  - 442 St. Peter, Peterborough
  - 477 Mersey, Birkenhead
  - 487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
  - 546 Etruscan, Longton
  - 561 Zetland, Guisborough
  - 586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
  - 588 St. Botolph, Sleaford
  - 725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
  - 732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
  - 739 Temperance, Birmingham
  - 784 Wellington, Deal
  - 786 Croxteth U. Service, L'pool
  - 816 Royd's, Littleborough
  - 945 Abbey, Abingdon
  - 971 Trafalgar, Batley

- 991 Tyne, Wallsend
- 1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
- 1055 Derby, Manchester
- 1061 Triumph, Lytham
- 1098 St. George, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1099 Huyshe, Stoke Damerel
- 1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
- 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1145 Equality, Accrington
- 1147 St. David, Manchester
- 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
- 1204 Royd, Malvern
- 1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
- 1247 St. John, Plymouth
- 1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
- 1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
- 1416 Falcon, Thirsk
- 1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Newport, Mon.
- 1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
- 1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
- 1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
- 1515 Bertie, Oxford
- 1583 Corbet, Towyn
- 1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
- 1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
- 1863 Priory, Tynemouth
- 1911 De La Pré, Northampton
- 1915 Graystone, Whitstable
- 1992 Tennant, Cardiff
- 2016 Shalden, Alton
- 2038 Portcullis, Langport
- 2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
- 2132 Egerton, Seacombe
- 2217 Windermere, Windermere
- 2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansworth
- 2227 White Horse, Westbury
- 2285 Eden, Workington
- 2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
- 2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
- 2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild,
- 2428 Gracedieu, Colville
- Waddesdon
- 2449 Duke of York, Manchester
- 2468 St. John, Douglas, I. of Man

**Friday.**

- Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 12
- 177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel
  - 1201 Eclectic, F.M.H.
  - 1559 New Cross, Greenwich
  - 1704 Anchor, Café Royal
  - 2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
  - 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
  - 64 Fortitude, Manchester
  - 81 Doric, Woodbridge
  - 170 All Souls, Weymouth
  - 458 Aire and Calder, Goole
  - 526 Honour, Wolverhampton
  - 680 Sefton, Liverpool
  - 815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester
  - 916 Hartington, Eastbourne
  - 1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate
  - 1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
  - 1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
  - 1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
  - 1289 Rock, Birkenhead
  - 1428 United Service, Landport
  - 1536 United Military, Plumstead
  - 1605 De La Pole, Hull
  - 1661 Newton, Newark-upon-Trent
  - 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-o-Tyne
  - 1983 Martyn, Southwood
  - 2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney

**Saturday.**

- 176 Caveac, Albion
- 1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
- 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
- 1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
- 1637 Unity, Harrow Station
- 1671 Mizpah, Albion
- 1685 Guelph, Leyton
- 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
- 1839 Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
- 2369 Cornish, Mark Mason's Hall
- 1347 Lorne, Sutton
- 1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
- 1423 Era, Twickenham
- 1755 Eldon, Portishead
- 1990 Hampshire Emulation, L'port.
- 2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2095 Caterham, Caterham
- 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
- 2326 Wigan, Wigan
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## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

### Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7.30  
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
 45 Stroug 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  
 733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8  
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill,  
 820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8.30  
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7  
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7  
 933 Doric, Plough Tavern, Bow Road  
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30  
 1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington  
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6.30  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.  
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

### Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8.  
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7.30  
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knighttrider Street  
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8  
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8  
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7  
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8  
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8  
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7  
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7.30  
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8  
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8  
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8  
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney  
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8  
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7.30

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7.30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1791 Creaton, Wheatshaf, 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, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime  
 house, E., 7.30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8.  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30  
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wollington, Bow, E., 7.30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5.30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7.30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

### Friday.

- Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6  
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8  
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park  
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7.30.  
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8  
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8  
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith  
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7  
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7.30  
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8  
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8  
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7  
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8  
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8  
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road  
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney  
 Church), 8  
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8  
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8  
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.  
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8  
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8  
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

### Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park,  
 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.  
 1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney  
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7  
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

*We shall be glad if Secretaries and others interested in Lodges of Instruction will inform us of any error or omissions in the above list. We shall also be pleased to receive Reports of the different meetings, forms for same will be forwarded on application.*