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**THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.**

THE following were the unsuccessful candidates at the half-yearly elections of the two Schools, together with particulars in regard to the voting. In all cases where the candidates remain eligible these recorded votes will be carried forward for the next election.

**GIRLS.**

No. on List.	Name.	Votes: Forward.	Polled.	Total.
29	Lomer, Julie Kate Ruby	...	2526	2526
24	Eastment, Rose Ellen	...	2525	2525
34	Hancock, Muriel	...	1907	1907
33	Taylor, Elsie Hollowel	...	1795	1795
12	Richardson, Florence	131	1005	1136
26	Kingsmill, Winifred Mary	...	1060	1060
14	Canova, Trixie Kathleen Copeland	166	793	959
18	Holloway, Maggie	504	193	697
28	Franklin, Marion Ruby	...	642	642
3	Williams, Violet May	113	430	534
30	Cain, Alice Louise	...	351	351
8	Dransfield, Laura Elizabeth	201	112	313
4	Minns, Dorothy Leonore	80	135	215
5	Tanner, Sybil	30	25	55
21	Kemp, Olive	...	33	33
20	Hawkins, Phillis	...	—	—

**BOYS.**

No. on List.	Name.	Votes: Forward.	Polled.	Total.
24	Baverstock, Robert William	...	3051	3051
2	Vockins, Reginald Cecil Hadland	1591	711	2302
30	Worrell, Cecil Herbert	...	2298	2298
27	Button, Frank Gordon	...	1964	1964
28	Button, Frederick Waters	...	1908	1908
45	Bassett, Horace Edward	...	1605	1605
10	Craighead, Percy Allan	347	1131	1478
18	Ward, Cecil Albert	578	794	1372
1	Baker, Arthur	868	500	1368
14	Nichols, Walter Gordon	743	497	1240
43	Loxley, Owen Ward	...	1093	1093
37	Anderson, Thomas	...	1080	1080
23	Hitchcock, Albert Victor Baker	...	997	997
39	Turner, Francis Thomas	...	929	929
33	Sutton, Arthur Henry	...	622	622
12	Pallot, Charles Frederick	203	401	604
44	Uaing, James Forbes	...	567	567
16	Linnett, Benjamin Wellesley	281	197	478
21	Aberdein, James Harold	102	353	455
31	Cheeseman, Cecil Wyatt	...	379	379
40	Coleman, Percival Stanley	...	264	264
20	McCallum, Malcolm Marson	174	24	198
36	Hayward, Percy Henry	...	197	197
46	Venables, George Vernon	...	152	152
32	Coales, William Denis	...	137	137
35	Oldham, George Harold	...	43	43
34	Johnstone, Walter Latimer	...	33	33
8	Honey, William James	12	3	15
29	Smith, Sydney George	...	11	11

**THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM MASTERS.**

THE Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has unanimously resolved that the eminent services of the late Brother William Masters to the Institution merit a lasting recognition.

It is proposed to perpetuate our late Brother's name by the establishment of Prizes for Proficiency in "Railway History and Geography"—a subject in which Brother Masters took especial interest, and for which he was in the habit of giving special Prizes at the Annual Distribution, but the definite name of the Prize will be determined later on by the Board.

It is estimated that a sum of £100 would suffice for the purpose, and that subscriptions for same should be invited from the individual members of the Board of Management, and from Lodges to which our late Brother belonged.

Brother J. M. McLeod is acting as Secretary to the Fund, and sends us the accompanying "First List" of Subscriptions,

with notification that he will be pleased to have authority to add the names of individuals or Lodges thereto:

Bro. Richard Eve	...	...	£1 1 0
C. E. Keyser	...	...	1 1 0
Geo. Corble	...	...	1 1 0
H. E. Diamond	...	...	1 1 0
G. E. Fairchild	...	...	1 1 0
H. Pritchard	...	...	1 1 0
W. Russell	...	...	1 1 0
W. A. Scurrah	...	...	1 1 0
W. F. Smitson	...	...	1 1 0
J. J. Thomas	...	...	1 1 0
Jas. Willing jun.	...	...	1 1 0
J. M. McLeod	...	...	1 1 0
Langton	...	...	1 1 0
Vassar Smith	...	...	1 1 0
Jas. Stephens	...	...	1 1 0
C. W. Hudson	...	...	1 1 0
S. J. Attenborough	...	...	1 1 0

**OXFORDSHIRE.**

VISCOUNT VALENTIA, M.P., Provincial Grand Master has been appointed by the Prince of Wales as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of the Province, in place of the Rev. H. A. Pickard, resigned. The installation of Viscount Valentia will take place on the 12th November.

**WEST YORKSHIRE.**

ON Wednesday, the half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place at the Town Hall, Dewsbury. Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by Bro. H. Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, other present and past Provincial Officers and a very large number of other Brethren. After the business, of a formal character, dinner was served in the Mayor's Reception Rooms.

**NEW HALL AT SALTBURN.**

ON Monday, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, of Wensley Hall, Leyburn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, dedicated a new Masonic Hall for the use of the Handyside Lodge of Freemasons, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Recently the Lodge has held its meetings in a room at the Queen Hotel, but an increase in the membership necessitated the obtaining of a larger and more suitable room, and the new Lodge Room has been provided over the Parochial Hall. Between sixty and seventy Brethren were present.—"Leeds Mercury."

Referring to the proposal of Bro. Woodward that the Freemasons of England should contribute to the internal decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral, we must admit we have not been inside that building for some time past, and cannot therefore say, from personal observation, what is its present state, but we have recently been inside Freemasons' Hall, and vouch for the fact that a proposal to redecorate some of its rooms could not be questioned on the plea of unnecessary expenditure. In this, as in many other matters, the Freemasons of England might well look at home before searching for outside worlds to conquer. A damp, funereal air too, about the apartments, may perhaps be appropriate to the Master Mason ceremony, but when the business of a Lodge is confined to the first two degrees there can hardly be any excuse for this adjunct. Masonry has to bear the blame of nearly all the ills that happen to its members within a few days of their Lodge nights, and there is no necessity for additional odium being attached to it as being the cause of colds and attendant complications to all who, by early attendance, participate in the process of airing the Lodge Room.

### CONSECRATION: EMPRESS LODGE.

**A**MID the appropriate surroundings of the grand Empire of India Exhibition, beneath the shadow of the Great Wheel—whose gigantic proportions might be said to symbolise the limits of Greater Britain—and in a Temple wherein the Hindu Deities were depicted, the consecration of our youngest Lodge took place on Monday with extraordinary and complete success. The scene was rendered still more effective by the presence of several Indian Brethren, notably Bros. D. P. Cama P.G.T. in his jewelled turban and flowing white beard, Rev. Dr. John E. Marks Deputy Grand Master of Burma, M. M. Bhowmaggree, M.P., J. S. Bhungaree, C. Ardeshir D.G.S. of Bengal, and others.

The Empress Lodge is intended, inter alia, for the reception of Indian and Colonial Masons who may visit the Mother Country, on the same lines as the Anglo-American Lodge, and the names of the Founders guarantee that they will receive a hearty welcome.

The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. as S.W., F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and C. F. Matier P.G.S.B. as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. S. Hoyte P.G. Organist, with whom were Bros. W. Nicholl, A. L. Oswald, Reginald Groome, and W. Bradford.

The Lodge having been regularly opened in the three degrees, Bro. Letchworth addressed the Brethren on the motive of the meeting, and stated that H.R.H. the Grand Master had granted a dispensation for the new Lodge to be consecrated in that place.

The Grand Chaplain then gave the opening prayer, after which the Brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order round the Tracing Boards, whereon were deposited the consecrating vessels. Bro. Richardson read the Petition, and the Warrant granted by Grand Lodge, and the Brethren signified their approval of the Officers therein named.

Bro. Brownrigg delivered the following oration:—The name of your new Lodge is one more proof of the affectionate loyalty with which every English subject regards the gracious lady who rules over this vast Empire. Other nations find it difficult to understand how that loyalty is produced and sustained. At any great crisis—wherever it occurs, if the honour of England is endangered we know by experience that the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown are not, as some would wish us to believe, an element of weakness, but on the contrary a source of boundless strength. India, Canada, and Australasia are ready at a moment's notice to concentrate their native forces wherever the Empress needs them. Ready to fight side by side with their brothers, for England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, under the same colours, for the same cause. The Universe is realising this fact, though it fails sometimes to understand the reason. No doubt the foundation of English loyalty is that virtue which is engrained in the English character—obedience to constituted authority. Even that hateful product of the present century, the professional agitator, has failed to do any serious damage to the law-abiding character of the English nation. But, Brethren, over that truly Masonic foundation there has been raised during the past fifty-seven years a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder, and the loyalty which commands an affectionate enthusiasm wherever the English flag flies is even more the result of the personal influence of our gracious Queen and Empress than of any inherent good quality of our race. She deserves it—and how has she won it? First by the great fact that whenever there has been any difficulty or trouble or danger either at home or abroad (and there have been many such troubles during the present reign), moments when the wisest statesmen and the most gallant soldiers have not concealed their anxiety, then the first to face every crisis in the history of the world with the most unflinching courage and the most assured belief in her country's power was the Empress of this realm. If others for the moment lost their heads and their tempers and their faith, she remained the rallying point of the State. Dieu et mon Droit—the motto which encircles her coat-of-arms—has been to her not an ideal counsel of perfection, but the principle upon which every decision of the State must rest. But there is something which, even more than her wisdom and her courage, has won for her the affection of the Empire. It is the womanly sympathy which she is ever showing to every class of her subjects. She "dwells among her own people." Their joys and their sorrows are hers. At any moment of great national triumph or great national joy, when, for instance, the Imperial army has shown the world that it can go anywhere and do anything, then always the first message of congratulation, worded with the most exquisite skill, is one from the English Sovereign conveying her warmest thanks to all who have done service to her Empire. But domestic and common-place matters are not beneath her care. When we read in the press some sad story of a serious

accident in a mine or on a railway, when women and children are clustering round the pit mouth watching to see whether the next body brought to the bank belongs to them, when the debris of a shattered train is being removed to see what is underneath it, then if we read on we never fail to see one paragraph to the effect that the Queen has telegraphed to enquire after the sufferers, and to convey her gentle, kindly sympathy to the widow and to the orphan. And this sympathy of a good woman tells upon the whole Empire; its surpassing beauty works together with her wisdom and her strength to superadd to our loyalty a personal devotion of which your new Lodge is intended to be a respectful manifestation.

After the Invocation, the Lodge was dedicated in due form, being sprinkled with corn, wine, oil and salt by the Consecrating Officer. The Lodge was then constituted, and the Patriarchal Benediction brought the religious portion of the ceremony to an end.

The first Master Bro. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale P.G.T. was presented, and regularly installed in the chair by Bro. Letchworth. Bro. C. Purdon Clarke P.M. 1196 was invested as acting I.P.M., Bro. H. Pritchard P.Prov.G.T. Middx. was elected Treasurer, and the following Officers were appointed:—Dr. R. Maitland Coffin S.W., Imre Kiralfy J.W., Will E. Chapman P.Prov.G.S.W. Bucks Secretary, J. Holdsworth Dimsdale S.D., E. N. Alpe J.D., A. Gray I.G., Capt. T. W. Heath P.M. 1642 D.C., G. C. Fricker Steward, and T. Ellis Tyler.

The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. Letchworth in a manner which evoked the hearty applause of the assembly. A Committee was elected to frame the bye-laws of the Lodge, and a large number of candidates and joining members were proposed.

The Worshipful Master said he rose to take the first opportunity of proposing a sincere and hearty vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers for their very valuable services, especially to Bro. Letchworth, who had conducted the ceremony in such an impressive manner. As a small token of their appreciation the Brethren requested their acceptance of a Founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion, and hoped they would also honour the Lodge by becoming honorary members.

Bro. Letchworth suitably returned thanks, and said that the Officers received the jewels with a great amount of pleasure, and would also be glad to accept the honorary membership of the Lodge.

Bro. Dimsdale stated that in order to celebrate the occasion in a practical Masonic manner he intended to go up as a Steward at the next Festival of the Girls School, the oldest of the Institutions, when he was informed that the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire would preside.

There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren dispersed in the beautiful grounds while the banquet was being prepared. The very recherché menu, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond and superintended by Bros. E. Daoust and H. Cross, was greatly appreciated. Covers were laid for 120 guests.

In proposing the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. said that Her Majesty fully bore out the words of Shakespeare, in alluding to another Princess, "She shall be to the happiness of England." Happy was the family that had such a mother, happy was the nation that had such a Queen.

In submitting the M.W. the Grand Master Bro. Dimsdale bore testimony to the Masonic ability of H.R.H., and concluded by saying that no praise can exceed his worth, and he gathers around him the affection of every Mason, while every heart beats with gratitude to him.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson responded for the Grand Officers in a humorous speech, and added his high appreciation of the ceremony of Consecration.

In proposing the Consecrating Officers, Bro. Dimsdale said that the oldest and youngest Mason in the room must have been impressed by the manner in which the ceremony had been carried out, and for himself he had never seen it more religiously performed. They had also listened with much interest to the beautiful oration of the Grand Chaplain, and the other Officers had assisted as far as possible. In founding a Lodge there were many matters to be considered, but the tact and genial nature of Bro. Letchworth enabled him to carry out the duties of his difficult and responsible position with satisfaction to the entire Craft.

The Grand Secretary acknowledged the high honour paid to the Consecrating Officers, for which he tendered their warmest thanks. No duty gave him greater pleasure than to consecrate a Lodge, and he was sure that the latest addition to the roll had a splendid future before it.

In felicitous terms Bro. Sir John Monckton proposed the health of the W.M., who was a staunch friend and a "thorough" Mason.

Sir Joseph Dimsdale, in reply, said: Sir John Monckton, I thank you very sincerely for the words which you have said with regard to myself, and, Brethren, I can assure you I desire to

thank you also for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received those eloquent words. But I am not unconscious that this toast really means Success to the Empress Lodge, and I think it is but due that I should say a few words as to what has been in the minds of the Founders with regard to the establishment of this Empress Lodge. Doubtless all of us remember the story of the mother of the Gracchi, who, when asked by her friends to show them her jewels, took them to her nursery and displayed her children. Surely if England was asked the cause of her greatness and of her unique position she would point with pride over the ocean waves to her Indian Empire and her colonies which belt the world, in whom she lives, in whom she flourishes, in whom she triumphs. If we look to the east, that region to which we owe so much, the beginning of all learning both human and divine, there we find an empire containing 300 millions, and among that population some of the most astute and learned of mankind, but we find that astute and learned population, with all its learning and all its greatness, are proud to be under the rule of our Empress Queen. If, on the other hand, we turn to the west we cannot but see with pride and with pleasure the vitality and the vigour of the younger branches of the British oak. There we see new nations being reared, there we see new empires being formed, all under the same constitutional government which has made England herself great. If we go on year by year we see our family thus progressing; we see, and we are thankful to see, civilisation and religion being extended in all portions of the globe—

"Regions Cæsar never knew,  
Our posterity shall sway,  
Where his eagles never flew,  
None invincible as they."

Those were the feelings which animated the Founders of the Empress Lodge; they felt that there was an opportunity given to them to extend the blessings and the advantages which we as Masons know and prize and deeply value; it was to establish a Lodge here in which those who come from the domains of our Empress Queen would find a rallying point, and whether they come permanently or occasionally to that haven of rest we wish Masonry to our Brethren. We members of the Empress Lodge have to thank you Visitors for coming amongst us to-night, and giving us your approval and approbation. Our desire is—and we hope we shall be able to carry out at least an effort—peace, justice, and righteousness to a portion of our fellow mankind, and thus I look with confidence and hope to the Empress Lodge in the future, young though it is at present, developing and extending and adding lustre and greatness to Freemasonry which we all have at heart, and know how to prize. Brethren, I thank you on behalf of the Lodge; I thank you on my own behalf; and I feel that you possess with us sympathy and co-operation in wishing us God speed in the future.

Other toasts followed, the proceedings not concluding until a very late hour.

Among those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were the following Brethren: Ross Robertson P.G.M. Canada, W. Mason Stiles G.Treas., Richard Eve P.G.Treas., George Everett P.G.Treas., Robert Grey President Board of Benevolence, J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D., G. P. Goldney P.G.D., Sir Somers Vine P.G.D., Major-General J. C. Hay, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.D.C., James Terry P.G.S.B., C. Belton P.G.D.C., Dr. Lennox Browne P.G.D.C., R. Turtle Piggott P.G.D.C., R. C. Clowes P.G.S.B., J. H. Matthews P.G.D.C., Charles Martin P.G.D.C., J. M. McLeod P.Prov.G.S.W. Derby, W. J. W. Beard P.M. 201, J. D. Langton Prov.G.J.W. Surrey, T. P. Griffin W.M. No. 1, T. Catling P.M. 2127, C. A. Walter P.M., Henry Massey P.M. 1928, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, H. S. Wellcome P.M., H. G. Cubitt P.M. 2020, P. L. Simmonds P.M., J. W. Woodthorpe P.M. 1679, E. Rosenthal W.M. 2190, Arthur Tite, G. R. Blades, C. F. Monckton, J. E. Somers Vine, W. B. Fendick P.M., T. B. White P.M., C. E. Daniel P.M., W. J. Ebbetts P.M., N. Fortescue P.M., &c.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lord Henniker Prov.G.M. Suffolk to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, in succession to Sir. T. West Ridgeway, whose resignation takes effect on 24th January next. This is the first occasion on which a peer of the realm has been appointed to the Manx Governorship. The Manx Brethren have dispatched telegrams of welcome and congratulations on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge and other Lodges to Lord Henniker on his appointment.

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An additional honour has been conferred on Bro. John Lane P.P.G.R. P.A.G.D.C. England, in the fact of his having been elected an honorary member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois, U.S.A., in recognition of his literary services to Freemasonry.—"Western Mercury."

## THE WEYMOUTH MASONIC CHAIR.

ON Monday, 7th inst., the Mayor (Mr. T. H. Williams), accompanied by Sir R. N. Howard (Town Clerk), attended in semi-civic state at the All Souls Lodge, No. 170, for the purpose of formally handing over to the Lodge the ancient Masonic chair which has for many years been in custody of the municipal authority, and to which reference was recently made in our columns.

Some difficulty presented itself in regard to the ceremony, owing to the fact that the Mayor is not a member of the Craft, but carefully following the precedent set a few years ago, when the Baroness Burdett Coutts made a presentation to one of the London Lodges, the authorities were able to invite the Mayor to the Lodge in person, and to arrange a ceremony of a very interesting character. The Mayor arrived shortly after seven o'clock, and entered the Lodge wearing his chain of office, and accompanied by Sir R. N. Howard, who, though a leading member of the Craft and a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, attended as a "stranger."

The Mayor and Town Clerk were conducted to the dais, and the Worshipful Master offered in eloquent terms a cordial welcome. He said he was placed in a position of peculiar honour, as for the first time in the history of that Lodge he was called upon to receive on behalf of the members the civic powers of the borough. It was the first time they had been able to salute a Mayor of the town who was not a Mason. There was a long list of honourable men who had been Brothers of that Lodge and who had also filled the civic chair; and it might interest his Worship to know that Masonry appeared to agree well with the Mayors of the town who had been members of the Craft, because he found that during the last ninety-five years there had been forty-six Mayors, and of these twenty-one had been Masons. The twenty-one Masonic Mayors had reigned over fifty years, and the twenty-five who had been non-Masons for forty-five, so that those Mayors who wished to have long life in the civic chair ought to become Masons. They had a remarkable instance of this in regard to their distinguished Brother Sir R. N. Howard, who had attained very high rank and was a most distinguished Mason, and who had filled the Mayoral chair for seven years, which was, he believed, the longest time since the establishment of the office. He thought these were reasonable inducements to those who occupied the post of chief magistrate of that ancient borough to become members of their honourable society. No matter what the outside world might say or think, it was a society connection which would adorn any office; for their great motto was "Brotherly love, relief, and truth," and those principles they strove as good Masons to carry out. They were the guiding principles laid down in the volume of the Sacred Law which lay open before them, and they endeavoured to discharge their duties in the manner they should do. They had much pleasure in welcoming the Mayor of the borough to their assembly, because, though not a Mason himself, he was the father of a Mason of whom they were proud, and for whom they looked forward to a high career in the Craft. He need hardly say that they were all proud of their connection with All Souls Lodge, which had a direct record of work for over a century. Their minutes dated directly from the year 1767, and they had little doubt that the Lodge was working many years previously; but unfortunately in olden days the records of Masonic Lodges, as of many other institutions, were not kept so perfectly as they were now, consequently they could only rely upon the record since 1767. They stood according to their direct records second in the province of Dorset, but broadly speaking they could justly claim to be one of the most ancient Lodges, not only in Dorset, but in the country. In conclusion the Worshipful Master thanked the Mayor very much for his presence among the Brethren, who welcomed him with enthusiasm.

The Mayor said: as Mayor of that ancient borough it gave him extreme pleasure to be present that evening, as he had been the means, to some extent, of restoring one of their ancient Masonic chairs to its proper custody. Soon after his election as Mayor he was passing up the steps of the Town Hall with his brother, and, looking at the ancient chair, which was then in a rather dilapidated state, his Brother said what a pity it was that so fine a chair should be allowed to go to ruin. Accordingly it was carefully restored, and an application having been made by that Lodge that it should be handed back he was delighted to attend that night for the purpose of returning it to its rightful owners. He hoped the chair would remain with them for generations to come, and that many wiseheads would have the honour of sitting in it. His Worship mentioned that though not a Freemason himself he had two sons who were members of the Craft, and a third would be made a Mason that week in London. He was, therefore, in a sense connected with them, and he was proud of it. He mentioned that as a memento of the occasion he had caused a silver plate to be placed on the chair stating the circumstances of its restoration.

Sir R. N. Howard said as Town Clerk he was very pleased to support the Mayor on that happy occasion. The W.M. had very gracefully drawn a distinction between the Mayors of Weymouth who were Masons and those who were not. He himself could assure them that there had been a very good string of Mayors who had been members of the Craft, and long might it continue to be so. The ancient chair before them, he thought, read them a lesson, for it showed that when the old Arimathea Lodge was broken up they paid reverence to the chair. They respected it, and as they declined to leave it in the hands of private individuals they handed it over to the custody of those in authority at the time. For all these years it had been preserved sacred, and it was now handed back to its rightful possessors in even better condition than when it was received. The Corporation of Weymouth had faithfully discharged their trust, thus setting an example to them which, as Masons, they well might follow.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, then returned thanks for the generous action of the members of the Corporation, and said they wished especially to thank the Mayor for having used his influence to secure the restoration of the chair, and for his kindness in having caused a silver plate to be affixed to it. They also thanked his Worship for the graceful way in which he had made the presentation. It might interest the Mayor to know that the Master's chair in that Lodge was presented many years ago by a Mayor of the borough who bore the honoured name of Weston, and whose statue was in the Town Hall; and the two Wardens' chairs, occupied that night by Bros. Hetley and Sidney Milledge, were presented by the late Alderman W. Eliot, a very distinguished member of their Order. They proposed, therefore, to place the chair presented that night in the banqueting room, and the generations of Masters who sat in it would no doubt often think with grateful remembrance of the generosity of the Mayor and Corporation in the present year of grace.

A portion of Scripture having been read by the Lodge Chaplain Brother Z. Milledge, the Mayor was conducted by the Chaplain round the Lodge and shown the many portraits and objects of antiquity of which the Weymouth Freemasons are the fortunate possessors. These included a magnificent black-letter Bible (1640), a "Breeches" Bible (1599), and the mallet with which one of the piles of the first Weymouth bridge was driven, and with which the foundation stones of the present Guildhall, and Market house were laid. This was presented by the late Alderman Eliot, and an ancient accompanying trowel was given by the late Bro. Gundry. The magnificent portrait of the late Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. Williams, which occupies such a prominent place in the Lodge, was pointed out, but with becoming modesty the Chaplain did not draw attention to the handsomely-framed portrait of himself presented to him by the Lodge a few years ago. Other Lodge treasures were described in a very able manner by the Chaplain, and the Mayor was greatly interested.

The Mayor, who briefly expressed his thanks for the courtesy shown him, was then escorted to the banqueting room, where, the Lodge having been closed, he joined the W.M. and Brethren at a banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the healths of the W.M., the Mayor, and Town Clerk were received with enthusiasm.—"Southsea Times."

### THE CHIRGWIN MEMORIAL.

FRIENDS and Masonic Brethren of the late Bro. Thomas Chirgwin have subscribed £140 for the provision of a window and tablet in Truro Cathedral to his memory. These marks of appreciation are to be placed in that part of the nave already erected in the north side of the Cathedral. The window will be one of the historical series, and underneath it there will be a tablet which Mr. S. Trevel, F.R.I.B.A., has been asked to design. A meeting of the Chirgwin Memorial Committee was held in Truro Town Hall, on Saturday, 5th inst., when the Mayor (Mr. S. Trevel) presided, and those also present included Mr. J. C. Daubuz, Major Parkyn, Chancellor Worledge, and Sub-Dean Bourke. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received from Canon Donaldson, who is at Norwich attending the Church Conference, and Mr. E. D. Anderton. Cartoons for the proposed window were submitted and approved, as was the tablet inscription.—"Western Mercury."

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Saturday the remains of the late Captain Harry Harwood, Carnarvon, whose death occurred the previous Wednesday were interred in Llanbeblig Churchyard. The funeral was of an imposing character, and a large number of the deceased's comrades in the 2nd V.B. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, as well as members of the Masonic Order, attended to pay the last tribute of respect.

## 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, MANCHESTER.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was glad to note your spirited defence of the Grand Lodge Calendar. It is not a question whether its figures are right or wrong, nor a question of dispute between Brethren, so far as you are concerned; it is the official authority, and must be maintained. We are apt to consider such matters of little importance until after effects reveal the folly.

I do not see what objection Bro. Chadwick can possibly have to his Lodge's position as it stands. There has been far too much of this kind of un-Masonic warfare for the last seven or eight years, and it seems to me a paid Secretary might very well have the sense to keep out of such petty squabbles; but having got into the mess, any cur can flounder out without yelping loud enough to be heard at Torquay.

Bro. Hughan's letter in your issue of the 12th inst. is quite beside the question; moreover, he has not thought over the matter, being blinded by his own wishes, or he would never hint that the Calendar be revised to agree with "Masonic Records." The thing hardly requires thought, and the letter itself reads throughout too much like an advertisement to be treated seriously.

Yours fraternally,

MANCUNION.

### CATHOLICISM v. FREEMASONRY.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Having observed the controversy in your issues and in the "Weston Mercury" re "Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism" it shows plainly to me that the writers are not Freemasons and know nothing of our system of polity only from fictitious or other ignorant sources.

We acknowledge our system as a "peculiar" one, nevertheless of a very ancient date—dating far before the Christian era, yet to-day a greater power for good than ever, and that in point of antiquity we antedate the "Romish system" of Christianity, which is now-a-days a very peculiar system, indeed by no manner of means the simple faith the Lord himself delivered to the saints, which the following reasons will conclusively show:—

- 1st. The Lord by His death abolished the apostolic succession of sacerdotalism, inasmuch as He made every believer a king and a priest.
- 2nd. Intercession could only be made through Himself, consequently invocation of the Virgin or Saints is unscriptural and without Divine warrant.
- 3rd. "He that shall add or take away one jot or tittle from the Gospel shall be accursed."—(Have the Romanists not done so repeatedly?)

On the other hand, the fraternity of Freemasons abide by the same rules, have the same objects in view to accomplish, the same ends as they did from the beginning, which is not Devil-Worship, nor conducive to intemperance or immorality, but a brotherly sympathy and help in all conditions of life, with a hope for that which is to come.

Hence our system is to benefit mankind in general without encroaching on the liberties of the individual, or his religious or political proclivities. But what do Roman Catholics seek?—to enslave the minds and consciences of men, to establish priestly autocracy. Further, past history, in which the Romish Church was notorious for intolerance and persecution, preclude any rapprochement between the Anglican or the Free Churches.

I would commend to those Catholic writers a study of the adage that "they who live in glass houses should not throw stones," also to contradict the foregoing assertions if they can.

Trusting you will kindly insert this in your next issue to oblige,

Yours truly,

H. H.

Manchester, 16th October 1895.

### OUR WICKED (?) DESIGNS.

THE following letter appeared in last week's issue of the "Catholic Times." We reproduced the item referred to, in our issue of 28th ult.:

SIR,—Allow me some remarks on the above in the "Catholic Times" of 20th September.

1 As to what he may have been told—I presume his lordship has heard of the words "Jura, perjura, secretum prodere noli."

2 His lordship has been in the Masonic Hall (probably arranged to suit the visitor), but did he see, or ever hear, of the "Sanctam Regnum" and its contents, and what takes place there, and of the book called "Apadno?"

3 Did his lordship ever hear of Albert Pyke, or Phinens Walder, and his daughter Sophia? She is said to have certain hopes as to her relationship to Antichrist, and renders Carducci's "Ode to Satan" as few others can.

The above notes are taken from various French Catholic publications within the last few years.

Yours, &c.

OLD OSCOTT COLLEGE (1844).

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.



## ROYAL ARCH.

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## ASHER BARFIELD CHAPTER.

**T**HE Superintendent of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., accompanied by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, attended at the Masonic Hall, Cowes, on Friday, for the purpose of consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter, for the formation of which under the name of the "Asher Barfield" a Warrant had been granted in response to a petition of leading Masons of the locality.

The consecrating Officer, supported by Comps. LeFeuvre and Palmer, having opened the Chapter, proceeded with the interesting ceremony of consecration, after which, having enquired if the Companions approved of the names proposed, he proceeded to induct the first three Principals of the new Chapter. The other Officers were then elected and invested by the M.E.Z.

The following Companions are the first Officers of the Asher Barfield Chapter, the same, with the addition of Comp. C. Brown, having been the petitioners:—T. W. Faulkner P.Z. P.P.G.J. Z., G. A. Mursell P.Z. P.P.G.R. H., H. H. Wheeler P.Z. P.P.A.G.S. J., A. Barfield P.Z. Treas., J. C. Airs P.Z. P.P.G.Std.B. S.E., J. Leftwich P.Z. P.G.A.S. S.N., F. Rutland P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. P.S., F. Newman P.P.G.J. 1st Assistant S., Horace Groves P.Z. 2nd Assist. S.

A number of propositions were made of candidates for exaltation and joining members. Comp. Frederick Rutland presided at the organ.

At the close of business a recherche banquet was served at the Gloster Hotel, the M.E.Z. presiding.

## ROYAL KENT ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 20.

**T**HE Companions held their annual Convocation in the Chapter Room, Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Wednesday, 9th inst.

The ceremony of installing the Principals of the Chapter was carried out by Comp. T. S. Warne P.Z. S.E. of the Province of Kent, when Comps. T. Clibbon and W. T. Wiggins were installed respectively in the first and second Principals' Chairs, the installation of Comp. C. Skinner, the elected third Principal, having of necessity been deferred owing to that Companion's absence in London.

The newly-elected Principals having appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, the ordinary business of the Chapter was proceeded with, at the termination of which the members and visitors partook of their annual banquet under the presidency of Comp. Clibbon.

## CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

**T**HE regular meeting was held at the Clarence Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday the 3rd inst., Companion J. T. Richardson P.Z. P.P.G. Assist. Soj. M.E.Z.

There were also present:—Comps. James Hayes H., R. Rudman E., H. B. Brown N., T. C. Lilley P.S., W. Rostron Treas., J. Arensberg P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., Edward Roberts, Chas. William Dove, J. C. Brown, H. J. Harrison, Robert Adshead, J. M. Frost, Jno. C. Wilson, Nelson Stokes, W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., H. G. Walker. Visitor:—Comp. Chas. Swinn P.Z. 204 P.P.G. Sword Bearer.

A ballot, which was successful, was taken for Brother Herbert Brooks, Theatrical Manager, Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387, and of the Savoy Theatre, London, who was exalted.

Following this was the election of Officers, and the appointment of Auditors, this in turn being succeeded by the festive board, where Loyal and Arch toasts were proposed and honoured.

Companion Brook, who is connected with R. D'Oyly Carte's opera company, was compelled to leave by an early train to join the company in Sheffield.

In passing, we may say that during the last fortnight this company have been performing Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's operas of Princess Ida, and Utopia Limited, at the Theatre Royal in this city. On Monday they commence an engagement at Macclesfield.

## HIGH CROSS CHAPTER, No. 829.

**T**HE usual quarterly convocation of this Chapter was held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, 15th inst. The Chapter was opened by Comp. Thomas S. Warne Prov.G.S.E. as Z., assisted by Comps. J. P. White as H., and R. J. Beale as J.

The only business before the Chapter was the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Thomas Hastings as Z., Robert John Beale as H., and Frank Hitchens as J. The ceremony was ably performed by Comp. Warne, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The following Companions were also invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—William Russell P.Z. Treasurer, George W. Mitchell P.Z. Scribe E., Arthur Ronaldson Scribe N., Fred. Mitchell P.S., R. W. Walker 1st A.S., Rev. Aug. Jackson 2nd A.S., and George Martin Janitor.

The audit report, showing a flourishing balance, was presented and adopted.

The usual banquet followed, and during the evening Comp. Arthur Hubbard was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his services in having filled the chair of the Chapter for three years.

## DERBY CHAPTER, No. 1055.

**T**HE regular meeting was held at Prestwich, on Thursday, 26th ult. Comp. S. F. Simons Z., supported by John Wardle H., Jno. W. Thompson P.P.G.D.C., F. W. Maxwell, T. E. Rigby P.Z., Jno. W. Hallam,

J. Hislop, R. Hothersall P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C., Wm. B. Midgley P.S., Edward Roberts. Visitors:—Comps. John Marshall P.Z. 61, Z. 344 P.P.G.P.S. West Yorks., John Thorpe Org. 344.

Bro. D. P. Schloss I.P.M. East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, No. 2322, who had already been balloted for, was exalted. Following this was the Installation of Principals, and the Investiture of Officers, Comps. Wardle and Midgley being selected as First and Third Principals respectively. The ceremonies of Exaltation and of Installation were performed by Comp. John Marshall.

At the festive board which followed, various toasts were drunk, the usual honour being accorded to that of the candidate, proposed by Comp. Simons, and acknowledged by Comp. Schloss.

## GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

**T**HE Convocation of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, when Comp. E. E. Peacock P.Z., in the absence of Comp. H. F. Bussey M.E.Z., presided, assisted by Comps. J. Read P.Z., as H., and J. C. Manning as J.

After the Chapter had been constituted the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The principal business was the installation of the three Principals, who had been regularly elected, but a letter was received from Comp. C. K. Moore M.E.Z.-elect, regretting that the present state of his health prevented him from taking up the appointment. A dispensation was therefore obtained from Grand Chapter to enable Comps. J. C. Manning and John Hurdell to accept the two Principal Chairs if elected by the Chapter. This arrangement was accordingly agreed to, and the Companions were duly installed in the Chairs of Z. and H. respectively. As no other Companion had the necessary qualifications for the third Chair, it was decided that the P.Zs. should occupy it as required. The new Principals were proclaimed and saluted.

The following Officers were then invested:—E. E. Peacock P.Z. Treas., H. Wright P.Z. Scribe E., T. G. Scott Scribe N., Lionel F. Gowing Principal Sojourner, F. W. Pattison 1st A.S., H. L. Bell 2nd A.S., Henry Massey P.Z. D.C., J. J. Fretwell A.D.C., J. Read Organist, and J. Very Janitor.

It was resolved to present Comps. Bussey and Alberty with jewels as P.Z. and P.T. respectively. The Auditors' report was presented and accepted, after which the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to dinner.

## NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

**A**T the Railway Hotel, Highbury, on Monday, 14th inst., Comps. Edmonds Z., G. Gregory H., Snelling J., George S.E., Hanes S.N., Payne P.S., Walkden, Gilliard, Tuck, and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gilliard candidate. Comp. G. Gregory was elected Z. for the next fortnight, and the Chapter was closed.

Arch Masons may now honour Viscount Valentia as a Provincial Grand Superintendent, he having been entrusted with the charge of Oxfordshire, as recorded elsewhere.

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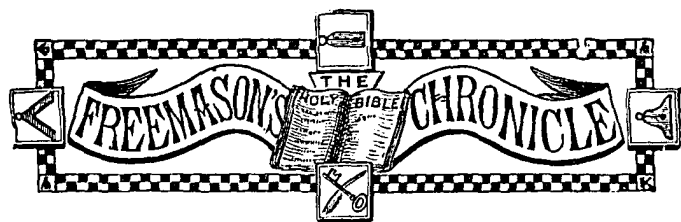
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SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 1895.

## ALPASS INSTITUTION.

**T**HE annual festival of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, on Wednesday. Colonel Baldwin, J.P., P.Prov.G.W. presided at the banquet, which was attended by over 100 ladies and Brethren.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. He said they in West Lancashire ought to feel especially proud that they had for their leader such an illustrious Brother as his lordship, who had the interest of the Craft very much at heart.

Subsequently the Chairman proposed the toast of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, remarking that since its formation ten years ago, forty-five widows had been placed on the foundation, and forty-one were at present receiving the benefits of the Institution, at an annual cost in annuities of £768.

Bro. Armstrong Hon. Secretary mentioned that the donations to the Institution this year amounted to £736 10s.—“Liverpool Courier.”

Our respected Bro. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer of England, writing to the Lord Mayor on Monday, said:—“To-day being the anniversary of my late wife's death, to mark the solemn occasion, I am desirous to do some charitable act, as taught me by my religion, and I feel I cannot do better than to place in your lordship's hands the enclosed cheque for £105 for the Mansion House poor-box.”

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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### CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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#### LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

**A** VERY successful installation meeting in connection with this Lodge, which is now entering upon its fifty-fourth year, was held at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday of last week.

In the unavoidable absence of the retiring Master Bro. T. H. Lygo, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Robert J. Beamish Prov.G.A.D.C., assisted by the Officers, and a large assembly of Provincial dignitaries and other Brethren from the surrounding districts.

Among those present during the ceremony were the following:—Bros. William Russell Prov.G.Tr., Arthur Ronaldson Prov.G.A.S., George Naylor P.P.G.D.C., Henry Doughty P.P.G.S.B., J. C. Biggs P.P.G.D.C., Charles Westwood Prov.G.S. Essex, John Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middx., John Solomon P.M. 77, George Rackstraw P.M. 77, Captain Charles Ronaldson P.M. 162, John P. White P.M. 2277, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, J. A. Whitfield W.M. 77, Charles Hind W.M. 1837, W. J. Hayward P.M., J. P. Moore P.M., E. Caspar Payne, Mayor of Gravesend, H. C. Russell 47, Joseph Davis 77, W. W. Robinson 1524, E. B. Wilks 77, G. R. Ceiley 77, H. Arthur 503, Egbert Roberts P.P.G.O.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received.

Messrs. Henry Charles Toms, Charles Edward Betts, and Alfred White having been approved, were admitted into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in due form. Bros. Harry Tucker and A. G. Lockhart were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, both the ceremonies being performed by the acting Master.

The chair was then taken by Bro. William Russell, who declared all offices vacant, and requested the following Brethren to assist him, viz., Bros. John Mason as S.W., Charles Westwood as J.W., J. P. White as I.G., and Orlton Cooper as D.C. Bro. Henry Forss having been elected as Master for the ensuing year, was presented by Bro. R. J. Beamish, and took the usual obligation. A Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Forss was regularly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, by Bro. Russell.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren Bro. Forss was proclaimed and saluted, and appointed his Officers as follow: T. H. Lygo I.P.M., W. Hawker S.W., C. Matthews J.W., T. T. Hogg P.M. Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson P.M. Secretary, H. Watts S.D., J. N. Willis J.D., T. Galler I.G., W. C. Comben D.C., A. J. Walklin A.D.C., J. C. Aylen Organist, E. Ingman and J. A. Gillett Stewards, and George Martin, for the fiftieth year, Tyler.

Bro. William Russell delivered the customary addresses in such a manner as to thoroughly deserve the hearty vote of thanks that was subsequently accorded him.

Four joining members were accepted, and three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Ronaldson was re-elected as Charity Representative. This concluded the business of the evening. The Master received the congratulations of the Visiting Brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

The W.M. presided at the banquet which followed, admirably served by Bro. Baldock, a special feature being the menu and programme designed by Bro. Forss and interspersed with appropriate Shakespearian quotations, which was quite a work of art and greatly admired.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being above the average.

Bros. William Russell and R. J. Beamish responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, and gave some details respecting the work of the Province.

In the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Beamish, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M., which was acknowledged by Bro. Forss, who said he hoped to raise the Lodge to be one of the best in the Province of Kent.

Bro. John Mason responded for the Masonic Charities in an impassioned speech, which should have a good effect on the next Festival of the Old People, which he announced would take place on 9th February 1896, when Lord George Hamilton will preside. Indeed Charity seemed to be the text of most of the speakers, and Bro. Russell, in responding for the Installing Master, digressed in order to explain the work of the Kent Charity Committee.

Bro. George Naylor, who represented the oldest Lodge in the county, also referred to the subject in his reply for the Visitors, and gave particulars of two very sad cases that had come under his notice.

The health of the newly-made Brethren was also proposed and suitably responded to by Bros. Toms, Betts, and White.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge having been complimented, the veteran Tyler appeared on the scene, and brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

A capital entertainment was provided during the evening, in which Miss B. Forss and Mr. F. Forss, daughter and son of the W.M., Miss F. Lovell, and Bros. Roberts, Watts, Ingman, and Drake took part.

The new Master Bro. Henry Forss has had considerable experience in Freemasonry, and the present is not the first occasion of his filling the chair. He was born in London, on 2nd January 1837, and was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on 2nd December 1875. He joined the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, in February 1892, and quickly rose to the highest position, for he became its Master in 1894-5, and after serving his year of office was presented with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel as a mark of recognition on behalf of the Brethren. Like many other worthy Masons he has not joined the Mark Degree, but was exalted in the Royal Arch on 24th February 1881, in the West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623. He was elected M.E.Z. in 1887, and upon leaving the First Principal's chair he installed his successor and the other two Principals. A few years ago he joined the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, of Gravesend, and was then requested by the Brethren to institute a Lodge of Instruction and become its first Preceptor, for which position his great experience in Masonic ritual so eminently befitted him. East London Masons will be glad to hear that Bro. Forss received his early tuition from the worthy Bro. Thomas Barnes, of the Yarborough Lodge, who has every reason to be proud of his pupil.

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#### PLEIADES LODGE, No. 710.

**T**HE annual installation of this Lodge, which is in a most flourishing condition, took place on Thursday, 3rd inst., at Totnes.

Previous to the installation, the W.M. Bro. W. L. Eynon, on behalf of

the Brethren, presented Bro. J. Cole P.M. Treas. with a full set of Masonic clothing in honour of his elevation to the position of G.D.D.C. in the Province of Devon. Bro. Cole made suitable acknowledgment.

Fraternal greetings were conveyed to the members by Bro. F. Stringer, of Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, at the desire of the Grand Orient Lodge, of Hamburg, and Lodge Amelia, of Weimar, Saxony, this being the first Lodge visited by him since his return from abroad.

The installation of Bro. W. R. W. Foot S.W. as W.M. of the Lodge was ably performed by Bro. J. Dreunan P.M. D.C. P.P.G.Std.B., who had acted in a like capacity for thirteen consecutive years.

After the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Royal Seven Stars Hotel, where they were joined by several other members.

#### MARMION LODGE, No. 1060.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Town Hall, Tamworth, Bro. E. Coleman was installed W.M.

There was a large attendance of members and Visiting Brethren. The annual banquet was subsequently partaken of at the Castle Hotel.

#### HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

ON Thursday, 10th inst., Bro. G. F. Miller S.W. was elected W.M.; Bro. S. S. Panter P.M. P.P.G.Purs. Treasurer; and Bro. Jas. Rashbrook Tyler for the ensuing year.

#### FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

THE annual festival was held in the Town Hall, Bradford-on-Avon, on the 7th. Bro. C. N. P. Phipps D.P.G.M. Wiltshire installed Bro. R. G. W. Chaloner S.W. P.P.S.G.W. Dorset as Worshipful Master. A number of visiting Brethren from various Lodges in Wiltshire and Somerset were present. Dinner was afterwards provided.

#### BALA LODGE, No. 1369.

ON Friday, 11th inst., the installation of Bro. Ben. E. Chadwick J.W. as W.M. took place at Bala, Bro. Herbert R. Heap W.M. P.G.Std. being the Installing Master.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Plas Coch Hotel, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

#### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

IF it is possible to connect such prosaic things as semi-Provincial assemblies with festivals and Olympiads, this condition was nearly realised at the last meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 4th inst., and the various Officers may be congratulated upon the amount of success attained.

It has often fallen within our province to note the proceedings of similar gatherings, and when we say that this meeting passed off with an equal amount of éclat, nothing more need be said upon this head. The numerical strength of the Lodge was increased by one, in the person of Bro. Thomas William Notton, late of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, who was successfully balloted for as a joining member.

The usual festive board followed, a succession of songs, &c., contributed by various Brethren, tending to furnish a very happy evening's enjoyment. Among those present we noted Bros. Alfred Pickford W.M., W. D. Fryer P.M. Treas., Henry Nall P.M. Prov.G.Tr. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., A. Redfearn J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M. D.C., William Rushton Org., John M. Crone and H. W. Bloomer Stewards, Cyril H. Beever P.M., and J. G. Bromley P.M.

Visitors:—Bros. W. Goodacre P.G.Sw.B. Prov.G.Sec., Thomas Wilde Rice W.M. 1403 Prov.G.S.W., G. A. Myers P.M. 1730 P.P.G.D.C., Alfred Cross 1713 P.P.S.G.D., and many others.

#### CURWEN LODGE, No. 1400.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, South Watt Street, Workington, on the 9th, when the principal business was to instal Bro. James Meneely as Worshipful Master for the year, and he was accordingly installed by Bro. John Barr P.M. P.P.S.G.W. assisted by Bro. C. Gowan P.M. P.P.G.S.B. The newly installed Master having been saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees, appointed his Officers for the year.

#### WEST LANCASHIRE LODGE, No. 1403.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Wednesday, 9th inst., in the Lodge Room, at the Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk. There was a large attendance.

At the opening of the Lodge, Bro. Thomas Wilde Rice P.S.G.W. the retiring W.M. presided, being supported by several visitors.

Bro. George Lea, Ormskirk (who had filled the office of Senior Warden during the past twelve months) had been elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and was now presented for installation by Bro. R. Turner P.M.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Rice and this was the first time he had fulfilled the duty of Installing Master since his promotion to Provincial honours. The beautiful ritual of the Order was gone through by him with efficiency and impressiveness.

Bro. Rice was presented with an elaborate jewel by the new W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, which he acknowledged in suitable terms.

The Officers were subsequently invested.

At the close of the business proceedings the Brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Lea, an excellent menu being served by Mrs. Blundell of the Commercial Hotel.

The various Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

#### EMULATION LODGE, No. 1505.

THE installation of Bro. John E. Williams took place on the 14th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the ceremony being efficiently performed by Brothers Edwin Eastwood I.P.M. and Simpson P.M. The attendance included nearly 100 members and visitors.

At the banquet, which was provided by Bro. Casey, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Eastwood.

#### WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104.

THE annual festival was held on Tuesday, 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Stockton, when Bro. D. McNaughton S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being performed by Brother J. Burn P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Thereafter the Worshipful Master appointed the Officers for the ensuing year.

Subsequently the Brethren dined in the banqueting hall.

#### EDEN LODGE, No. 2285.

AT the regular monthly meeting held on Thursday, 10th inst., at Workington, Bro. George Atkinson S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Jenkinson was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bro. W. Whitehead Tyler.

#### CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

AT the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 7th inst., the following were present:—Bros. Major Fred Pratt W.M., D. P. Schloss I.P.M., Surg.-Capt. Arthur H. Smith S.W., Capt. Geo. Kershaw J.W., Col. J. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.P.G.D. P.M., Capt. T. W. Ashworth, Major W. H. Hopkins P.M., Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M., Col. Henry L. Rocca P.M., Major John Heap P.M., Col. John Eaton P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G.Treas., Major J. Ballantine P.M., Col. Alan Sykes, Capt. O. Samson, Lieut. Ralph Dunn. Visitors:—Bros. Capt. W. Humphreys S.W. 44, Capt. J. Noel Eaton 430.

Grand Lodge Certificates were handed to several Brethren, after which the election of Officers took place, with the result that Bro. Surg.-Capt. A. H. Smith S.W. was unanimously selected as Worshipful Master-elect; Brother Col. Clark as Treasurer; Bros. Major J. W. Allison P.M. P.P.G.Treas., and Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.D.C. as Auditors.

Bro. Smith will be installed at the meeting to be held on Monday, 2nd December.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the same being relieved by songs, &c.

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting of this increasingly popular Lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The attendance numbered nearly forty, principal among whom were:—Bros. Fred Warbuton W.M., William Boden I.P.M., Thos. T. Hardicker S.W., Clement J. Hall J.W., Oates Rushton Treasurer, Robt. Meggitt Secretary, John Kinsey Assistant Secretary, Geo. A. Bowden S.D., T. H. Stott J.D., A. G. Bryce I.G., Wm. T. Schofield P.M. 1219 2449 P.P.G.D., B. Hopkinson P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, J. T. Whittle, R. H. Whatham, S. Kew. Visitors:—Bros. W. R. D. Davies W.M. 2368, Lieut. J. W. Evans, R.A., S.W. 1100 (Bombay), R. J. Bourne S.W. 2363, Arthur C. K. Smith Secretary 2554, M. B. Salt I.P.M. 1588, R. Dottie P.M. 1161, Wm. A. Vaughan P.M. 1030, and others.

The business announced on the summons was an Initiation, a Passing, and three Raisings, out of which quintette of ceremonies three were taken. The first, that of initiating Mr. James Park, Grocer's Manager, Bolton, was undertaken by Bro. Schofield P.M., and that of passing Bro. John Henry Crowther by Bro. Warbuton W.M., the Working Tools being explained to the two candidates by Bro. Hardicker S.W.

The duty of raising Bro. Brooks fell to Bro. Boden P.M., who performed the ceremony throughout.

At the festive board, various Loyal and Masonic toasts were given as follows: that of the Initiate by Brother Taylor, that of the newly-passed Brother by Bro. Boden P.M., and that of the newly-raised Brother by Brother Meggitt, the respective candidates responding.

Bro. Kew raised his pleasing voice on behalf of "Sweet Marie" which was supplemented by another from Bro. Scarlett, Bro. Dottie completing the trio of entertainers by a recital of the woes of some homely Lancashire folk while sailing to the "Tripedal Isle."

#### LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE annual meeting was held at the Club Rooms, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the following, among others, being present:—Bros. Henry Grimshaw W.M., W. Gadd S.W., Alfred Lloyd Higginbottom J.W., Henry Sheard S.D., W. H. Wilson J.D., C. S. Cotton I.G., E. H. Ritson Asst. Sec., Council. Thomas Uttley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., Thomas Glynn, and C. Coatman.

Visitors:—Bros. Samuel Moore P.M. 992, R. E. Walker P.M. 993, James Robinson P.M. 1219, William F. Farrington P.M. 1633, Walter Baron W.M. 1219, Geo. W. Davies W.M. 1459, James Brocklehurst 993, L. H. Keay 1219, Joseph Peers 1392.

A passing was due, but on account of the pressure of work, it was not taken.

Bro. Gadd S.W., having signified his adherence to the Antient Constitutional questions, was presented and installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bros. Grimshaw and Uttley, with the assistance of Bro. Lean.

The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year, those who were present being regularly invested and addressed:—Bros. Henry Grimshaw I.P.M., L. Higginbottom S.W., H. Sheard J.W., W. H. Wilson S.D., E. H. Ritson J.D., H. Wood I.G., J. Phythian Sec., Cotton Asst. Sec., W. H. Russell Treasurer, Thomas Uttley D.C., F. W. Lean Chaplain.

The Festival of St. John was held at the rooms of the I.P.M. in Stockport Road, an excellent banquet, under the personal direction of Mrs. Grimshaw, being provided. A long programme of music had been furnished, and was carried out with success. We must not omit to mention that two of the items were original compositions by Bro. Gadd W.M., the first being "A Festival Glee," and the other a song entitled "So mote it be," both of which deserve to become popular in the Craft.

The toasts were of the usual Masonic character, and though one or two of the minor ones might have been placed in more capable hands, yet the principal speeches were well worth listening to.

In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Grimshaw said that he had already introduced several toasts, the importance of which could not be denied, but the one he had then the honour of proposing ranked greater than them all. He felt somewhat awkward in his position as I.P.M., the transition from that of W.M. suggesting that he might be proposing his own health. He spoke of his connection with Bro. Gadd, whom he had known even before his connection with Freemasonry. The W.M. was associated in a popular sense with many institutions, where he had become deservedly



successful. Bro. Gadd was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and from certain expressions which had been indulged in that evening, a very prosperous year was anticipated, which he heartily hoped might be the case.

Bro. Gadd W.M. said, in reply, that if anything could make a man happy in his mind and satisfied with himself, it was the fact of having been placed in the chair of K.S., and to hear the many encomiums passed upon him. Although accustomed to speaking, yet he found it difficult to express himself in words appropriate to this occasion. He emphasised the long connection which Bro. Grimshaw had reverted to in his speech. Bro. Gadd explained that on two occasions he had approached the position of W.M. in another Lodge, but for special reasons he had not gone forward. The duties of W.M. were onerous, but fully realising the difficulties with which he had to contend, he had made up his mind to act so as to deserve success. He thanked the Brethren sincerely for the enthusiasm with which they had received his name.

Other toasts followed.

#### THURSTON LODGE, No. 2525.

THE members held their annual meeting at the Ship Inn, Coniston, on Monday, 7th inst., when Bro. John Bell was installed W.M. and the Officers were appointed. Several new members were proposed.

An excellent banquet was provided by the hostess, Mrs. A. Fleming, to which about two dozen sat down. The remainder of a very pleasant afternoon was occupied by the honouring of the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts.

#### METROPOLITAN.

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#### BEADON LODGE, No. 619.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge for the installation of Worshipful Master was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Royal Crystal Palace Hotel, Upper Norwood, when Brother James C. Hayes P.M., who has acted as Master since the lamented demise of Brother John Rawle W.M., in January last, presided.

As usual at this comfortable Lodge there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors, the ranks of the former including the name of Bro. Moss Chapman S.W. and W.M.-elect, F. W. Upton J.W., W. Sharratt P.M. Treasurer, Charles Norrington P.M. Sec., James W. Harrison S.D., E. Croft Wise J.D., W. Slatter I.G., Charles Meierhoff P.M. D.C., M. G. Hall Steward, Past Masters H. Massey, Alfred W. Bulow, Albert E. Austin and Carl T. Fleck.

Visitors:—J. S. Gornton 1901, A. Lundie P.M. 1381, James W. Avery P.M. 619, C. R. Wilman P.M. 2262, J. O'Dea P.M. 1178, S. Leng and S. Clarke 1178, J. Hodgkyn P.M. 1056, J. Yaulden P.M. 1981, Alfred Attkin 1348, L. Joseph 188, E. W. Ellis P.M. 1314, H. Hubberde I.P.M. 167, J. Lockett W.M. 2222, Arthur J. Millington 1227, Henry Daneson 1178, William Roats P.M. 1273, George Harris 1772, J. J. Wright P.M. 1981, John Holt 1539, Frederick James Cross 1732, W. H. Rivers P.M. 1772, W. Brogden 902, and J. Woodcock 1638.

Brother Hayes installed Brother Moss Chapman, who had been unanimously elected at the August meeting, as W.M. for the next twelve months, performing the work in admirable style. The Brethren to assist the W.M. for the year are James C. Hayes acting as I.P.M., Frederick W. Upton S.W., J. W. Harrison J.W., Francis Sharratt P.M. Treasurer, A. E. Austin P.M. Secretary, E. Croft Wise S.D., William Slatter J.D., M. G. Hall I.G., Charles Meierhoff P.M. D.C., L. A. J. Faull Organist, C. A. Adams Steward, and T. Bowler Tyler.

Brother Hayes, who was Master of the Lodge in 1885 and 1893, besides acting as Master in 1895, was presented with a handsome cigar case in silver, the W.M. stating that as Brother Hayes had already occupied the chair twice the Brethren could not offer him another Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and regard, and therefore they varied the testimonial in a way which they thought he, as a good smoker, would appreciate. There was engraved on the cigar case:—

Presented to

BROTHER JAMES CHARLES HAYES P.M.,

by the members of the Beadon Lodge, 619. 16th October 1895.

He trusted that Brother Hayes would live many years to use it, for he knew he would treasure it as much as if it was of far more value judged from a commercial point of view.

Brother Hayes having briefly thanked the Brethren, the balance sheet was adopted, which showed that there was £121 8s in hand, and £21 in the Benevolent Fund. The alms box afterwards added 32s to this amount.

The Brethren having closed the Lodge, subsequently partook of a choice banquet, and finished the evening by honouring the customary toasts and listening to some good singing by Bros. James Chilcott, Alfred Attkin, Harry Cooper and the Apollo Part Singers.

Brother Hayes P.M., proposing the health of the W.M., said the toast was not only the toast of the evening, it was also the toast of the year. It was very sad to contemplate that the Lodge had been without a Master for a long time, going on more and more disconsolate under the embarrassing weight of having one P.M. and another in the chair. Last year, however, their late worthy Brother Rawle was installed, and they were all delighted to see him so, because he was the father of the Lodge. Brother Rawle had worked and struggled hard to attain the proficiency which was deemed necessary for the occupation of the chair of the Beadon Lodge. They had still the idea that they liked their Masters to be Masters, they liked them to be Masters in Freemasonry, and then when they were Masters of the Beadon Lodge they were a credit to it. Unfortunately for the Lodge and his family, Bro. Rawle joined the majority, and the Lodge had to get a P.M. again to do the work. But now they had got one of their own men in the chair, one who though for three or four years they despaired of getting up to concert pitch had got himself up, and the Beadon Lodge was proud to own him as its Master; and when he ordered in the Lodge the Brethren would have only one thing to do—to obey him. He wished Brother Chapman a very happy and prosperous year, and might no cloud ever rise to mar the sky of prosperity of the Beadon Lodge.

Bro. Moss Chapman W.M., in replying, said that though he was a bit of a dunc when he started, he worked up and tried to make himself acquainted with the ritual and acceptable to the chair. But now he had arrived at the most difficult part of his task. He might learn the ritual, but he could not find words sufficient to express his gratitude for the honour conferred on him on this occasion. One good thing, Bro. Hayes had shown him an excellent example that evening, by making the speeches short, but he (Bro. Chapman)

could not sit down without thanking Bro. Hayes for placing before the Brethren expectations to be realised. If he conducted himself in the chair to the satisfaction of the Brethren, he should feel that he had attained the highest honour in Freemasonry.

In proposing the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Chapman said that Brother Hayes had the benefit of Freemasonry, and the benefit of the Beadon Lodge, at heart.

Bro. Hayes P.M., responding, said it was his duty to instal the Master. Every Brother who went out of the chair ought to instal the successor. He believed it made a great impression on the mind of the successor, and was an incentive to him to follow the same course. When he was initiated in 1877, he heard Bro. James Avery go through the ceremony, and he listened to him in the same way as he listened to Christine Nilsson, with his mouth wide open, wondering what kind of man that could be to have such a memory for the beautiful words and such an expression in the delivery. The same thing happened the following year and the year after, and he began to think that Installing Master was a sort of family office. But when he became Master he determined to break the record and to instal the W.M. himself. He did so. Brother Hayes then thanked the Brethren for the present they had made him, which he was sure his wife and children would cherish. He could be but seldom accused of forgetting his duties to the Lodge, he did not think he should forget them in the future, but if it was thought he was a hard taskmaster it was because he loved the Beadon Lodge. He must give a word of praise to the W.M., for he had worked with a persistency which was characteristic of his race—he had nailed his colours to the mast, and intended to stand or fall by the act. He trusted that the confidence the W.M. had put in his Officers would prove not to have been misplaced, but that they would work with tenfold vigour during the coming year.

Bro. O'Dea responded to the toast of the Visitors.

The W.M., in submitting the toast of the Officers, trusted he should have those Brethren's support during his year, at the end of which the Brethren might say the Officers were worthy of his confidence, and that he did right in appointing them. He was sure they would give him their undivided support.

Bros. Upton, Harrison, Slater, Hall, and Austin P.M. replied, each promising to do his best to make Bro. Chapman's year successful, and to leave a good record behind them.

Bro. O'Dea acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Charities, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Moss Chapman W.M. undertook the office of Steward for the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and hoped that the Lodge and the Brethren would give him their support. Bro. Hayes gave notice that he would move, at the January meeting, that the Lodge vote ten guineas to Bro. Chapman's list.

#### DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THIS Lodge resumed its meetings on Tuesday of last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when the W.M. Bro. Caslake had the gratification of initiating two gentlemen.

After Messrs. Watkins and Liddiard had been initiated in excellent form by the W.M., and necessary business transacted, an adjournment was made to a well-served dinner, which was followed by the customary toasts—special reference being made by Bro. Barnes, says the "East London Observer," to the presence of Bro. Marsh, from Tasmania, and he receiving a hearty greeting from all present.

#### STANHOPE LODGE, No. 1269.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. G. C. C. Fraser as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, in the presence of a good muster of members and visitors.

Previous to the ceremony Bro. Ivory W.M. initiated Mr. J. C. Escott, and then passed Brothers Rymer and Taylor, following with the duties of installing the new W.M. He carried out the entire work in the most perfect manner, the charges to the W.M., the Officers, and Brethren being given very impressively.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet, when the usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were given and responded to in the most hearty manner, that of the new Worshipful Master being honoured with especial enthusiasm, as also was that of Bro. Ivory I.P.M., who was thanked for the splendid display of efficiency he had shown while in the chair during his year of office, and also for his magnificent rendering of the installation ceremony that evening.

The musical arrangements of the evening were placed in the hands of Bro. Seymour Smith, an old member of the Lodge, and who was re-elected that evening as Organist and Hon. Member.

#### GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, amid mournful surroundings, such as, happily, are very unusual in our midst, the Worshipful Master of the year having died since the last meeting. Under these circumstances the chair was assumed by the I.P.M. Brother George Ridout, who was supported by Brothers G. Davis S.W., A. C. Doughty J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, W. Cleghorn P.M. Secretary, T. G. Doughty S.D., E. T. Homewood J.D., C. T. Wilkinson I.G., Alfred Kenningham Organist, Thomas Steer Steward, together with other Past Masters, a large number of private members of the Lodge, and the following, among other Visitors: Brothers Boeck G.O. France, H. Heck P.M. 766, W. T. Wilkinson J.D. 742, E. Woodcock 742, S. Marsh 2502, W. J. Rayner 1362, Henry Potter 2502, O. Fenerstein 766, W. W. Leo P.M. Prov. Grand Steward Middlesex, W. W. Morgan 177, W. E. Wellby P.M. 538, &c.

Having disposed of the usual preliminaries the acting Master proceeded to confer the second degree upon Brother Kain, after which, the Lodge having been resumed, the ballot was taken for five gentlemen, Messrs. John James Lee, Benjamin Shayer, John Lawton Atkinson, Joseph Gough and Samuel Punter, candidates for initiation, all of whom were unanimously approved of, and subsequently admitted into Freemasonry, this completing the ceremonial work of the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, before closing the Lodge, said: Brethren, the work of the Lodge being so far accomplished, before it closes I feel we must do justice to the memory of one whom we all loved and respected, for to do it justice is to do it honour. Our late Brother James Bastow added lustre to the history of Freemasonry, the sunshine of his genial presence seemed to touch with gold the prose of common life. We all knew and valued his work and his worthiness. There are those who ridicule the Craft and say that the



Freemason's work, his memory, and his influence closes with the closing of the tomb. This very silence, coupled with part of the work done to-night, seems to me to be a living proof to the contrary. Good work never dies. Our esteemed Brother was ever zealous of the best interests of the Lodge, and most enthusiastic in introducing good men and true as members. In proof of this I need only remind you that two of the Initiates to-night, together with the three or four he himself initiated, were of his introduction, not forgetting the many others he introduced since he joined the Great Northern Lodge twelve years ago. In addition to this he filled—and ably filled—the whole of the minor Offices. By such conscientious work as this time cannot dim his fame, but will rather enhance it, so that anything I can say to his loving memory cannot be a sufficient mark of the influence he left on all who had the good fortune to know him. I shall now ask our Treasurer Bro. P.M. Webb—the father of the Lodge—to submit a letter of condolence to the widow and children of our late Brother, after which Bro. Owen (as Bro. Bastow's oldest friend) and the honoured Chaplain of our Lodge, will each say a few words expressive of our great regret at our Master's death.

Brother Webb P.M. Treasurer followed. He said: Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren—I, as the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and consequently the oldest Past Master, feel it to be my duty to propose a vote of condolence to Mrs. Bastow, on the great loss she has sustained in the death of her beloved husband. I therefore beg to move:

"That the members of the Great Northern Lodge do hereby express their sincere regret and sorrow that their highly esteemed and excellent W.M. Brother James Bastow should have been taken from them so suddenly during his year of office as Master, and that every Brother of the Lodge desires to express his heartfelt sympathy with the widow and children in their severe loss, and trusts that the Great Architect of the Universe will comfort and protect them in their sore affliction."

Bro. Owen P.M. rose to second the resolution, and in doing so said he had to add his great regret to that of the other speakers, that such a course should have been necessary. He had known Bro. Bastow for a very long period—twenty-five years back he joined the firm he had the honour of being associated with, and although Bro. Bastow had removed to the city, to more extended operations, it had not severed their close friendship, for scarcely a week passed without their seeing each other. It was his privilege to propose Bro. Bastow as a member of the Great Northern Lodge, and he knew his career therein had been satisfactorily regarded by the members, for all who had known him appreciated him. So much was this the case that the simple words on his memorial card—"Never forgotten"—fully exemplified the facts of the case in regard to their dear departed Brother, who would certainly never be forgotten by his fellow workers in that Lodge.

The Chaplain next addressed the Brethren. He had recently had most singular experiences. Early in the year one of his Churchwardens had died—an occurrence that did not frequently happen, for a Churchwarden to die while in office—and he had buried him. Then his Worshipful Master had died—another most unusual event—and he had also buried him. The highest praise Bro. Bastow could bestow on any man had been to say he was a good Mason. They all knew what a good Mason the late Worshipful Master was. Freemasonry taught them many important lessons, not the least important being how to die, and it did this by teaching its members how to live, for after all it was only by properly living that they could properly die. Their late Brother Bastow was one who all must say looked thoroughly into himself. He was kind and generous to everyone else, although severe towards his own actions. He faithfully fulfilled his allotted task while it was yet day, and he hoped had already reaped the reward of so doing. The arrangements he made prior to his death in regard to his private affairs proved how thoughtful he was for others up to the very last. The lesson they really wanted to take away that day was that they should follow in his footsteps, in which case they would have no fear of death, feeling rather that they were going to triumph over it, and at the same time would be doing something towards a realisation of the sentiment oft repeated over the graves of their Brethren. In conclusion he hoped that virtue, like the sprig of acacia, might bloom for ever over the tomb of their deceased Brother and Worshipful Master.

Four candidates were proposed for initiation, so that there is every prospect of a busy future before this popular Lodge, the members of which also decided to recommend the petition of a former member's widow to the Board of Benevolence, themselves proposing to make a grant of five guineas on her behalf at their next meeting.

This concluding the business of the evening, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where dinner was served in a very satisfactory style, the menu and service being alike excellent. The usual toasts were subsequently given. In view of their recent loss the Brethren abstained from the customary "firing," the gloom occasioned by Bro. Bastow's death really pervading the whole meeting.

After the Loyal toasts Bro. Webb Treasurer proposed that of the acting Master. The very peculiar position he was placed in in having to do this caused him considerable pleasure, and at the same time great pain. As they knew, the Lodge had lost a dear friend. He was quite certain that had Bro. Bastow been there that night his heart would have been full of love and regard for the members of the Lodge, while he would have shown his usual regard for all present; it was painful to think of their loss, but pleasurable to think how efficient the Immediate Past Master had proved himself when in the chair, and how fully qualified he was to fill the vacancy all so much regretted had arisen.

The acting Master tendered his thanks. He felt he did not deserve half the flattering things that had just been said of him, fearing rather that he was tiring them all, for what with the work of the Lodge, his duties at the festive board, and his efforts as a Steward for the last Festival of the Boys School, they must have thought that when he was not at work he was dunning them. He was pleased to say his list for the Festival just referred to had amounted to the handsome total of £183 10s. He was very pleased at the prospect before the Lodge, where he would probably have the opportunity of working several ceremonies, so that as he had been awarded a jewel on his retirement without having earned it, he might now be able to prove he really had a desire to do any work that came before the Lodge.

The toast of the Initiates was next given, the Master offering them a hearty welcome, and hoping they had experienced as much pleasure in joining the Lodge as the other members had experienced in receiving them.

Bro. Lee said his appreciation of the remarks just made, and the reception that had been accorded him, was only exceeded by one thing—the sense of the responsibility he had undertaken that evening. He hoped he should justify the confidence they had shown.

The other Initiates replied, other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

#### METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

WHEN speaking of a corporate body it is the usual custom to gauge its power by its weakest member, just as we regard the strength of a chain as the strength of the weakest link, but Freemasons' Lodges often seem to display the exact reverse, and not infrequently may almost be measured by their best member, the example of energy or perseverance set by the leader having a decided influence on the others, and raising them far above the level they would have reached if left wholly to themselves. The Metropolitan Lodge appears to be an exemplification of this, the general body of its members being apparently thoroughly imbued with the enthusiasm and "go" of its leaders, who not only practice activity in their own endeavours, but seem to keep a watchful eye on all around them, and prevent anything approaching sluggishness or unconcern among their fellows. The same holds good in regard to the working of the Master and Officers in such Lodges, anything like inefficiency being really resented, and speedily put an end to if within human power of amendment, the Past Masters and others qualified to give instruction making it their special business to bring the standard of work up, so as to correspond with the past reputation of the Lodge.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, being well attended by Officers, Private Members, and Visitors alike; indeed the gathering was one of the most successful it has been our fortune to participate in at this Lodge's Installations, albeit it has been our privilege to attend most of its anniversaries. The following were among those who signed the attendance book as Visitors:—Bros. D. W. Sargent S.W. 2305, H. G. Norris 15, David Hart 957, James Speller P.P.G.D. Essex, M. Garrard P.M. 188, W. L. Dickson 58, H. Stallard P.M. 1613, F. A. Baldwin 2168, John Stanton S.W. 2157, H. R. Elkin 2157, T. N. Lloyd J.D. 2501, V. Simmonds 858, William Call P.M. 1209, W. Rogers J.D. 1839, A. H. Scurrah P.M. 2206, J. Genese 1540, T. Renwick 861, C. Hunt 861, W. Jones 2264, W. W. Morgan 177, H. Wakerell 1963, R. Ross P.M. 1744, F. Herold P.M. 1050, R. E. Miles 2424, M. Sidersee 185, E. Donaldson W.M. 1953, G. Emblin W.M. 2432, M. Siegenberg W.M. 188, C. H. Worley 2271, Alfred Laubach 1 (S.C.), R. A. Hose P.M. 1314, James Brand 1706, Jos. Kirby 1693, W. A. Bowman 2427, Will Edwards 1897.

The proceedings were under the direction of Bro. Robert Alaway W.M., who, after the confirmation of the Minutes, the receipt of the Audit Committee's report, and other preliminary business, proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. John Francis Saunders, into the chair of the Lodge, with all the customary ceremony, this work being followed by the appointment of the Assistant Officers for the year, the collars being conferred on the following Brethren: J. Bate S.W., J. H. Moggridge J.W., James Willing jun. P.M.—the only one of the Founders of the Lodge now left—Treasurer (his investment being by proxy, in his absence), F. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, W. Barry S.D., E. E. Hawkins J.D., E. G. Steers I.G., R. L. Brown D.C., A. C. Bradley and R. C. Glead Stewards, A. Jackson Organist, and R. Whiting P.M. Tyler.

The Installing Master then gave the addresses, and immediately afterwards the new Master invested Bro. Alaway with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which, he said, was given as a mark of esteem and respect from the members, and in recognition of the great zeal Brother Alaway had displayed in the conduct of the work, which had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion by the especial effort just made, with so much success, in the duty of Installing Master.

Bro. Alaway acknowledged the presentation. It was indeed a great pleasure to him to receive the jewel, which he should wear with pride, as evidence of having been Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge.

Four gentlemen were now introduced and regularly initiated, the ballot having been previously taken on their behalf, as also for Brother Samuel Dancyger P.M. 205, and Bro. E. M. Batters P.M. 1280 who were accepted as Joining Members. The Initiates were Messrs. E. Polak, M. Robinson, C. V. Slater, and E. A. Gosnay, after whose admission the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal supervision of Bro. Arthur Clemow, whose large staff of assistants were most assiduous in their attention to the company, and materially assisted in securing the enjoyment of the good things provided by the establishment.

After grace had been said the Master submitted the usual Loyal toasts, making a special feature of that of the Pro Grand Master and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, in view of the fact that Bro. W. M. Stiles, the first initiate of the Lodge, and one of its most active Past Masters, at present enjoys the distinction of the Grand Treasurership. The qualifications and ability of the Grand Officers, said the W.M., were well-known to all present and he should not expatiate on them. It was an especial pleasure and honour to have among them the Grand Treasurer of England, of whom they were particularly proud, as an initiate and Past Master of the Lodge.

Bro. Stiles felt very few words were needed from him that evening as they were so late. Referring first to the Earl of Lathom he said they had lately seen him consecrating a new Lodge at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, with an ability few seemed to expect from a Grand Officer. The same interest was displayed by the Deputy Grand Master, who presided at a recent Festival on behalf of the Institutions, succeeded in attracting more than had been raised before, and generally acted in a way unexpected from a Grand Officer—the list could be continued, all going to prove that the Grand Officers were really efficient and painstaking in the discharge of the duties of their appointments. Personally he felt a great pleasure in having been an initiate of the Lodge, and very proud of his present position as Grand Treasurer. During his term of Mastership—some fifteen years ago—he had the privilege of initiating the present Master of the Lodge, who, he could truly say, had been a hard worker, not only in the Lodge, but also in the Lodge of Instruction associated with it. Bro. Stiles concluded by saying how much he appreciated the reception that had been accorded him as a Grand Officer that day.

The I.P.M. next assumed the gavel. A pleasant task fell to his lot that evening in the proposition of the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The Brethren had heard the eulogistic words of Bro. Stiles in connection with Brother Saunders' past, but he might add thereto by saying that the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction held him in such esteem that they had presented him with his apron as Master; while another Lodge of Instruction—the Joppa—entertained such regard towards him that they had presented him with his collar and jewel of office. These were matters that spoke for themselves, far more forcibly than words could do, and clearly showed the appreciation in which the Master of the Lodge was held by those who had an intimate acquaintance with him.

The Worshipful Master, in his reply, said he need hardly tell them that the present was a very proud moment for himself. He was initiated in that Lodge, as Bro. Stiles had told them, fifteen years ago, and he might say he had taken great interest in the work of Freemasonry ever since. He hoped he should continue to hold the same high character among his fellows as he at present enjoyed.

The next toast was that of the Initiates. It had been a great pleasure, said the Master, for him to have the initiation of four gentlemen into the Lodge on his installation night. He hoped they would each live to be good members of the Craft and a credit to the Lodge.

Each of the newly admitted members responded.

The W.M. now submitted the toast of the Installing Master, of whom it might truly be said that during his year of office he had done all that lay in his power to maintain the dignity of the chair of the Lodge.

The I.P.M. responded, thanking the members most cordially for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received.

The health of the guests came next. The W.M. said they were honoured by the presence that evening of many distinguished Visitors, and the Lodge hoped they had all so enjoyed themselves as to desire to come again. He should like all to speak in response to the toast, but as that was impracticable would select three who held the honoured position of Worshipful Master at the present time in their respective Lodges to do so; these were Brothers Siegenberg 188, C. Donaldson 1963, and G. Embling 2432, each of whom replied.

Bro. Siegenberg referred to the interest displayed by the Master in the work of Masonic Charity. Only a few weeks back the W.M. had been one of the founders of a Charitable Association in connection with a Lodge of Instruction they were members of. If it were not for such Brethren as the respected Grand Treasurer and the present Master of the Metropolitan Lodge the Institutions would not be in their present proud position. He hoped the Master would enjoy good health and have a successful year of office.

Bro. Donaldson had known Bro. Saunders very many years, and was convinced the Lodge would never have occasion to regret having placed him at the head of affairs, similar sentiments being expressed by the other respondent to the toast, Bro. George Embling.

Next on the list was the Past Masters of the Lodge, with which the W.M. coupled the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, all of whom, he said, had done good suit and service in the past, and had their hearts thoroughly imbued with the desire to help on the prosperity of the Lodge.

Bro. Scales and Perks responded, the former expressing the honour he felt it was in having held the Office of Secretary during so long a period as twelve years, during which time he could truly say he had never had the slightest disagreement with any member of the Lodge. He looked forward to a time of great prosperity and progress.

The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and then the Tyler was summoned and concluded the proceedings in the customary manner, the evening closing amid general expressions of approval and enjoyment.

## INSTRUCTION.

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### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE usual weekly meeting was held on the 11th, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., when there were present Bros. Geo. Clarke P.M. W.M., A. Rusby S.W., J. J. Lamigeon J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, Ditchman Deacon, H. J. Calley I.G., Witte, and Johnson.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willsmer acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Witte candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren.

Bro. A. Rusby was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

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## MARK MASONRY.

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### ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 34.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., there being present:—Bros. Arthur Kemp Boothroyd W.M., J. M. Veal S.W., John Walker M.O., Wm. Nicholl P.M. P.G.D. Eng. Sec., Sargeant Searle J.D., Clare Edgar Towell P.M., Geo. A. Myers I.P.M. Prov. G.S.B., Joseph T. Richardson P.M. P.G.S. Eng. P.P. Insp. Wks., and others.

Beyond the reading and confirmation of minutes, there was very little work to occupy the attention of the Brethren, and they were enabled to make an early adjournment.

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### ROYAL SAVOY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

AT the Railway Hotel, Highbury, on the 13th inst., Bros. McDowall W.M., G. Gregory S.W., Bryce J.W., Collings M.O., Tuck S.O., Ives J.O., George S.D., McDowall Treasurer, Collings Secretary, Edmonds Preceptor, G. W. Knight I.G., and Legg.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Legg candidate.

The meeting was adjourned to 20th October at seven o'clock.

**Vaudeville.**—The well-known and oft-quoted advice of old Sam Weller to his son would appear to point the moral, as it adorns the tale of "Poor Mr. Potton," a new and original farce by Clarence Hamlyn and H. M. Paull, which was produced last week by Mr. Weedon Grossmith. Had this worthy and possibly distinguished civil servant taken old Sam's advice to heart, he would have been beware of the widow Dashwood, and have been saved much mental and bodily anguish. But on the other hand we should have had no farce. Mr. Willoughby Potton, a typical representative of the Somerset House young man, goes for a fortnight's holiday to Kissengen, meets the attractive Mrs. Dashwood, is fascinated with her voluptuous charms, proposes, is accepted, plighted and trothed before the action of the piece begins. We then find him paying his first visit to the house of his fiancée laden with toys for the supposed children. To his surprise they turn out to be a young athlete who is captain of the local football team and amateur light weight champion boxer, a lady bicyclist, and a young hoyden, all determined to resent his introduction into the family. 'Tis a rude awakening, and his ardour is considerably cooled when he hears that his charmer has already disposed of two former husbands. The woman scorned arises in her wrath and disappointment, threatens an action for breach of promise, and makes things generally unpleasant. It would not be fair to

tell how poor Potton is extricated from his dilemma, but we may congratulate the authors upon their ingenuity. Mr. Weedon Grossmith is quite at home in the title role, and causes roars of laughter throughout, indeed the burden of the piece is on his shoulders. Miss Gladys Homfrey proves that Potton had every excuse for his infatuation. Miss May Palfrey, charming and natural as Catherine, Miss Chippendale amusingly hoydenish as Pauline, and Mr. Tom Terriss as the athlete, satisfactorily represented the three "chicks"; Mr. Wilfred Dracott was a manly Dick Harrowby, Miss Alice Beet gave a good picture of the domestique fin de siècle, and Master F. Saker was clever as the solicitor's pert clerk. Mr. John Beauchamp, Miss F. Haydon, Miss Dale, Mr. F. Volpi, and Mr. J. Warden fill up the remaining characters with advantage to the piece, which was received with great applause, and promises to be successful.

## FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

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

(Continued from page 137.)

II.

IF it be true that in Masonic teaching, direct or indirect, the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul are "merely traditional formulæ of no meaning," Christianity can have no actuality for it. What is the attitude of Masonry to Christianity?

On 6th May 1844, George Kloss, a sound Mason, versed in the Craft, Councillor of the Grand Duke of Saxony, drew up a report on the impossibility of introducing Positive Christianity into Masonic Lodges. The Report was printed as a Manual for Masons, and is, therefore, official. From it we learn: <sup>1</sup>

Masonry is the universal religion, its dogmas are those upon which all religions are based. Its radical difference from them being that while all religious sects are, more or less, founded on certain revelations, Freemasonry essentially rejects this basis. Its firmest palladium against its enemies' attack is this very attitude of estrangement from all positive or revealed religion; a palladium which has been worthily maintained and energetically defended by the most illustrious Masons. True Masons must never give it up, since the absolute exclusion of every shadow of revelation is one of the foundation stones of the Society.

In a *mémoire* printed in 1833 for the Jubilee year of the Lodge "Day-Break" of Francfort-sur-Marne, Hess, an evangelical preacher and Mason of that place, writes:

If the Masonic Lodges are considered as Christian institutions and forbid themselves to those who do not profess Christianity, they forget the essential aim of Masonry; which is to unite humanity which has been divided by religious beliefs or political events. If Masonry lose sight of its august mission, it will no longer serve but to confirm the error and prejudices of which better enlightened Masons seek to rid men. One after another, crumble the stones of that thick wall built by the friends of darkness, by means of lying and dissimulation, forebodings and legends, false traditions and accursed symbols. . . . It was in the Temples of Masonry and under the protection of Secrecy that generous hearted men of all classes and conditions first taught, then proclaimed, the maxims which were then execrated as heresies and criminal innovations. <sup>2</sup>

And a speaker of the same Lodge, Boerne, referring to Christianity, cried:

Let no one ask me its name, I know it, but I dare not pronounce it. In the sanctuary of peace and happiness I dare not pronounce that word which, like a horrible magic withdraws the veil covering a bloody past. I dare not utter the word, which, in a few syllables means that acme of horror, murder, murderers, murdered:—Christianity.

Let these be considered the heated words of individual irresponsibility, open the "Masonic Review" for that masonically active year, 1848, and read an eminent Mason Fischer, thus:—"Those who attack the religious side of the order, are fighting an illusion. Excepting a few private Lodges the great majority of the order not only do not admit Christianity, but even oppose it to the death." How true were the words of Jochemus, a Mason, "A very paganism is nearer us than Christianity!" <sup>3</sup>

In 1717 Jews were admitted to the Order—excepting into three Lodges of Berlin: In the Masonic publication, "The voice of the Orient," issued by Gotthald Salomon, a Jewish preacher of Homburg, Doctor of Philosophy, Honorary Member of the Lodge Silver Unicorn of the Orient of Nieubourg, we read: <sup>4</sup>

Why is the name of Christ never once pronounced in the oaths nor in the prayers at the opening of Lodges or at banquets? Why do Masons date their era not from the birth of Christ, but, like the Jews, from the creation of the world? . . . But supposing we could or would forget for an instant that a Christian Masonry would be a flat contradiction, a square circle, a round square, &c.

Curiously enough an answer to one of this Jew's questions is discovered in a letter of a Vice-Grand Commander of the French Lodges to a Brother Mason in Berlin, the Count de Fernig to Berendt:

To affirm that Masonry only dates from the Christian era is to misconceive the solemn traditions of the Royal Art. The constant image of the Temple of Solomon . . . in fact many other usages, do they not prove that we existed before the establishment of Christianity? <sup>5</sup>

(To be continued.)

<sup>1</sup> An account of it will be found in Hartsmann and Shaus's *Masonic Archives*.

<sup>2</sup> Fête du Jubilé 1833, p. 109.

<sup>3</sup> La Réforme, T. iii., p. 288.

<sup>4</sup> T. i., p. 194, Homburg, Berendson, 1845.

<sup>5</sup> Gyr. La F. M. dans sa véritable signification. T. i., pp. 216-217.

## NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

21 Emulation, Albion  
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern  
862 Whittington, Freemasons-hall  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons-hall  
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Critn.  
1657 Aldersgate, Albion  
1694 Imperial Clot's Restaurant  
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's  
2265 Barnato, Café Monico  
2489 Willesden Green, Willesden  
77 Freedom, Gravesend  
236 York, York  
248 True Love and Unity, Devon  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace & Harmony, Southamp-  
ton  
377 Hope and Charity, Kiddermin-  
ster.  
424 Borough, Gateshead  
466 Merit, Stamford Baron  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
900 St. George, Tewkesbury  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth  
986 Hesketh, Croston, Preston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1113 Anglesea, Menai Bridge  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham.  
1170 St. George, Manchester  
1199 Agriculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1238 Gooch, Twickenham  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere  
2086 Dacre, Stevenage  
2074 St. Clair, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool

2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2239 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields  
2349 W. Lancashire Century, Black-  
pool  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield  
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester

## Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons-hall  
92 Moira, Albion  
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
186 Industry, Freemasons-hall  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel  
1158 Southern Star, Bridge Ho. Ho.  
1348 Ebury, Criterion  
1441 Ivy, Camberwell  
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1052 Callender, Manchester  
1390 Whitwell, Millom  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1726 Gordon, Bognor  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

## Wednesday.

Board of Benevolence at 5  
201 Jordan, Freemasons-hall  
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern  
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's  
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel  
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons-hall  
2395 Avondale, Brixton  
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross  
32 St. George of Harmony, L'pool.  
82 Foundation, Cheltenham  
117 Salopian Charity, Shrewsbury  
220 Harmony, Garston  
250 Minerva, Hull

257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
724 Derby, Liverpool  
887 Leigh, Birmingham  
1039 St. John, Lichfield  
1633 Avon, Manchester  
1723 St. George, Bolton  
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey  
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton  
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2357 Barry, Cadroxton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

## Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School,  
F.M.H., 5  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons-h.  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons-hall  
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge Ho Ho.  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel  
871 Royal Oak, Deptford  
1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate  
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Mas. Hall  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
2012 Chiswick, Kew Bridge  
2319 Scots, Fleet Street  
2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Ct.  
51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Impl. George, Middleton, Lanc.  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
410 Grove, Ewell  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
784 Wellington, Deal  
787 Beaureper, Belper  
935 Harmony, Salford  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 St. Vincent, Bristol

1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1702 Sub Urban, Great Stanmore  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness  
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot  
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Man-  
chester  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

## Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.  
60 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon.  
Art. Co.  
1601 Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge  
602 North York, Middlesboro'  
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton  
810 Craven, Skipton  
1303 Pelham, Lewes  
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Nottingham  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

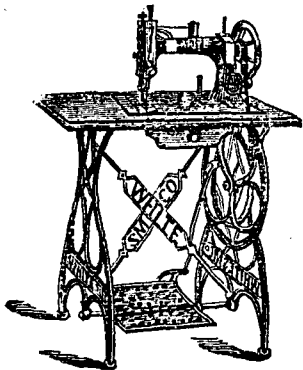
## Saturday.

1297 West Kent, Sydenham  
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn  
Viaduct Hotel  
1584 Loyalty & Charity, Kew Bridge  
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant  
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court  
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet

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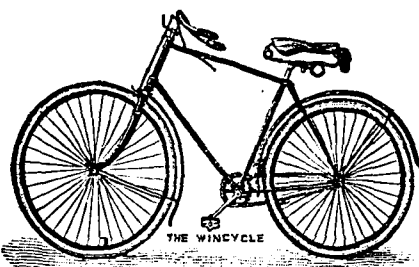
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Court.—8.45, Vanity Fair.  
Adelphi.—8, The Swordsman's Daughter.  
Princess's.—7.45, A Lion's Heart.  
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.  
Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice.  
8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Thursday, 3.  
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Criterion.—8.20, All abroad.  
Strand.—8, A Handsome Husband. 9, In a Locket.  
Terry's.—8.20, Between the Posts. 8.55, The  
Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.  
Garrick.—8, The rise of Dick Halward.  
Avenue.—9, The Private Secretary.  
Royalty.—8, Harmony. 8.40, The Chili Widow.  
Duke of York's.—8, The wrong address. 8.45, Her  
Advocate.  
Daly's.—Second edition of An Artist's Model.  
Vaudeville.—8.20, The Burglar and the Judge. 9,  
Poor Mr. Potton.  
Comedy.—8, The benefit of the Doubt.  
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand  
Ballets. At 2.50, Titania. At 10.45, Lochinvar.  
Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand  
Ballets. 8, On Brighton Pier. 10.10, Faust.  
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vi-  
vants, &c.  
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée,  
Saturday, 2.30.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Matinée, Saturday,  
2.30.  
Tivoli.—2.30 and 7.45, Grand Variety Entertainment.  
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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 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.  
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7  
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8  
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8  
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 8  
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction  
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6.30  
 1349 Friars, Plough Tavern, Bow 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, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, 8  
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8  
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7.30  
 1446 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8  
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7.30  
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.  
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.  
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington  
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6.30  
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7  
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.  
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30  
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8  
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

### Wednesday

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

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7.30  
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8  
 1791 Creton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, 8  
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7.30  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7.30  
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

### Thursday.

- 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7.30  
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8  
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8.  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7.30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime  
 house, E., 7.30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7.30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6.30  
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7.45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7.30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5.30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7.30  
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9  
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton  
 2202 Regents Park, Frascati, Oxford Street  
 R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8  
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

### Friday.

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

### Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park, near  
 Nunhead Junction, 7.30  
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.  
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8  
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8  
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7  
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney  
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7  
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8  
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.  
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

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