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YOUNG MASONS AS TEACHERS.

LODGES of Instruction, which are admittedly of great service to Freemasonry, and are deservedly popular in all parts, often present some strange anomalies, in the form of juvenile instructors, or Masons comparatively new to the art laying down the law and expounding the ritual to Brethren much their seniors, both in regard to age as well as association with Freemasonry, by virtue of the power with which they are for the time invested; and we are told there are some among the older and more dignified members of the Craft who will not associate themselves with Lodges of Instruction because of this, to them, objectionable feature.

At first blush there would seem to be no particular harm in this, but we have heard old Past Masters argue that it is inconsistent, and really detrimental to the interests of the Order, for the reason that it occasionally happens a young Mason, by diligent attention to work in the Lodge of Instruction, and his perhaps greater aptitude for learning, soon knows more of the ceremonies and ritual than his elders, who are apt to be looked upon with a certain amount of contempt when they flounder through a ceremony which perhaps half a dozen of the younger members of the Lodge could work with accuracy, and no little dramatic effect. But who is to blame for this? Lodges of Instruction have taught us that it is possible for Brethren with ordinary ability to shine as exponents of the ritual, provided they give a fair amount of attention to the work, and if some of the older "fogies" will not take the necessary trouble they must not object to be out-distanced by those who do, be they younger or older members of the Craft.

We may here admit that it may sometimes be galling to Brethren who have spent many years in the Craft to find themselves cut out by their juniors, but the older members should bear in mind the fact that in many cases juniors can more easily acquire ability in the ritual of the Order, just as younger men are supposed to be more apt at learning anything else of a similar character, probably because they are in better practice than their seniors; and though the elders may envy the greater proficiency of younger men they have no cause for actual complaint when they see others surpassing them, either in form of delivery, or knowledge of the actual ritual, for they either have themselves to blame, for not giving more attention to the work; or are physically incapable of appearing to equal advantage with the ones they criticise.

We think it would be a misfortune if the Offices in Lodges of Instruction were to be closed to young Masons, who, in the opinion of some, should not be allowed to rehearse ceremonies above their position in Lodge. Such a course would materially interfere with the good work that is now being carried on in our midst. Happily there is very little fear of such a result, and as a consequence some of our older members must continue to put up with the inconvenience of seeing younger men than themselves excelling them in the work of the Craft, or adopt more vigorous measures in acquiring proficiency for themselves.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey President in the chair. The Junior Vice-President Bro. C. A. Cottebrune acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou Past Asst.G.P. performed the duties of Junior Vice-President.

The meeting was numerously attended, among Past Grand Officers present being Bros. Col. George Lambert, John Chadwick, Henry Garrod, D. D. Mercer, T. W. Whitmarsh, and S. Vallentine; and among the elected members of the Board Bros. William Vincent, George B. Chapman, William Fisher, George R. Langley, R. H. Evans, W. Kipps, George Graveley, James Bunker, and E. C. Mulvey.

Other Brethren present were Bros. Frederick Thomas, Henry T. Simon, G. H. Newington Bridges, Dick Radclyffe, William Radcliffe, Charles P. Bellerby, John W. Shackleton, C. Mansfield, Major C. W. Carrell, Henry J. Moxon, H. Massey, Albert Clark, W. Caslake, G. E. King, W. Adams, E. W. Jeffery, C. H. Webb, Thomas Grammant, Layton Richardson, W. Cleghorn, J. H. Neville, W. F. Hughes, G. R. Hoare, J. W. Robinson, Charles Henry Stone, Sidney W. Larkin. The Grand Secretary's Department was represented by Bros. Letchworth G.S., W. Lake Asst.G.S., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee.

Three recommendations of £30 each made at last meeting to the Grand Master were confirmed. Of thirty-six cases on the new list, two were deferred and one was dismissed. The cases on the new list hailed from Lodges in the London District, and at Paignton, Bromley (Kent), Sunderland, Eccles, Monkwearmouth, Mussoorie (E.I.), Peterborough, Ilford, Ross, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Calcutta, Oxford, Valparaiso, Boston, Gibraltar, Longton, Rochdale, Hampton Court, Newport (Mon.), Leeds, and Newton Abbot. The total grant made to thirty-three cases was £805. Grand Lodge was recommended to grant £50 to one petitioner, and the Grand Master was recommended to grant five petitioners £40 each, ten £30 each, and two £25 each. The Board made grants of £20 in six instances, and granted one case £15, giving also six petitioners £10 each, and two £5 each.

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

AT a largely attended meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 18th, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the annual festival and ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, early in the coming year, Bro. A. Stoddart P.M. 32 P.P.G.W. was voted to the chair.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the ball at the Town Hall early in January, the exact date being subject to the new Lord Mayor's convenience, and Bros. E. Paull, J. Houlding, Dr. Clarke, Dr. J. Kellett Smith, and the executive Officers of the Institution were appointed a deputation to wait upon the new chief magistrate immediately after his election.

The meeting on Friday resolved to ask Bro. Dr. Crawford P.P.G. Treasurer to accept the position of chairman of the ball committee, Bro. W. Rawsthorne P.M. 1182 was elected vice-chairman, Bro. G. Broadbent P.M. 1013 Hon. Secretary, and Bro. A. E. Povey W.M. 241 Hon. Treasurer. A vote of thanks to Bro. Stoddart closed the proceedings.—"Liverpool Mercury."

A writer in the "Glasgow Evening News" says ladies are now so much in demand for the laying of foundation stones that a female Masonic Order is imminent. Although we do not expect ladies to be admitted to our Lodges—at least during the lifetime of the present generation—we have no doubt they will ere long have an association, on somewhat similar lines to Masonry, for themselves, and hope they will benefit accordingly.

CONSECRATION.

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EARL OF LATHOM LODGE.

THIS new Lodge, No. 2560, was consecrated at Bury, on Friday. The ceremony was performed in the Town Hall, by the Prov. G.M. of E. Lancashire Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, assisted by his Officers, in the presence of over 100 Brethren.

Lord Stanley, M.P., who was unable to attend the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in May for investiture as Senior Grand Warden of the Province, was present, and by virtue of his powers Colonel Starkie constituted the meeting into a Provincial Grand Lodge for a brief period, whilst his lordship was invested with the jewel and placed in the chair of his high office. The Prov. G.M. said he had great pleasure in so investing the Senior Grand Warden. Many illustrious Brethren had worn the jewel, and he was perfectly certain that it would be worn by Lord Stanley in as worthy a way as by any of his predecessors in the office of which it was the emblem. The Senior Grand Warden expressed his thanks to Colonel Starkie. He added that he felt proud of the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He hoped he would be able to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him in the position, and, if possible, add to the credit of Freemasonry in East Lancashire and the country generally.

Before proceeding to the consecration the Prov. G.M. said it was highly gratifying to find that Masonry had made such progress in Bury as to justify the establishment of a sixth Lodge in the town. The large attendance proved that Masonry took up no small portion of the time and the thought of the Brethren in that part of the Province, and this was also proved and emphasised by the liberality of the Brethren of Bury towards the Masonic Charities of the Province. The name of the new Lodge was most appropriate, in that it was the name of one who was highly esteemed in the Order everywhere. He believed that Lord Lathom felt deeply the compliment paid to him by the founders. He (Colonel Starkie) hoped the members of the Lodge would strive to reach and maintain a high reputation.

After the prescribed form of consecration had been gone through, under the able direction of Brother Duffin, Brother Thomas Mellor P.M. 128 191, was installed the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, by Brother N. Earle P.P.G.W. The other Officers were invested in the following order:—Bros. Thomas James Hutchinson S.W. 1392 S.W., James Bailey Sec. 934 J.W., George W. Yapp P.M. 1392 Treas., John Thomas Criggall W.M. 1032 Sec., Robert Arkley Westrope 128 S.D., Robert Bridge 191 J.D., Richard B. Hardman 1392 I.G., William Noar 42 Chaplain, and P. Bibby P.M. 128 Tyler.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Royal Hotel, Silver Street, at which house the regular meetings of the new Lodge will be held. Brother Mellor W.M. presided over a numerous company. The customary toasts were honoured.

It should be mentioned, says the "Bury Guardian," that for the use of the new Lodge all the furniture, jewels, gauntlets and collars have been purchased by the founders, so that the Earl of Lathom Lodge will commence its existence without its members being put to any considerable expense.

The jewels, collars and gauntlets for the different Offices have been purchased and presented to the Lodge by those Brethren who will first occupy the position for which the articles are intended. The jewels are of sterling silver, and each bears a suitable inscription with the name of the donor. The Lodge furniture is of a most handsome description.

The three chairs for the use of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden are all of dark polished oak, upholstered in morocco leather, and they have been presented to the Lodge by Bro. T. J. Hutchinson. They each bear, on a silver plate, the following inscription:—

Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 2560.

Presented by Bro. T. J. HUTCHINSON S.W.
October 1895.

There are also three oak pedestals with brass candlesticks, the columns of which are carved in Corinthian, Ionic, and Doric styles, which have been presented by Bro. R. Bridge J.D. The Wardens columns bear the following inscriptions:—

Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 2560.

Presented by Bro. G. W. YAPP P.M. Treasurer.
October 1895.

Brother J. R. Bailey J.W. presented a box of handsome Working Tools to the Lodge, the Deacon's wands were presented by Brother R. A. Westrope, and the I.G.'s dirk by Bro. R. B. Hardman. A handsome cushion and Bible have also been presented, the following inscription being in the Bible.

This Bible, along with the cushion, was presented to
the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 2560,

by Mrs. T. J. HUTCHINSON, wife of the first Senior Warden.
18th October 1895.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

LORD Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., presided at this Provincial Grand Lodge, at Workington, on Friday, 18th inst., and invested the following Officers for the present year:—

Bros. Alex. Taylor	-	-	-	Senior Warden
T. M. Rollinslaw	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Joseph Whiteside	-	-	-	Chaplain
Rev. G. H. Smith	-	-	-	Assistant Chaplain
R. J. Nelson	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. H. Chapman	-	-	-	Registrar
George Dalrymple	-	-	-	Secretary
E. G. Mitchell	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. A. Illingworth	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Burford	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. S. Ponton	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Joseph Armstrong	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Josiah Purser	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
B. Smith	-	-	-	
George Watson	-	-	-	
James Cooper	-	-	-	Organist
John Kassall	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
C. J. Nanson	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Joseph Matthews	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Shaw	-	-	-	Stewards
J. C. Fox	-	-	-	
T. Mitchell	-	-	-	
J. F. Grant	-	-	-	
J. Bouch	-	-	-	
J. Menedy	-	-	-	Tyler.
W. J. Atkinson	-	-	-	

After the completion of the Lodge business the Brethren marched in procession, headed by the Workington Artillery Volunteer band, to St. Michael's Parish Church; where divine service was held. An excellent sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. J. W. Hartley Chaplain of the Province and of the Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660.

SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Carmarthen, under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, on Thursday of last week.

The Provincial Grand Master Lord Kensington presided over a very large attendance of the Brethren, every Lodge in the Province being well represented.

Service was held in St. Peter's Church, to which the Brethren marched in procession, and a sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain Bro. W. Evans, Aberystwyth. Mr. Wesley Martin presided at the organ, and the choir of St. Peter's assisted in the service.

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

Bros. Vaughan Davies 1072	-	-	-	Senior Warden
T. W. Barker 476	-	-	-	Junior Warden
W. Evans 1072	-	-	-	Chaplain
Perrott 1072	-	-	-	Treasurer
D. H. Brown 464	-	-	-	Registrar
J. James 464	-	-	-	Secretary
J. Ll. Thomas 671	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Coram 990	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. S. Phillips 476	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
T. Rogers 464	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. E. Sparks 1177	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
W. G. Beer 378	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. T. Robinson 1748	-	-	-	
J. W. Gardiner 1177	-	-	-	
R. M. J. Leonard 366	-	-	-	Organist
J. F. Hancock 990	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. H. Daysh 366	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
E. Aslatt 378	-	-	-	Stewards
T. Lewis 2001	-	-	-	
H. Studt 476	-	-	-	
J. W. Forbes 476	-	-	-	
E. Bowen 464	-	-	-	Tyler.

After the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge a banquet took place at the Ivy Bush Hotel.

It was right and proper that the Prince of Wales should be invited to place himself at the head of the movement for celebrating a centenary landmark of Masonic history in 1898. He will in that year have completed his thirtieth year as a Freemason, his initiation having been undertaken by the late King of Sweden, when he was staying in the north. Shortly after his return to England he was made a Past Grand Master of the English Craft. He succeeded Lord Ripon as Grand Master in 1875, has been on several occasions Worshipful Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and is permanent Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 259, which bears his name, and to which he introduced the Duke of Connaught in 1874. Saturday last was the semi-jubilee of his installation as Patron of the Freemasons of Scotland, an office which was held in turn by the two previous occupants of the British throne.—"Realm,"

ROYAL ARCH.

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AVONDALE CHAPTER.

A NEW Chapter, attached to the Avondale Lodge, No. 2399, was consecrated on Tuesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, by Comp. E. Letchworth Grand Scribe E., who was assisted by Comps. R. Clowes Past Grand Standard Bearer, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Grand Superintendent Bucks, Frederick Mead P.G.D.C., and Frank Richardson as Director of Ceremonies. The new Chapter having been consecrated according to ancient form, was constituted with Comps. H. Bond, J. G. Albert, and Arthur Dutton as its principal Officers.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Tuesday, 22nd, in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle, under the banner of the De Swinburne Chapter, No. 24. The Provincial Grand Superintendent the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided, and was well supported.

In addressing the Grand Chapter, in the course of the meeting, the President said he was very glad to be supported by so large a number of Companions on this the first meeting after his installation in January last as Provincial Grand Superintendent. From the reports he was glad to learn that Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Northumberland was progressing so favourably, and there was an increase in their numbers. He referred sympathetically to the loss they had sustained in the death of Comp. Henry Hotham, the oldest Royal Arch Mason in the Province. His was one of the first faces he saw when he began his Masonic career. In conclusion he expressed the hope that Royal Arch Masonry in the Province would continue to prosper. He afterwards announced that the next annual Convocation would be held in Newcastle, under the banner of the De Sussex Chapter, No. 406, which would be charged with the reception of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested as his Officers for the ensuing year the following:—

Comps. John Nesbit 24	-	-	-	H.
W. F. Carman 481	-	-	-	J.
Thomas Purvis	-	-	-	Scribe E.
A. T. Aitchison 24	-	-	-	Scribe N.
G. E. Macarthy 481	-	-	-	Treasurer
T. J. Armstrong 406	-	-	-	Registrar
G. C. Coates 1664	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
John Tweedy 659	-	-	-	Assistant Sojourners
George Blair 991	-	-	-	
W. J. Brown 24	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Robert Laing 659	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
George Spain	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Watt	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
F. F. Schnitger 24	-	-	-	Organist
T. R. Short 481	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
Joshua Curry	-	-	-	Janitor.

The Provincial Chapter was afterwards closed in due form.

ST. AUBYN CHAPTER, No. 954.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Morice Town, on Monday evening, for the purpose of installing the Principals Comps. A. A. Donovan Z., W. Watson H., and H. Worth J. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Companions Allsford, Pike, Bray, and Rev. E. Sullivan.

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FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

THE annual Convocation was held at Romford, on Thursday, 10th, when Comp. Francis White, after whom the Chapter is named, was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. Comp. R. K. Bull was next installed as H., the installation of the J.-elect being deferred on account of the temporary absence of Comp. F. S. Guy in the Transvaal.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

A letter was read from the I.P.Z. Comp. H. T. Hardy, expressing regret that he could not attend, and it was decided that the P.Z.'s jewel voted to him should be retained by the Treasurer till the next meeting, in order that it might be presented to him in the usual manner.

Comp. R. Jennings P.Z. P.P.G.Sw.B. wrote that he was kept away by serious illness, and the S.E. was directed to write, in the name of the Chapter, a letter of sympathy with Comp. Jennings.

The Companions afterwards dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, the catering of Bro. Peter Reynolds giving, as usual, great satisfaction.

In the course of the evening pleasing allusion was made to the fact that Comp. White had taken the Principal's chair again after an interval of eight years, and a hope was expressed that the members would rally round him during his year of office. Amongst those present was the Prov.G.S.E. Comp. T. J. Ralling P.G.Sw.B.Eng.

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DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

A MEETING was held on Saturday last, when there were present: Comps. John Wyr I.P.Z. as M.E.Z., A. Harvey H., R. J. Voisey P.Z. as J.,

Charlie Woods S.E., W. Geo. Boswell, M.R.C.V.S., S.N., A. Robertson Treas., S. G. Bonner P.S., John Mitchell A.S., C. Patrick Janitor.

Notice of motion was given by Comp. S. G. Bonner P.S., that "the meetings of the Chapter be held on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, and October, respectively."

Apologies for absence were received from Comps. J. W. Folkard M.E.Z., who was away in Holland, and C. W. Munslow A.S.

After the Chapter was closed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were honoured.

MARK MASONRY.

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HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, on Friday, 18th inst., under the presidency of the Grand Master of the Province Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. There was a large attendance of Brethren, including Bros. C. Fitzgerald Matier Grand Secretary of England, and R. Eve D.P.G.M.

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Eve, that one of the panels in Grand Mark Lodge in London should be filled with a painting of the Provincial Grand Master, as a Past Grand Master of England, and that the cost thereof should be met by a subscription among the Brethren of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of White.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The P.G.M. having congratulated the Lodge on the progress Mark Masonry was making in the Province, appointed the Officers for the year as follow:—

Bros. R. Eve 54	-	-	-	Deputy
M. Emanuel 63	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. H. Vye 125	-	-	-	Junior Warden
H. Lehmann 54	-	-	-	Master Overseer
R. H. G. Woodman 320	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
Captain G. Hearn 2	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. G. Pickering (Albany T.I.)	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Richardson 320	-	-	-	
R. Boughton Smith 63	-	-	-	Treasurer
H. G. Marshallsey 54	-	-	-	Registrar of Marks
D. O. Hobbs 63	-	-	-	Secretary
McGrotty (Albany T.I.)	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
T. J. A. Pearcy 305	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
T. E. Smith 63	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
M. A. Gould 17	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
D. Wilkins 54	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. J. V. Bagshaw 63	-	-	-	Organist
W. H. Borden 54	-	-	-	Inner Guard
J. Exall 17	-	-	-	Tyler.

The annual accounts were presented by the Treasurer, showing a satisfactory balance in hand.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the Brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancashire was held at the Town Hall, Southport, on Saturday, when the attendance was larger than usual. The Earl of Lathom Past G.M.M. and Prov. G.M.M. presided. Nearly all the thirty-six Lodges in the county were represented.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, in his report, stated that during the year two Lodges had been consecrated, the Bootle, No. 478, at Bootle, and the St. Austen's, No. 479, at Warrington. The membership, which was not increasing rapidly, had reached 904.

The Prov. G.M.M. remarked that the report was very satisfactory, and so long as Mark Masonry held its present high position in Lancashire he did not think they should aim at an increase in numbers. He had been gratified to hear a most satisfactory financial statement from the Grand Mark Lodge, and hoped the flourishing condition of the Province would long continue.

Lord Lathom was nominated Prov. Grand Master for the next three years, and accepted the office amid enthusiasm.

The election of Treasurer was unanimous, and the investiture of Provincial Grand Officers took place as follows:—

Bros. J. W. Fleetwood 359	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Richard Robinson 143	-	-	-	Junior Warden
William Forrest 32	-	-	-	Master Overseer
P. L. Booth 36	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
John L. Wolfenden 466	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. C. C. Bluett 158	-	-	-	Chaplain
John Hatch	-	-	-	Treasurer
John Chadwick	-	-	-	Secretary
Nicholas A. Earle 156	-	-	-	Registrar
Somner Fisher 296	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
James Bromley 141	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Henry Holland 313	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
John Lee Board 156	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
William Spencer 18	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies

R. H. Webster 161	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Christopher Ainsworth 189	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
John H. Worsley 136	-	-	-	Organist
W. Goodacre 359	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Max Boyd 268	-	-	-	Inner Guard
W. Connard 473	-	-	-	Stewards
Charles Watson 268	-	-	-	
R. W. T. Hatch 268	-	-	-	
P. Rawsthorne 473	-	-	-	
J. J. Hankin	-	-	-	Tyler.

Preston was selected for the next meeting. Lord Lathom subsequently presided at the banquet.

LINGOLNSHIRE.

THE annual gathering of the Mark Masons of Lincolnshire was held at Lincoln, on Thursday, 17th inst., the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire the Earl of Yarborough presiding. He was supported by Brother Chas. Scorer Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Anderson Past Deputy Provincial Master, and other distinguished Lincolnshire Mark Masons.

The Treasurer's and Registrar's report having been read, showing a satisfactory state of things in the Province, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers as follow:

Bro. G. Dashper	-	-	-	Senior Warden
B. T. Adlard	-	-	-	Junior Warden
W. Patrick	-	-	-	Master Overseer
F. Barrett	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
William H. Close	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. G. S. Tyack	-	-	-	Chaplain
William Hurst	-	-	-	Registrar
S. M. Peace	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Stacey Middleton	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
H. Tweed	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
W. Marton	-	-	-	Secretary
W. W. Smith	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. Mortimer	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. J. Eve	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
George Dean Fell	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. J. Thornton	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. Wharton	-	-	-	Organist
J. Jones	-	-	-	Inner Guard
Lancaster	-	-	-	Tyler.

Horncastle was selected as the next meeting place for the Provincial Lodge, which was regularly closed, a banquet being afterwards held, under the presidency of the Earl of Yarborough.

Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., Grand Mark Master of Devonshire is expected to hold his next Provincial Lodge meeting at Newton Abbot on Tuesday, 5th November.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

AT the usual meeting of the Lodge, held at Hayle, Bro. Thomas A. Taylor S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M., and Bro. J. G. Osborn P.M. P.P.J.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ST. MARTIN LODGE, No. 414.

THE fifth festival of this Lodge was held in the Lodge Room at the George Hotel, Alfreton, on Monday, 14th inst., among those present being the Provincial G.M.M. of Derby Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., Bro. Percy Wallis Grand Treasurer, and many others.

The installation of Bro. G. Wild as Worshipful Master was impressively performed by Bro. Percy Wallis.

After the duties of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to the annual banquet, admirably prepared and served by Bro. Alfred Schofield, of the George Hotel, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list was honoured.

There is grief in the minds of reverential men who cherish the memories of the past. Alas! the "Goose and Gridiron," famed in song, nursed in merriment, having gathered together under its roof the merchant princes of the City and the great official men of the West-end, has expired. It was the renowned home of Freemasons, and here the first Grand Master of English Freemasonry was installed; here, also, that great British luminary, Sir C. Wren, was wont to partake of his frugal meal; also to hold high festival. Good Freemasons of our day are all called upon for their grief. Shall the honoured name of the "Goose and Gridiron" be expunged? Certainly not; millions of money are now plentiful enough, and a great goose and a great gridiron ought again to be seen on a splendid mansion in our midst. The missing link of the title and its meaning has been piously preserved, thus it is recorded in the archives of the establishment that the name of the "Goose and Gridiron" was given in joking opposition to the popular sign of the "Swan and Harp."—"Court Journal."

AN OLD LODGE.

THE 150th anniversary of Lodge Edinburgh (St. Andrew), No. 48, was celebrated on the 17th. Born in that eventful year in the history of Scotland, 1745, and cradled in the historical Canongate as the Scots Lodge in Canongate, it would appear from the Charter that the first members belonged to the Bakers' Incorporation and the law profession. Since then the Lodge has had its ups and downs; but to-day it stands firm and strong, with a loyal Brotherhood pledged under the St. Andrew's Cross to deeds of charity. At different times in its history the Lodge has been supported by different classes of the community. At one time it was essentially a merchants' Lodge; at another its membership consisted almost, if not entirely, of the law profession; and again, at another period, the medical faculty seems to have been all-powerful in it. At other periods the military, and even the naval, element predominated; and it looks from the roll as if all the musicians of the various regiments located in Edinburgh belonged to it. Poetry, music, architecture, the drama, literature, and other kindred arts and sciences have all been more or less associated with this Lodge, whose roll includes also the names of many well-known Edinburgh Magistrates and citizens, some of whom have filled the civic chair as Lord Provost. The name also of one "Imperial Highness" is entered in the minutes as having passed into Masonry through her portals. Of notable incidents associated with its history the Lodge can boast of having first hailed Robert Burns as Caledonia's Bard, and thus prophetically foreshadowed his future fame. Not less proud is she of her poet-architect Bro. George Meikle Kemp, the architect of the Scott Monument; and among her present members none has reflected more honour upon her than Bro. Sir A. C. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

One of her occasions of rejoicing it may not be amiss to mention, for possibly it may attract the attention of some who were present. We refer to fifty years ago, when the Centenary Celebration was celebrated on 14th February 1845. On that occasion the Lodge held high festival in the Music Hall, and the Lodge records tell of it being an interesting and memorable event in the annals of local Freemasonry. The gathering must have been a brilliant one, with its torchlight procession and bands of music. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the Brethren of the band of the Scots Greys occupying the gallery, and discoursing music during the proceedings. The chair was filled, in the absence of the W.M. Brother Lord Glenlyon, by the S.M. Bro. White Melville, supported by the Officers of Grand Lodge and the Earl of Strathmore, and others.

On the present occasion the Brethren of St. Andrew's have not thought it necessary to arrange for so imposing a demonstration as those did who were alive at the Centenary. Nevertheless the arrival of the 150th anniversary of the Lodge is not to go unmarked, and in honour of the occasion the office-bearers have had struck a handsome commemorative Lodge jewel in gold and blue enamel. They also arranged to hold a Masonic reception in the Freemasons' Hall.—"Edinburgh Dispatch."

A donation of £50 has been presented by Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart towards the fund which is being organised for the purpose of building a new Masonic Hall for Gourock.

A well-known Hampshire Freemason, the Rev. Sir Evan Nepean, Bart., has resigned the Vicarage of Appleshaw, near Andover, to which he was appointed in 1868.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE death is announced of Alderman Champney Powell, of Cardiff, at the age of seventy-two years. Bro. Powell was an active member of the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, and one of the founders of the Chapter attached thereto. He was a Life Governor of the Boys School, and had won renown in the Order. In public life he had occupied a seat on the Cardiff Town Council since 1880, and was Mayor for three consecutive years, 1883 to 1885. He was vice-chairman of the Gas and Water Company and School Board, and a Director of the Monmouth Steam Saw Mills Company. He leaves a widow, three sons, and one daughter, with whom very great sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

BRO. THOMAS DAY, who has for some time discharged the duties of manager of the Masonic Hall, Derby, died on Friday of last week, having nearly reached the allotted span of three score years and ten. He was a prominent figure in Derby Masonry, filling among other Offices that of Secretary of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, and was generally respected by local members of the Craft and others who knew him.

CLOTHING.

AT a meeting of St. John's Lodge, Torquay, England, Brother F. J. Crose delivered an interesting lecture on "Masonic Clothing." We quote as follows:

"The apron in its present form was taken from the long apron of the operative Mason, yet as an ornament it is of the highest antiquity. Oliver, in the tenth lecture of his 'Signs and Symbols,' speaks of it as an 'emblem of truth and passive duty,' and refers to Elijah and St. John the Baptist as being 'girded with an apron of leather.' In some Japanese initiations the initiate was invested with an apron, and ancient statues of gods are decorated with them, and it has always been considered an honourable decoration. The first known description of the Freemason's apron is in the engraved portrait of Anthony Sayer, Grand Master, in 1717, and the next in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. In Hogarth's picture of 'Night,' and Picart's Ceremonies of 1736 it is of a long and flowing form. The lecturer then referred to the early mention of aprons in the records of Grand Lodge, where the clothing appeared of the plainest kind. The oldest known minutes in any Lodge connected with the apron is one in the Lodge of Aberdeen, dated 27th December 1670, and says: 'One linen apron,' and having collected much information on the subject, the lecturer is of the opinion that linen was used almost as frequently as leather. The emblems upon the aprons and other clothing were then referred to in an interesting manner, and the tassels, although frequently stated to be made to represent two pillars, are simply the decorated ends of the ribbons, which were fastened round the waist, and tied under the flap. The clothing now worn was adopted at the Union of 1817, when gauntlets were first sanctioned. When visiting the Eaton Lodge, No. 532, Dr. Sheldon P.P.G.W. showed him (the lecturer) an old Tyler's coat of peculiar and curious form, the white linen buttons on it being three quarters of an inch in diameter."

COMPULSORY VOTING.

MANY Brethren think it is of no particular importance when a ballot is held whether they vote or not. They have no objection to the candidate proposed, and would cast a white ballot if they voted, and thus leave the responsibility of rejection to somebody else who might know the applicant better. If such will reflect for a moment they will see the injustice of their non-participation, for if all who would cast a white ball should act accordingly, perhaps only a single ballot should be cast, and thus the one who cast it be known and the secrecy be violated. In some Eastern jurisdictions no excuses are allowed, and all are required to vote, and recently in a Lodge having a large attendance of members present we saw the rule enforced for the first time on this coast. We believe it should always be so to protect every Brother in his right to express his judgment unrestrained, and we were pleased to notice the harmony which prevailed in the instance named. The unanimity of such a large number was flattering to those who passed through such a crucible. All have an equal interest in the introduction of new material, and it is right all should have opportunity to express their opinions.—"San Francisco Call."

The Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A., Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, gave the address to the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood Green, on a recent Sunday afternoon.

The question of building a Masonic Hall in High Street, Chatham, occupied the attention of the Worshipful Master and Members of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, at their recent meeting, the result being that the matter is left in abeyance.

When a Worshipful Master is obliged, when illustrating the Charter to newly initiated Brethren, to apologise for his inability to present them with the Book of C., it causes an uneasy feeling in the minds of those Brethren, who are imbued with a due reverence for this standard of illumination.—"Masonry."

Our boast is not in numbers. It is always possible for other Orders to outbid us in mere numerical strength. Our boast is in moral excellency. If any one comes to the door and knocks, there is no response unless he be found worthy; and if he is, silently the door opens and he may enter in. Our aim is to unite the best of men in a sacred bond of Brotherhood for the moral elevation of our race.—Allen Andrews G.M. Ohio.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Duke of York's Theatre.—A very remarkable play is now being performed here, which has achieved a large measure of success, for the most part owing to the splendid acting of Mr. Charles Cartwright in the principal part. It is called "Her Advocate"; it is written by Mr. Walter Frith, and is stated to have been founded upon an episode of real life. George Abinger, a rising young barrister, in the exigencies of his profession, has to defend Mrs. Field on a charge of murder; and although engaged to a charming girl and without the slightest encouragement from his client, incontinently falls violently in love with her, and his career is threatened with ruin as the result of his mad passion. Fortunately, at the height of his madness he is restored to reason by ascertaining that Mrs. Field is in love with somebody else. In a splendid scene he brings home the murder to the real culprit, and hands his client a telegram from her sweetheart. His faithful love returns to him, and he pleads forgiveness as the curtain falls. This brief account in no way does justice to the various dramatic scenes of the play, which are carefully worked up, so that the interest is sustained to the end. As we have intimated Mr. Cartwright sustains the burden of the piece, and never has he been seen to greater advantage. It is a fine exposition of the actor's art, and fully deserves the success he has achieved. He is ably assisted by Miss Gertrude Kingston as Mrs. Field—though it cannot be said she makes much impression in so monotonous a part. Opinions will differ as regards the character of Blanche, which, however, was charmingly sustained by Miss Lina Ashwell. Mr. C. W. Somerset gives a capital representation of the guilty and conscience stricken Doctor, and Messrs. Oswald Yorke, Holmes Gore, W. Wyes, C. Ramsey, and W. Young sustain effectively the remaining characters. On Monday, the M.W. the Grand Master attended the theatre, and congratulated Mr. Cartwright upon his powerful performance.

Crystal Palace.—The Kennel Club's fortieth exhibition of Dogs is to be held here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, 29th, 30th and 31st inst., and will doubtless be arranged with the same thoroughness as preceding exhibitions, and in accordance with the traditions of this popular place of amusement.

The Plymouth Lodge of Instruction is held every Thursday, at 8 o'clock, September to March inclusive, under the sanction of the St. John's Lodge, No. 70, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, where, we doubt not, visitors would be hospitably received.

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Meetings of the Neptune Lodge of Instruction, No. 22, are held every Monday, at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7-30 p.m., and are usually well attended. A ballot for £5 5s to one of the Institutions will shortly be drawn for among those who have attended most regularly.

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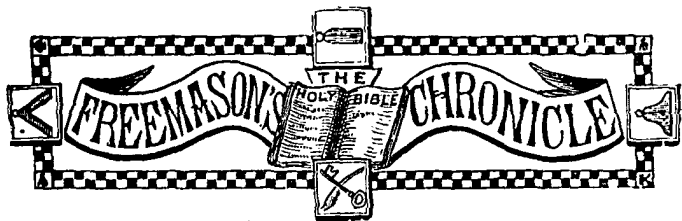
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GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE scandalous advertisement which is printed below appears in a late issue of the "Sydney Morning Herald." It is generally known that members of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales have been forbidden to visit this Lodge of Liberty, No. 1708, under the Grand Orient of France, which holds its meetings in Sydney. It is evident that this has had an almost disastrous effect upon the Lodge, and even French colonists would hesitate to join a body which is so situated as to offer them none of the privileges attached to visiting Lodges of which thousands of their fellow citizens are members. When, therefore, that Lodge publishes in the daily Press the following lines:

MASONIC—LODGE LIBERTY, No. 1708,
Grand Orient of France,
FREE and ACCEPTED MASONRY.

The representative of this liberal and honourable institution is empowered to initiate Candidates at half the usual fee, for a period of three months for the propagation of Antient Freemasonry. Intending Candidates will please communicate with the Secretary of the above Lodge, 89 George Street West, where all information will be given.

it will be seen to what un-Masonic resorts it is put to maintain even its present status. The announcement reminds us of the "catch-penny" advertising of bonuses offered by Life Insurance Societies, if members will only join prior to the "triennial" or

"quinquennial" division of profits, and the method is opposed to Masonic traditions and principles. Imagine the usual asservation of "undue solicitation" being made by such men as are caught by this advertisement. It takes us back to the seventeenth century for a parallel, when outcasts from the original Order started little Grand Lodges of their own, and for what profit they could make conferred degrees until at last the Law Courts compelled them to disgorge these moneys, and put a stop to such charlatanism.—"Masonry."

Strange, is it not, that a man will live for years within a stone's throw of a Lodge, never thinking of being a Mason, and then all of a sudden get into the notion of moving away or going on a trip, and then must have all the degrees at once? In such cases it is evident that the motives which prompt the applicant are purely and intensely selfish, and in our opinion should not be gratified. Yet he gets the degrees, and, in a large majority of cases, knows absolutely nothing of them, save that he is now in position to bring reproach upon himself for being an ignoramus, and upon the Lodge which gave him the right to claim to be a Mason for making him one.—Thomas M. Matthews Mas. Cor. Texas.

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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DUAL OFFICES.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I enclose you a cutting from a local paper, recording the installation meeting of a Lodge in the district, wherein it is recorded that the Master appointed the elected Treasurer to the office of Senior Warden, a course, in my estimation, wholly at variance with the regulations of the Craft, as set out in Rule 129 of the Constitutions. I am not aware as to the Senior Warden's other qualifications, but might ask whether his year of office as Senior Warden under existing conditions would qualify him for the Chair of Master, supposing he had not previously served as Warden? In my estimation the appointment as Senior Warden is null and void—the Lodge is in fact minus that Officer, as the election as Treasurer doubtless preceded the appointment as Warden. Another question arises, does election take precedence over appointment, or is the Treasurer a Private Member until actually invested by the Master? on the solution of this question my preceding supposition wholly depends.

You will see there were some distinguished Brethren present at the meeting in question, so that those in high Masonic places are not always awake to the requirements of the regulations of the Order.

Yours, &c.,

ON THE ROAD.

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

A CORRESPONDENCE has lately appeared in the "Glasgow Herald" under this heading, and has brought forth, among others, the following letter, which we reproduce on account of its clearness and moderation:

18th October.

SIR,—As there are two sides to most questions, and as a Catholic may possibly know the reason of his aversion to Freemasonry better than a Freemason can, may I be permitted to reply to "Inquirer" from a Catholic standpoint? To Catholics the fundamental fact of Freemasonry is that it is a secret, oath-bound fraternity, whose objects may, or may not, be lawful—a society responsible to no open Court, civil or religious; a society whose oaths, objects, ceremonies, and methods are secret—therefore questionable, and possibly dangerous. This is the reason of Catholic aversion to Freemasonry in general, and the reason why Catholics may not lawfully belong to it or to societies with a like constitution. "Inquirer" also asks the reason of the Pope's denunciation of Continental Freemasonry, and remarks that, if Continental Freemasons are like Freemasons here, they would leave the Pope severely alone. I can assure him that if there was any likeness between the two the Pope would return the compliment, and I am astonished that he should be in ignorance of the doings of a body with which, I suppose, he claims some slight connection. The Pope's denunciation of Continental Freemasonry has been forced by the fact that the negative attitude towards religion has in Continental Lodges been long abandoned for an attitude of positive hostility. Will "Freemason" deny that to-day the majority of Continental Freemasons are avowed atheists, and the declared and active enemies of religion? Does he know anything of Continental politics for the last century, and the secret and revolutionary action of Continental Freemasons therein? Even a Masonic historian of the Order (Tindal) may furnish him with startling facts in this regard. British Freemasonry we know to differ from this; to outsiders, whatever it may be, it appears a society for the exercise of benevolence and monopoly amongst the Brotherhood. But with British Freemasonry the Pope has no concern, further than to warn his flock to abstain from membership in it, or any secret society.

I am, &c.,

D'AQUIN.

FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

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

(Continued from page 174.)

WE suppose no thinker, be his personal present religious opinions what they may, will deny that the most potent force in and out of Christianity is or has been Catholicism. If, therefore, we do Masonry no wrong in being driven to accept it as antagonistic to Christianity, it should show a powerful, a lasting opposition to Catholicism. If this be not the case its antagonism to Christianity is either not real or ill conducted. But the vitality of its immense organisation precludes the latter idea. Is then its antagonism to Catholicism real?

Proudhon's dictum that the theology of the Lodges is the very "antithesis of theology" marks the different spheres in which Catholicism and Masonry move. In fundamentals they are spheres of mutual repulsion; for whom intersection means annihilation of first principles, between whom there can be no overlapping, no fusion. Do Masons realise this as keenly as we do?

In the "Masonic Encyclopædia" of Chemin-Dupontés we learn that in the semi-mystical but always refined language of Masonry, the expressions "Imposture," "Superstition," "Ignorance," "Obscurantism," "Reign of Error," "Corruptive and wicked Institute," "The Angel of Evil and of Darkness," are synonyms of Catholicism. This being so categorically laid down we cannot fail in appreciation when, in the same work, he declares Masons assemble in the Lodges to learn to fight with ardour and success the two capital enemies of the human race, ignorance and superstition. In this he is at one with "The Masonic World," which insists on its being "the essential business of the Lodges, as of Masonry itself, to fight against evil, prejudice, error, superstition; a struggle against religious fanaticism."¹

From the official Bulletin of the Italian Grand Orient² we find that on the inauguration at Lucca, of the Lodge Burlamacchi, Neri Fortuni delivered this battle cry:

A noble mission lies with Masons, to root out old prejudices, to fight obscurantism, to unveil to a credulous and deceived people the perfidious intrigues of Jesuits and Paulists; to tear it from the hands of the retrogrades, and lead it into the paths of Progress. . . . In vain the sons of Darkness seek to hold it down; the struggle between them and the Apostles of Light will not be of long lasting.

So that when Raphael Galli, following him, called in his brothers "to fight united, and compact, the eternal enemies of civilisation and progress," his hearers found no mysticism in his words.

That this is no mere ebullition of vulgar passion, will be proved by reference to a well-known Belgian Masonic authority. In the 24th Chapter of his popular "History of Freemasonry," detailing the means Masons are to use in realising their ideals, Goffin says:

The third means recommended is example. It is slow but absolutely sure. Let us explain. Would you have light shine forth? Well then, the enemy of light must be crushed. Would you have ignorance, superstition, prejudice, disappear from the world? First cast them from yourselves. Preach by example. We have an enemy, the Priesthood. Destroy it, and the world will instantly be radiated with the splendour of universal fraternity. There is no question political, social, or economical, into which Priesthood or Religion does not enter. Either in and out of the Lodges fight the Priesthood and Religion, or adopt a double face: a Mason when in the Lodge, a Catholic when out.

At the initiation of a military Officer into the Lodge Concord at Florence these words, it was officially declared, were used:

Not long ago our Italy was a corpse, the prey of foreign vampires who apportioned it. To-day, that our word be absolutely completed, there but remains the crown, which the cunning of the priests have stolen by help of false decretals. . . . To triumph over this enemy we have it in us to level its last rampart. Hence issue the muddy waters of bondage which have deluged the world. To Masonry belongs the cleansing of the new Aугean stables. . . . We declare a lasting war, a war of extermination to the prejudices which enervate the mind, corrupt the souls, and brutalise the creature, in deforming the divine type, which the Creator imprinted when making him to His image. A sneer recalling, and illustrated by, the Mason Voltaire's bitter gibe: "Depuis que Dieu a fait l'homme à Son image, l'homme le lui a bien rendu." "Ever since God made man in His own image man has done him infinite honour!"

In a circular letter to the Italian Lodges issued by Trapolli,³ we read:

The Grand Orient of Italy in the domain of thought and in philosophy is neither Materialist, Deist, nor even Pantheist. It is Rationalist. In the domain of sentiment, of Religion, it professes tolerance. . . . The G.O. of Italy accepts with visor up for itself and for the generations to come a war to the death which the tolerance of civil and priestly tyrannies have, from all times, declared against the progress of humanity. . . .

Stallo, of Geneva, calls upon Masonry:

Never to tire, as the work of extermination is not yet complete. Have we not still to fight the Paulists, the Jesuits, with their means of formidable influence? Is not Catholicism yet the State Religion of a large part of Europe? Is not the conscience of the people yet under the heel of the priests? Is not the confessional, which through its absolution consecrates sin, ever vigorous and lasting?⁴

In a permanent instruction,⁵ adopted as a code and guide by the more advanced Italian Masons, we find the following:

¹ For 1864, p. 487. For 1867, p. 32.

² Of 1864, No. 15, pp. 234, et seq.

³ 25th March 1869.

⁴ De la F.M. dans ses bien faisants rapports avec l'humanité. Geneva, 1869, p. 46.

⁵ Dated, 1819.

You would have the last vestiges of the tyrants and oppressors disappear; throw out your nets as did Simon Barjona: cast them to the depths of the sacristies, the seminaries, the convents. . . . The Sacred Societies will succeed in their aim by the simplest means; because they are based on the passions of men . . . let us make ready our arms in the silence of the Lodges; lay our batteries; flatter all passions the most wicked as the most generous. . . .

An earlier passage reads:

Our final aim is that of Voltaire and of the French Revolution: the annihilation for ever and ever of Catholicism, and even of the Christian idea, which if left standing, amid the ruins of Rome, would keep their memory green.⁶

A thought and a fear so closely reproduced in the Masonic "Reforma" of 30th October 1886, as to prove these are not isolated authorities, but touching the real spirit of the Order. The "Reforma" writes:

The pacific conquest (of Rome) has been powerless to effect what the bold Revolution had dreamed of. In 1849, the profound idea had taken root in the minds of two or three individuals while walking in Rome, that when a religion has ceased to be anything more than a rite, if you destroy its altar the religion will fall. An idea this, without doubt, which our posterity will entertain, and which our progenitors have luminously professed. When the Roman conquerors wished to ensure the subjugation of a conquered people, they razed its cities to the ground, and rebuilt them on the same site in their own fashion. We moderns, on the other hand, not only protect the temples and the altars of a vanishing religion which persists in swearing implacable hatred to us, but built it new ones! Can you not imagine how the problem of the reconstruction of Rome would have been simplified if the idea of two of the Triumvirs of the last Roman Republic, of "blowing up the mosques" before surrendering the city to the advancing "red leg," had been carried into effect? And how much would not the Vatican question, properly so-called, have been facilitated, had not Alberto Mario, on the announcement that one of the four great arches of St. Peter's had been mined, opposed the intended attempt with a shudder at the colossal sacrilege.

The Jew-Mason Piccolo-Tigre in the letter already cited, after warning his reader of the evil of wasting an enthusiasm over minor objects, insists:

The conspiracy against the Roman See should never be confounded with other aims. . . . We must de-Catholicise the world. . . . The Revolution in the Church is the one lasting revolution. . . . Do not plot except against Rome. But in that use every incident, profit by every occasion. Yet beware exaggerated zeal. A sterling hatred, steadily cool, well weighed, profound is worth more than all the fireworks and declamations of the tribune.⁷

And think you they would not turn that Rhetoric into action? Listen to the Masonic "Caffaro," of Genoa, in its issue of the other day.⁸ Discussing the "great and almost inevitable probability of a collision between France and Italy," it approaches the possibility of a reverse for the Italian arms in these words:

The fate of war has always been, and will always be, an uncertainty; and he who would refuse to admit the possibility of a reverse on our side would not be very well advised. Now when the news reached Rome of, I will not say the loss of a pitched battle, but of the first check to our forces, what would follow? Plainly this: that of the Vatican there would not be left a stone upon a stone, nor would any official force avail to guarantee the lives of its inmates.⁹

How salt the savour of Dante's sigh "that Italy was di dolor' ostello"—the dwelling place of sorrow! How keen a bitterness of truth do her own children bring to Filicaia's sonnet:

Italy, oh Italy, thou who hast for dower,
The fatal gift of beauty, and with it
Those countless wrongs upon thy forehead writ
In characters of woe even to this hour!
Hadst thou but fewer charms or greater power
That those might dread thee more, or less be smit,
Who, feigning so much love, can yet permit
Destruction on thy beauteous form to shower.

But we must do Italy the sad justice of saying it is not only there we can study the spirit with which Masonry confronts Catholicism. At an important assembly of the Grand Orient of Belgium, held in view of the progress of Catholicism in that country, the Grand Master, Verhaegen, having apostrophised us as "those insulters of the intelligence, those implacable enemies of humanity," was followed by Bourlard, who said:

The country is overrun with religious houses; our right, our duty is to occupy ourselves with this question of convents: to attack them boldly, to end them, should the people even have to recur to force to purge the country of this leprosy. The priesthood based on ignorance, superstition, and fanaticism haughtily raises its head. We must pass from theory to action.

At a Masonic banquet at Antwerp, Van Humbeck, the then Minister of Public Instruction, was not ashamed of expressing himself thus:

"A carcass lies athwart the world, barring the way of progress. This corpse of the past, to name it frankly without periphrasis, is Catholicism. . . . It is it, my brothers, we have to-day overhauled, and if we have not quite cast it into the ditch we have thrust it some steps nearer. This is a great achievement. We owe it to our brothers of Antwerp. We thank them warmly—Masonically."¹⁰

(To be continued.)

We have been asked if Provincial Lodges of Instruction are excluded from our diary of weekly meetings? Certainly not. We shall be pleased to give them equal publicity with the London ones, and also publish brief reports of the gatherings.

⁶ Given by Cretineau Joly: loco. cit. pp. 73, 79: but as is too usual with him, without stating whence he had it.

Cretineau Joly, ubi sup., p. 107.

⁸ 25th September 1892.

⁹ Compare, le Rosier de Marie, 30th September 1893.

¹⁰ W. S. Lilly, A Century of Revolution, ch. iii., p. 56.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE fine hall at the offices of the Poplar District Board of Works makes one of the most spacious Lodge Rooms in the metropolis, excepting always the Grand Lodge Temple, so that no more fitting place for an installation ceremony could be found. A large number of Brethren assembled there on Thursday of last week, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Francis J. Waterson, who was assisted by his Officers, and supported by a numerous body of Past Masters, among whom were Charles J. R. Tijou P.G.A.P., J. W. Norman P.Prov.G.D.C. Surrey, Oliver Papworth P.Prov.G.W. Cambridgeshire, W. J. Light P.Prov.G.S.W. Kent, A. G. Duck P.M. and Secretary 898, J. W. Cooper W.M. 1056, J. G. Turner W.M. 299, C. F. Williams P.M. 898, H. Muller P.M. 2501, G. J. Anderson P.M. 781, G. H. Mant W.M. 2466, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, Snowden Kirk P.M., C. G. Turner, G. W. Poskett 1625, and others, the company mustering upwards of a hundred.

The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., after which the minutes were read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Kemp Coleman P.M., who, having declared all offices vacant, appointed Bros. R. H. Harland P.M. as S.W., G. W. Raymond P.M. as J.W., and Leonard Potts P.M. as D.C.

Bro. Charles Robert Allen S.W., having been elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented by P.M. Potts, and gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Allen was regularly placed in the chair of K.S. with the customary formality by Bro. Coleman.

Upon the return of the Brethren the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, viz.: Frank J. Waterson I.P.M., John C. Carpenter S.W., Ernest Jones J.W., William Henry Farnfield P.M. (elected) Treasurer, James Z. Mosey Secretary, William Bland S.D., F. W. Whitlock J.D., W. S. Duff I.G., Wilson C. Forman D.C., Thomas F. Noakes Organist, F. Butler, J. Wiseman, W. A. Madeley, and W. V. Palmer Stewards, and C. Patrick P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Coleman subsequently delivered the customary addresses, and received the thanks of the Brethren for his valuable services. A similar compliment was accorded to Bro. Potts. Two candidates and one joining member were proposed for the next meeting, the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted, and the W.M. having received the congratulations of the Visiting Brethren, the proceedings were brought to a happy termination with the closing hymn.

The festival banquet was held in the Venetian Chamber of the Holborn Restaurant.

On the conclusion of the banquet Bro. Allen proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Tijou P.A.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers, and thanked the Brethren for the hearty welcome they had extended to him as a Grand Lodge representative. He always enjoyed being with the Brethren of All Saints, and the manner in which they upheld the dignity of Masonic working, and their efforts on behalf of the Charities, were a credit to East London.

Bro. Francis J. Waterson I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He said he had had the most important toast of the evening entrusted to him, but as one could not paint the rose nor decorate the lily so neither could he extol the numerous good qualities of their W.M. Brother Allen had rendered good and valuable service to the Lodge, and was, moreover, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, so that all knew that during his year of office a Masonic treat was in store for them. It was said that happy is the bride the sun shines on; Bro. Allen had that day entered into the Master's Chair in the sunshine of hearty good wishes from all the Brethren, and he trusted that his Mastership would be crowned with every prosperity and success.

Bro. Allen thanked the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast; he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to uphold the dignity of the Lodge; he appealed to the Officers and Brethren to co-operate with him in maintaining its reputation. Bro. Allen then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, and took the opportunity of presenting to Bro. F. Waterson a Past Master's collar, with silver jewel of office, and a gold Past Master's jewel as a token of esteem from the Brethren.

Bro. Waterson responded in a felicitous speech, and warmly thanked the Brethren for the honours conferred.

The W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, and intimated that it would be his pleasing duty to serve as a Steward at both the Old Peoples and the Boys Festivals during his term of office.

This toast was responded to by Brother J. M. McLeod Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, in a powerful and impressive speech, and there can be no doubt that the effect of his appeal will be that the W.M.'s lists at the festivals referred to will do credit to the benevolent instincts of the members of the All Saints Lodge.

The other toasts were the Initiates, responded to by Bro. C. S. Mundy; the Installing Master, by Bro. J. Kemp Coleman; the Visitors, by J. Light P.M. Prov.G.S.W. Kent, and Bro. Papworth P.M. P.P.G.W. Cambridgeshire; the Past Masters, by Bro. Leonard Potts; and the Treasurer, Secretary and Officers, by Bro. J. Y. Mosey. The Tyler's toast brought to a termination one of the most enjoyable festivals of the All Saints Lodge, for the success of which the energetic Secretary was mainly responsible.

The new Master, Bro. Charles Richard Allen, was born in London in May 1855, and was initiated into Freemasonry in the All Saints Lodge, early in the year 1888. In the following year he was appointed Steward of the Lodge, and since that date he has filled all the Offices leading to the chair, with the exception of I.G. In March 1891 he was appointed Secretary to the All Saints Lodge of Instruction, and made such progress that in less than twelve months he was unanimously elected Preceptor, which position he still retains. So highly did the Brethren appreciate his services that in February 1883 they presented him with a handsome diamond and sapphire stud, together with a suitable souvenir for Mrs. Allen, as a mark of their esteem. Under the direction of so worthy a Brother the Lodge should have a prosperous career before it.

DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE first meeting of the Lodge held after the recess was attended by Bros. J. Langdon W.M., Geo. Everett P.G.Treas. England, A. Harvey I.P.M., E. Beaven P.M., R. Steele P.M. Treasurer, Charlie Woods S.W., John Mitchell J.W., T. Morris S.D., A. Robertson J.D., G. F. Winny I.G., J. Wyer P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. Baldwin Steward, C. W. Shannaw, C. J. Fitch, and C. Patrick Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Mortimer.

Apologies for absence were received from Bros. J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., F. Roberts, and others.

The minutes having been read, Brother Woods S.W. said it was with feelings of deep emotion that he rose to move a resolution which had been placed upon the agenda paper after consultation with their esteemed Treasurer. It was that "the Secretary be instructed to express to the relatives of our late Bro. J. Lyell the deep sympathy of the Brethren of the Lodge, also to state how highly our late Brother was esteemed by his Masonic Brethren." It was of a Founder of that Lodge he spoke, one whom to know was to esteem; one whose life and work would never be forgotten by those who had had the pleasure of his acquaintance. It was true that by a mistake he had resigned his membership of the Lodge, a mistake by his medical adviser, who was not a Mason, and who consequently hindered him from having a short time of innocent enjoyment, and true pleasure at their meetings. He felt so full of regret that so good and true a man had passed away that he could not find words to express his meaning, but he knew that all present felt as strongly as he did.

Bro. R. Steele P.M. Treasurer seconded the motion, saying that as the most intimate friend of his closing days he could fully re-echo every word that could be said in Bro. Lyell's favour.

The vote was unanimously carried.

At the banquet which followed the Lodge, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

ON the 23rd inst., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, Brother G. H. Fennell W.M., P.M. Boyce S.W., F. A. Slater J.W., Goulston S.D., Joss J.D., Johnson I.G., P.M. De Casseres Preceptor. Also F. Thornton P.M. Sec., Ben Johnson, R. N. Moffatt, W. H. Goddard, Marks, Marchant, Weekes, V. T. Goddard, C. Holland.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Moffatt candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the Brethren assisted Brother Goulston to work the first two sections of the Lecture.

Bro. Boyce having been elected to the chair for Wednesday next, 30th inst., Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE usual meeting was held on Friday, 18th inst., when there were present:—Bros. A. Rusby W.M., J. J. Lamigeon S.W., D. Jackson J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Sec., G. H. Ditchman S.D., H. J. Calley J.D., Jeanes I.G., and Bros. Millin, Witte, Ferstel, Davison P.M. Grand Steward Middx., Johnson, and others.

The Lodge was opened in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, and Brother Davison P.M. acting as Candidate the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very excellent and impressive manner by the W.M., who takes a considerable amount of interest in the ceremonial work, and is well versed in the ritual of Craft Masonry, considering that he has only been a Member about two and a half years.

Bro. F. Dunstan, assisted by Bro. D. J. Witte and the Brethren, worked the third section of the lecture, and the Lodge having been closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees, worked the third section of the first lecture.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bros. A. Rusby for his excellent rendering of the third ceremony, the same to be recorded on the minutes.

Brother J. J. Lamigeon S.W. Clissold Lodge was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

The Charities Association started in connection with this Lodge of Instruction three weeks ago under such favourable circumstances now numbers nearly sixty members, and two Life Subscriptions were to be balloted for yesterday (Friday).

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ST. EILIAN LODGE, No. 360.

A GOOD muster of Brethren attended the annual installation at Amlwch, on the 1st. The W.M.-elect this year was Bro. John Owen (Denbigh), who was installed by Col. Gordon-Warren D.P.G.M.M.M.

There were two candidates for advancement, and the ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. T. Jervis P.G.S.B.

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SEGONTIUM LODGE, No. 806.

THE installation took place on the 9th, at Carnarvon, when Bro. J. Fairchild installed Bro. Dr. W. G. Owen as W.M.

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STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, 8th inst., when Bro. A. J. H. Ward was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Lodge Room was effectively decorated for the occasion by Bro. J. Smith Tyler, and the ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Sir William Abdy W.M. 2342 P.P.S.G.W.

The installation banquet followed, and after the usual Loyal toasts the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Installing Master, remarking upon the impressive way in which the ceremony had been performed.

Bro. Sir William Abdy, in responding, said when he received the letter from the Worshipful Master-elect he stood aghast, not knowing whether to accept the high honour or not, but being prompted with the feeling of his

Masonic duty, and knowing from report the courteous manner in which all were received at Lodge Star in the East, he decided to accept the honour, and he now stood as a debtor unable to express his feelings. He felt it an honour to have been asked to perform the ceremony at a Lodge where he was not a member, and also to have been proposed by the Worshipful Master and accepted as a member of the Lodge. Referring to the Worshipful Master, he felt sure whatever his name was lent to it was sure to prosper, and he was certain that the Star in the East Lodge would burn brightly under his guidance.

The toast of the Worshipful Master was then proposed by Immediate Past Master Ellis, and, in responding, the Worshipful Master said it gave him great pleasure to again occupy the chair of the Lodge. It was ten years since, when he was Mayor of Harwich, he was first elected to the position. He referred with regret to the fact that Bro. Armfield should, through ill-health, have been unable to occupy the chair this year, and although he, as a P.M., had been elected to the position of Master, it was not because Star in the East was not burning brightly. As a matter of fact it was burning brighter than ever. In 1888 there were only eighty members, but now there were 181. In 1888 there were only 200 votes for Masonic charities, and now there were 780. He referred to several members of the Lodge having been appointed Grand Officers, amongst them one of their old members—Past Master Richard Clowes.

Other toasts were duly honoured during the evening.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

THE members arranged a conversazione, to which ladies were invited, for Thursday, 17th inst., for the especial purpose of celebrating the renovation of the Masonic Hall, Bridlington.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

THE W.M. and Brethren gave a smoking concert in Shodfriars' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Bro. R. Newcomb W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance of Brethren and friends.

During the evening an appeal was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and was liberally responded to.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. James Wylie W.M., the members of the well-known Minster quartette, Messrs. Aspinall, Barlow, Atkinson, and Owens, were initiated as members. The popularity of the gentlemen named was attested by the presence of a large number of Brethren from various Liverpool Lodges. During the evening several vocal items were rendered by the newly-initiated Brethren and others.

WARREN LODGE, No. 1276.

THE annual installation took place on Tuesday, 15th inst., in the Lodge Room, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, under the presidency of Bro. W. Davidson P.M.

Bro. W. L. Lockyer W.M.-elect was presented by Bros. R. Parry P.M. and G. W. Makin P.M. for installation. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. W. Davidson P.M., and was fully choral, Bro. J. H. Jackson presiding at the organ. Afterwards the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren dined together. Unfortunately Bro. Dr. Davidson I.P.M., owing to illness, was unable to be present, consequently the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, had to be left over.

During the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

DE WARREN LODGE, No. 1302.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Halifax, when Bro. Arthur Alderson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth.

BALDWIN LODGE, No. 1398.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., a goodly number assembled at the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness, to witness the installation of Bro. H. D. Deason as W.M. The Installing Officer was Bro. D. Seed I.P.M., assisted by Bro. R. Townley P.M. P.P.G.Std.B., and Bro. J. Hargreaves P.M.

After the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Cavendish Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, and the Masonic toasts honoured.

STAMFORD AND WARRINGTON LODGE, No. 1408.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the Masonic Club Rooms, Stalybridge, when Brother H. Edward Clarkson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation was performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Elias Wild W.M.

After the ceremony of installation and the investiture of Officers, the Brethren adjourned to the Boar's Head, where a sumptuous banquet was nicely served up.

At the rooms of the Masonic Club afterwards, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations by the various Brethren, Bro. Tom Cheetham playing the accompaniments with his usual brilliancy of style.

SALEM LODGE, No. 1443.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 21st, at the Masonic Hall, Dawlish, when Brother S. J. Cox S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. Locke P.S.G.D. of Starcross, assisted by a strong Board of Installed Masters.

The annual banquet followed at the Albert Hotel.

ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495.

THE annual festival and installation was held on the 10th, at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, when there was a numerous gathering. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Joseph Sladen, and the W.M. invested was Bro. G. B. Barton.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 17th, Bro. A. P. Dollman was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M. The customary toasts were honoured.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

THE members held their annual installation meeting on Monday, 7th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. At the opening of the Lodge the retiring W.M. Bro. E. M. Ffennell was well supported by Officers and others.

Bro. T. Shrivell was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers.

The Lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the Banqueting Room for the convivial part of the proceedings, the W.M. being supported by several Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. M. Ffennell I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He did not know, he said, a more zealous Mason throughout the Province than Bro. Shrivell, and he was confident that he would be careful during his year of office for the honour of the Lodge and the comfort of the members.

The W.M., in responding, said he had during the past eight years held every office in the Lodge, and he hoped in good health to carry out the duties of the chair in a satisfactory manner.

On behalf of the Lodge the W.M. presented to Bro. Ffennell a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of his services during his year of office.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE regular meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, 19th inst., Bros. Horace George Banks W.M., W. W. Lee Prov. Grand Steward Middx. I.P.M., W. J. Ball S.W., J. H. Gaskin P.M. P.A.G.D.C. Middx. acting J.W., John Osborn P.M. P.G.Std.B. Middx. Secretary, J. J. Wrathall S.D., W. Whiteside J.D., G. P. Piton I.G., O. J. Von Holtorp P.G.D.C. Middx. D.C., R. Horstead Steward, and Bros. Young P.M., Willie Wright P.M. P.G. Organist Middx. Organist, C. J. Davison P.M. Prov. Grand Steward, Wright, Kessler, Cummings, James Junker, Schmitt, Gower, Sweetman, T. G. Bird P.M. 1867 1897, C. Robinson, Baxter, C. J. Robinson, and others.

Visitors: Bros. Stallard P.M., Bartrop, Richard Evans, Harry Willsmer, and others.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the installation meeting confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Gower to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and raised Bro. Schmitt to that of Master Mason. A proposition for a candidate for initiation was received.

After Lodge the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. G. Lander.

The usual toasts were honoured, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the assistance of the esteemed Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Willie Wright, who, with his usual kindness, had provided an excellent programme of music, the following assisting him in the contributions: Bros. Richard Evans, Bartrop, W. W. Lee, Sweetman, and Miss Ella Thompson, who was accorded a very hearty reception and applause for her excellent singing.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

AT a meeting held on Tuesday, 15th inst., Bro. J. R. Martyr was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Giles P.M. P.P.G.R. in the presence of the P.G. Secretary Bro. Goble, P.G. Treasurer Bro. Gieve, and several P.G. Officers and other members.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1909.

THE October meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Monday, 21st, when a large, representative, and influential gathering of Masons assembled to witness the installation of the W.M.-elect Bro. Sir John Turney. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. T. Byng, assisted by Bros. J. T. Spalding P.M. P.P.G.J.W., and G. W. Hooton P.M.

TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

THE installation of Bro. T. P. Kerman as Worshipful Master took place on Thursday, 10th inst., the ceremony, which was performed at the new Masonic Temple, being attended by a large number of Brethren from Cardiff and the neighbourhood.

The W.M.-elect was presented to the Installing Master Bro. John Sheridan by Bro. Thomas Matthews W.M. of the Llangattock Lodge.

In the evening a banquet, at which ladies were present, was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Temple, followed by a dance.

LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

ON Monday, 7th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, under the presidency of Bro. William Scott W.M., who installed Bro. Nicholas Lee.

The sum of ten guineas to the Durham Masonic Education Fund, two guineas to the Children's Ward of the Sunderland Infirmary, and one guinea each to the Eye Infirmary, the Orphan Asylum, and the Monkwearmouth Dispensary were voted on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M.

The annual banquet was afterwards held in the Banqueting Hall.

ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 2099.

ON Tuesday, 8th inst., the Brethren held their annual installation at the Lodge Room, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Bro. William Thomas England W.M.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. S. White P.M., Bro. Henry C. Jones acting as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. W. J. Hellyar invested the Officers for the ensuing year, and subsequently presided at the annual banquet.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 2132.

THE installation of Bro. J. H. Pagen as W.M. took place on the 10th, in the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, there being present some fifty Members and Visitors. Bro. Samuel King the retiring Master presided at the commencement of the proceedings, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.S. D.C.

At the banquet which followed, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. King.

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JOSHUA NUNN LODGE, No. 2154.

THE installation meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Halstead, on Tuesday, 8th, when Bro. J. Mackenzie Knight was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. J. Bourne Bromley.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the out-going W.M. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the Secretary, through serious illness.

The Brethren dined in the evening at the George Hotel, the repast being well served by the host.

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ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 2259.

THE annual meeting was held in the Peace Hall, Thorne, on the 9th inst., when Bro. John Kenyon was installed W.M. by Bro. A. L. Peace.

During the evening Bro. W. Martin, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Peace with a Past Master's collar, as a slight acknowledgment of his services during the past year.

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UNIVERSITIES LODGE, No. 2352.

ON Thursday, 17th inst., at the regular meeting, the W.M. Bro. Lionel Booth, M.D., P.P.G.S.W. in the chair, the following were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. Jepson, M.D., P.G.S.D. W.M., Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England Treasurer (re-elected), and J. Matthews Tyler.

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WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

ON Thursday of last week the annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, when the business included several raisings, initiations, and ballotings for new members, besides the installation of Bro. J. Speller as W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. W. Kershaw.

A large company afterwards sat down to a banquet, the invitations having been made to include all the present Grand Officers of Essex, as well as representatives of all the Lodges in the Province.

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ASHFIELD LODGE, No. 2412.

ON Wednesday, 16th inst., the annual installation took place in the Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield, when Brother H. J. Hobson was installed by Bro. G. G. Bonser.

The customary banquet was subsequently held at the Denman's Head Hotel.

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ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434.

ON the 16th, at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, Bro. Wright P.M. installed Bro. F. Lawson Lewis into the chair.

In the evening a banquet was held, the chair being occupied by Bro. F. Lawson Lewis, and about fifty Masons being present.

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COLNE LODGE, No. 2477.

THE anniversary was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Wivenhoe, when Bro. W. T. B. Ennew was installed Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. Gustavus Pratt W.M. P.M. 455.

The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, expressing the pleasure it gave him to do so.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2487.

ON Monday, 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Stone, the annual festival of St. John was celebrated, and Brother E. V. Greatbach P.G.S.W. was installed Worshipful Master in the presence of a large assembly, among whom was the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Dartmouth.

A silk banner was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Harding, on behalf of his sister, Mrs. Fletcher, who was heartily thanked for her gift. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Crown Hotel.

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There are no dogmas in Masonry. Its secrecy is confined to the means of communication. Its tenets are universally approved. What it condemns no man upholds. The essence of Masonry is character. Character is Masonry, and character is destiny.—J. W. McGrath, in "Voice of Masonry."

NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 28 Old King's Arms, F'mason'-hall
- 79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
- 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
- 222 St. Andrews, Albion Tavern
- 706 Florence Nightingale, W'olwich
- 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
- 905 De Grey & Ripon, F.M.H.
- 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
- 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
- 2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
- 43 St. Paul, Birmingham
- 48 Industry, Gateshead
- 61 Probity, Halifax
- 62 Social, Manchester
- 85 Faithful, Harleston
- 89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
- 403 Three Graces, Haworth
- 433 Hope, Brightlingsea
- 467 Tudor, Oldham
- 491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
- 557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
- 613 Unity, Southport
- 999 Robert Burns, Manchester
- 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
- 1177 Tenby, Tenby
- 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
- 1253 Kennard, Pontypool
- 1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
- 1286 Bayon, Lincoln
- 1325 Stanley, Liverpool
- 1542 Legiolium, Castleford
- 1575 Clive, Market Drayton
- 1600 Hamilton, Alford
- 1688 Buxton, Buxton
- 1752 Ogmore, Bridgend
- 1753 Obedience, Okehampton
- 1861 Claremont, Croydon
- 1991 Agricola, York
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport

- 2187 Adur, Henfield
- 2257 Powell, Bristol
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester

Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's
- 160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
- 299 Emulation, Dartford
- 310 Union, Carlisle
- 366 St. David, Milford
- 484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
- 597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
- 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
- 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
- 859 Isaac Newton University, Cambridge
- 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
- 990 Neyland, Neyland
- 1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
- 1193 Doric, Wymondham
- 1214 Scarborough, Batley
- 1358 Torbay, Paignton
- 1479 Halsey, St. Albans
- 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
- 1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
- 1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
- 1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
- 1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
- 1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
- 1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
- 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
- 1942 Minerva, Fenton
- 2001 Narberth, Narberth
- 2358 Mona, Castletown

Wednesday.

- 898 Temperance in East, Poplar
- 1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
- 76 Economy, Winchester
- 86 Loyalty, Preston, Lanc.
- 128 Prince Edwin, Bury
- 163 Integrity, Manchester
- 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
- 258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
- 301 Apollo, Alcester
- 304 Philanthropic, Leeds
- 320 Loyalty, Mottram
- 321 Unity, Crewe
- 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
- 341 Wellington, Rye
- 368 Samaritan, Sandbach

- 372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
- 380 Integrity, Morley
- 387 Airedale, Shipley
- 439 Scientific, Bingley
- 461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
- 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
- 501 Berkhamstead, Berkhamst'd.
- 533 Eaton, Congleton
- 540 Stuart, Bedford
- 555 Fidelity, Framlingham
- 580 Harmony, Ormskirk
- 606 Segontium, Carnarvon
- 651 Brecknock, Brecon
- 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
- 697 United, Colchester
- 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
- 910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
- 996 Sondes, East Dereham
- 1024 St. Peter, Maldon
- 1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
- 1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
- 1219 Strangeways, Manchester
- 1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
- 1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
- 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
- 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
- 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
- 1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
- 1544 Mount-Edgecumbe, Camborne
- 1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
- 1714 Albert Edward, Surrey
- 1775 Leopold, Church, nr Accrington
- 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
- 1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
- 1808 Suffield, North Walsham
- 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
- 1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
- 1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
- 2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
- 2186 Striguil, Chepstow
- 2283 Euston, St. Neots
- 2355 Chantrey, Dore

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, Freemasons'-hall, at 5
- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
- 2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
- 39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
- 71 Unity, Lowestoft
- 111 Restoration, Darlington
- 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
- 129 Union, Kendal
- 208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury
- 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
- 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
- 283 Amity, Haslingden
- 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
- 337 Candour, Uppermill
- 361 Industry, Hyde
- 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
- 450 Cornubian, Hayle
- 456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
- 469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
- 472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
- 475 St John Baptist, Luton
- 590 La Cesaee, Jersey
- 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
- 636 De Ogle, Morpeth
- 707 St. Mary, Bridport
- 710 Pleiades, Totnes
- 761 St John, Dursley
- 807 Cabbell, Norwich
- 904 Phoenix, Rotherham
- 966 St. Edward, Leek
- 1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
- 1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
- 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
- 1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
- 1164 Eliot, St. Germans
- 1166 Clarendon, Hyde
- 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
- 1313 Fermor, Southport
- 1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
- 1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
- 1578 Merlin, Pontypidd
- 1630 St. Michael, Coventry
- 1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.
- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
- 2028 Granite, Marlborough
- 2091 Castleberg, Settle
- 2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
- 2269 Peace, Wigan
- 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
- 2414 Wychwood, Burford
- 2418 Hedworth, S. Shields

Friday.

- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
- 1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
- 2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
- 2488 Eccentric, Café Royal
- 44 Friendship, Manchester
- 242 St. George, Doncaster

306 Alfred, Leeds	1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
318 True and Faithful, Helston	1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon	1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street	1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn	1754 Windsor, Penarth
404 Watford, Watford	1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
445 Fidelity, Towcester	1993 Wolseley, Manchester
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyne	2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket	2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
521 Truth, Huddersfield	2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
566 St. Germain, Selby	
574 L. Berkshire of Hope, Newbury	
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop	
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth	
698 Ryde, Ryde, Isle of Wight	
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford	
712 Lindsey, Louth	
751 Eastnor, Ledbury	
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon	
936 Adair, Aldeburgh	
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold	
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester	
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill	
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale	
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury	
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle	
1232 Hereward, Bourn	
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy	
1405 Southwell, Nottingham	

Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynoges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
2077 Epping, Chingford
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey

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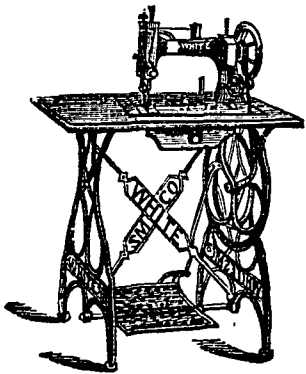
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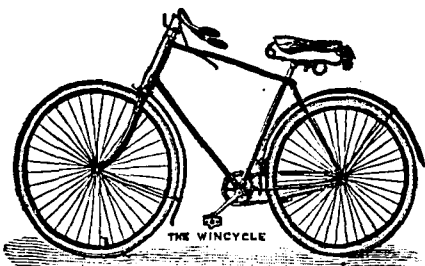
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Lyceum.—8, Romeo and Juliet.

Court.—8, A near shave. 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, Saturday, 2.30.

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. 9, 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.—7.50, A breezy morning. 8.15, 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.

Haymarket.—On Wednesday, Trilby.

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.

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2.30.

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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. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7-30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7-30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8

1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 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, 33 Old Compton Street, W., 7-30
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Amhurst Club, Amhurst Road, Hackney, 8
 M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday.

70 Plymouth, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, 8
 144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7-30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 743 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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