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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE report has just been issued of the result of the Associated Board of the Royal College and the Royal Academy of Music School Examination, and it appears that, nine Girls having entered, the whole of them passed, two being specially credited with "Distinction," a result on which the executive of the Institution are to be congratulated.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the Council was held at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on Friday, 25th ult., Bro. Richard Eve in the chair. There were also present Bros. Keyser, Smithson, Cumberland, Russell, Burgess, Diamond, Imray, Pritchard, Greaves, LeFeuvre, and McLeod Secretary.

On the recommendation of the Board of Management two grants of £10 each were made towards the apprenticeship of deserving ex-pupils.

An investment of over £4,000 was ordered to be made from the General Funds, and the Secretary announced that the total amount of investments now reached a sum of £60,000, over two-thirds of which had been secured during the past four years, and had been invested without charge of brokerage by Bro. Thomas Fenn Past Pres.B.G.Purps. The announcement gave general satisfaction, and a cordial vote of thanks was given Bro. Fenn.

Seven petitions were accepted for the next election and one rejected, as not being considered eligible under the laws and objects of the Institution.

It was reported that the health of the School continued most satisfactory.

## SUSSEX.

THE Joint Committee representing the Eastbourne Corporation and the local Freemasons met at the Eastbourne Town Hall, to consider the arrangements for the public reception of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on the 20th inst. The Mayor (Councillor Skinner) occupied the chair, and reported that he had seen Mr. Allen Sarle, the Manager and General Secretary of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, who had kindly promised to run a special from and to London for the conveyance of his Royal Highness, the times, subject to the approval of his Royal Highness, being as follow :—From Victoria 1.20, East Croydon 1.45, Lewes 2.36, arriving at Eastbourne at 3 o'clock. Return journey: From Eastbourne at 9, Lewes 9.24, East Croydon 10.18, reaching Victoria at 10.40. The Mayor and Corporation will receive the Duke at the Station, and an address will be read by the Town Clerk. Letters were read from Lieutenant-Colonel Cardwell (2nd S.A.V.) and Major Savage (1st S.V.R.E.), promising a guard of honour at the Station, and from Colonel Sir Fitzroy Maclean promising a contingent of the West Kent Queen's Own Yeomanry for an escort. The Committee decided to ask the bands of the 2nd S.A.V. and of the 1st S.V.R.E. to play, the one at the Station, and the other at the Queen's Hotel, on the arrival of the Duke; and the Chief Constable (Mr. Plumb), who was present at the meeting, promised to make other band arrangements. The inhabitants along the route were requested to decorate their houses, and it was resolved to ask the Fire Brigade to erect and man an arch at the sea end of Devonshire place, and the fishermen to place a similar adornment on the Grand Parade at the top of Victoria Place. The Chief Constable agreed to see the Lifeboat authorities and the Chief Officer of Coastguards with the view of representatives, together with the Lifeboat, being brought into display. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will take place at the Queen's Hotel at 3.30, and the banquet at five o'clock.—"Sussex Daily News."

## CONSECRATIONS.

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### CROUCH END LODGE.

THE Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate, has often been the scene of the meeting of large assemblies of guests bent on spending a pleasant and profitable evening, but never, perhaps, has a more successful evening been spent at this historic house than that of Thursday, 7th inst., when the Crouch End Lodge, No. 2580, opened its doors to Members and Visitors for the first time. A more fortunate choice of meeting-place could not have been desired. Freemasonry itself being of such antiquity, it seems fitting that gatherings relating to it should be held at a place redolent with memories of the past. Such a thought must have crossed the minds of many of those who passed beneath the portals of "Ye Gatehouse," and were welcomed by its cheery landlord. The history of this hostelry has so often been given that space can be more profitably employed by passing on to the object of the assembling of so many individuals well-known in the vicinity of Crouch End and Highgate—the consecration of the Lodge.

The Founders were exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the services of so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Letchworth, F.S.A., to perform the office of Consecration. In this he was assisted by the following distinguished Brethren:—Lennox Browne P.D.G.D.C. as S.W., J. S. Cumberland Dep.G.S.B. as J.W., Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., Slaughter P.G.J.W. Herts as I.G., and Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.Chap. as Chaplain.

The ceremony was timed for 5 p.m., and at that hour some eighty Brethren assembled in the new Masonic Hall, a fine building well suited to the purpose for which it had been designed.

The Consecrating Officer, in addressing the Brethren, said they had met for that most interesting of ceremonies, the consecration of a new Lodge. He hoped and predicted for it a career of great prosperity, and he felt sure that through its instrumentality Masonry would make great advances in the neighbourhood.

An oration by the Chaplain on the nature and principles of the institution followed. The rev. gentleman observed that what had up to recent years been a suburb was now almost absorbed in the metropolis. He exhorted the Brethren to emulate the example of those Lodges formed anterior to theirs, and to further the examples of Christian benevolence and charity set by them, at the same time bearing in mind that interest in Freemasonry should not interfere with the ordinary duties which they were called upon to perform.

At the conclusion of the oration Bro. Letchworth dedicated the Lodge.

The Consecration being ended, the business of the Lodge proceeded, Bro. E. Stratton Gerrish being installed as Master, and investing the following as his Assistant Officers: Bros. G. R. Beardmore P.M. Acting I.P.M., H. J. Abrahams S.W., C. T. Rayner J.W., H. Ogden Mellor W.M.-elect 1897 Treasurer, R. C. Turner P.M. Secretary, George Colville S.D., A. C. Dove J.D., N. J. Levy I.G., G. C. Dent P.M. D.C., T. P. Cook Steward, W. R. Bennett Assistant Steward, R. W. Edgeley P.M. Tyler. Most of the above are well known in the neighbourhood, and all are enthusiastic in the cause. Mention need only be made of such names as Bros. Levy, Mellor, and Turner, to say nothing of the other Officers, to enable those interested in Masonry to recognise that the interests of the Lodge are in good hands.

The banquet was served at 7.30. To provide for eighty Brethren is no easy matter, but the greatest praise must be accorded to Bro. Wyatt, the proprietor of the "Gatehouse," for the sumptuous repast provided under his direction by Messrs. Beale, the well-known caterers. After grace had been sung the usual Loyal toasts were proposed, the W.M. observing that during the rule of Her Most Gracious Majesty no less than 2,150 Lodges had been founded.

The W.M. then gave the toast of the Grand Officers present and past, coupling with it the name of Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale P.G.T.

Sir Joseph, in replying, said that no one could be present without being deeply impressed with the serious side of Masonry. Masonry was established on religion, and by it our duty to God and our neighbour was taught. Benevolence and affection towards our fellow men were qualities on which it was based, and he trusted that the members of the Crouch End Lodge would do their utmost to promote those Christian virtues. In conclusion he wished the W.M. and the Lodge a happy future.

In submitting the Consecrating Officers, the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Letchworth and those eminent Brethren who assisted him.

Bro. Letchworth, in the course of his reply, said there was no duty connected with Masonry so pleasant to him as that of opening a new Lodge. He firmly believed they had all the elements of success. There was plenty of room for a Lodge at Crouch End and Highgate, and such an institution would bring together many who did not know one another and who would be glad of such an opportunity.

The toast of the evening, that of the Worshipful Master, was then proposed in felicitous terms by I.P.M. Bro. Beardmore, who said that it was through him that the W.M. first saw the light of Freemasonry. It was an interesting fact that Bro. Gerrish was Worshipful Master of one of the oldest and youngest Lodges in existence.

The Master said that no doubt there would be difficulties, and real work to be done. The future of the Lodge was promising. It commenced literally on the top of the hill. The accommodation provided promised to be everything that could be desired, and he thanked Bro. Wyatt for the liberal way in which he had studied the comfort of the Lodge. He had also to thank Bro. Ebbelwhite for the jewel he had practically unearthed for their benefit in form of the crest of the Lodge. He was sure the Lodge would desire to be represented at the Masonic Charities, and he would wish to act as a Steward for the Boys Institution next June.

In proposing the Visitors, the W.M. stated he was unable to procure a complete list, but the numbers present amounted to between sixty and seventy. The more often they came to the Crouch End Lodge the more they would be welcome.

Bro. Wynne P.G.W. of Victoria, in replying, spoke in an interesting manner of Masonry as practiced in the Colonies. Bros. Cock and ex-Sheriff Hand also expressed their gratitude for the splendid entertainment that had been afforded them. The evening concluded with the toasts of the Officers, and that by the Tyler.

Great credit is due to the Secretary Bro. Turner, and others, for the indefatigable exertions made by them in order to promote the enjoyment of the Brethren, exertions crowned, it is unnecessary to say, with the greatest success.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. H. W. Schartau, the music in the Lodge and at the banquet being performed by the Schartau part singers, Bros. Schartau, John Bartlett, Appleby, and Bradford, in a highly satisfactorily manner.

The following Brethren constitute the Founders of the Lodge:—Bros. E. Stratton Gerrish, H. J. Abrahams, C. T. Rayner, Geo. Colville, A. C. Dove, N. J. Levy, H. Ogden Mellor, R. C. Turner P.M., G. C. Dent P.M., T. P. Cook, W. R. Bennett, G. R. Beardmore P.M., E. A. Ebbelwhite, E. B. Harris, W. W. Fitcher, E. C. Kilsby P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Thos. Briggs, H. E. Lewis, W. R. C. Moore, C. J. Miller P.M.—“Hornsey Journal.”

### ROYAL ROSE LODGE.

WE are told that “familiarity breeds contempt,” but we do not think anything approaching contempt exists in the minds of Freemasons in regard to the now familiar utterances of those in power, urging the necessity for exercising the greatest caution as to who are admitted to a participation in the secrets of the Order, nor is there any contempt in regard to the well-worn theme that the authorities are very careful ere they allow the issue of a Warrant for the establishment of a new Lodge. These are recognised truths, which every member of our Order desires to see carried out with the most religious care, so much so, in fact, that there are many in our midst who are continually arguing that no new Lodges are needed now-a-days, more particularly in the metropolis and other large centres of activity where a considerable number already exist. We cannot do better in this connection than refer to the utterances of the Earl of Lathom the Pro G.M. of England, himself the chief of one of the most important Provinces of the Craft. He tells those under his rule that he has no particular desire to see the number of Lodges increased, but at the same time he recognises that real necessity

for a Lodge may arise in a new district, or the membership of older Lodges may get too numerous for comfortable working, or some other legitimate reason may exist for an extension. In all such cases he considers that the desire of Brethren for a new Warrant should be respected, and the prayer of their petition when sent in and found legitimate should be granted.

Had the Earl of Lathom been called upon to decide as to the necessity for a Warrant being granted in answer to the prayer of the petitioners for the Royal Rose Lodge—perhaps he was so consulted—we can imagine him being well satisfied with the explanations put before him, as they doubtless could be put by the petitioners, on the evidences of ultimate success which were so manifest on the day of consecration, when no less than nineteen gentlemen were proposed for initiation into the Lodge, everyone of whom, besides being recommended as a good man and true, had the further qualification of having won distinction in the task of serving their country and their Queen, in the Volunteer or regular forces. However it may be, the Warrant was granted by the Grand Master, and the new Lodge was launched under very favourable circumstances on Monday.

The Royal Rose Lodge started with one unusual and particular advantage, inasmuch as it met as it were at home, at the head-quarters, in Edward Street, Hampstead Road, of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion “the Royal Fusiliers” (City of London Regiment), to which corps the Lodge is attached, and which possesses ample accommodation for its regular meetings, as well as for the festive board that may follow from time to time.

The Consecration was carried out by Brother Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, who was assisted in the work of the day by Colonel Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., LL.D., M.P., P.G.W. as S.W., Colonel L. G. Dundas J.G.D. as J.W., the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and Colonel F. Mead P.G. Sword Bearer as I.G., the efforts of these well known workers being most ably seconded by an efficient musical party, under the direction of Brother W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middlex., who was supported in his efforts by the Lyric Vocal Quartette (Brothers Thomas Powell, Charles Strong, Etherington Smith and Horace Reynolds).

The work was admirably carried through in every particular, not the least impressive portion of the proceedings being the delivery of an Oration by the acting Chaplain, which, by special request of several of the Founders of the Lodge, we reproduce here in extenso. Brother Simpson said:

Very Worshipful Installing Master, Wardens, and Brethren:—Let me at once offer my humble, but hearty, congratulations and good wishes to the Founders and Brethren of the Royal Rose Lodge on every account, but not least for that they are raising another Masonic Temple in which the Great Architect will be worshipped, His Sacred Law will be revered, and Brotherly Love be cultivated; and I will advisedly add that, in a world so full of superstition and division on the one hand, and vice and infidelity on the other, if the outer world knew the principles, the rites, and the objects of our noble Order as we know them, they would rejoice with us at every stone that was added to the glorious fabric—on the fore-front of which might be written in letters of gold, “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace and good will unto men.” But the world does not know us, hence the inquiring smiles of those who would fain know our innocent secrets, and hence above all the blatant abuse of ignorant and jealous superstition, fierce because it is now powerless to stifle the breath of Freedom, and furious because deprived of that temporal and tyrannical power which once made men and nations tremble—but which we trust, for the world’s sake and its own, may never return. Hence, too, the ignorant jeers of those who credit us with spending all our money on eating and drinking, regardless of what they ought to know, that we collect and expend some £50,000 a year on the education of the young, on the support of the widow and the orphan, and on soothing the troubles and afflictions of old age. Now, I think I may say that our secrets, if proclaimed to all the world, would make that world no better nor, perhaps, much wiser than it is; but our principles may and should, and of these we make no secret, and have no hesitation in stating them plainly. Briefly they may be said to be four in number—four pillars from which spring in strength and beauty the numerous arches which span the roof of our Masonic Temple.

1. That God is, and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
2. That we love our Brethren, being pitiful and courteous.
3. That the soul of man is immortal.
4. That there is a future state of being beyond the grave.

Under the first, we learn the Almighty power and abounding love of God, obedience to His laws, and reverence for His Name and His word. By the second, we are taught the duties we owe to one another in every relation of life—the practice of justice, benevolence, patience, generosity, self-sacrifice, charity, loyalty to the Sovereign, and obedience to the laws. The third, founded on Revelation and intuition, points to the true dignity of immortal

man, and to the bright hope and prospect of a future life. While the fourth reminds us as responsible beings, of the solemn account we must one day give to our just yet merciful Judge, entailing on us the necessity for temperance, honesty, and purity of life and, to this end, the duties of watchfulness against evil and of prayer for aid. We regret to find that these principles are not even formally held by all who call themselves Masons, and that on the Continent of Europe this is especially the case. But we must make some charitable allowance for our Brethren in those countries where, for years, freedom of conscience has been put down with an iron hand, and where, even now, the dread anathema is hurled by a professedly infallible power against the earthly happiness of the offending Mason, while at the same time it dooms him to eternal perdition. Can we then wonder at such a terrible extreme producing such reaction? Can we be surprised at the fact, which I think we may glean from history, that superstition is the mother of infidelity, and that the wildest atheistic doctrines have sprung from the same parentage? Other tenets may be, and have been, built on our Masonic foundation by various bodies of thoughtful and religious men, but every truly religious man should rejoice in the maintenance of those *fundamental tenets*, which are, as it were, the cement which holds society together, and which are more or less incorporated with every religious system under heaven. Brethren, let us smile at the curses aimed at our noble Order, and let us forgive them who thus condemn us. But one lesson and caution I would draw from what I have stated. It is this—let us hold fast our very important rule, to avoid political or theological controversy in our Lodges, and may our Grand Lodge set a decided and a bright example in this matter. On the other hand, may our Order and our country ever revere the “perfect law of liberty, and continue therein.” Law without liberty would be the destruction of all responsibility, and liberty without law would be the most insupportable tyranny. How true are the eloquent and striking words of the present ambassador of the United States, uttered only last week: “The individual freedom of man’s life and soul was the instrumentality by which the world has been raised from brutality and barbarism to its present standard of civilisation, the safe-guarding of personal liberty is the true seed of progress, and the torch of knowledge which was to illumine man’s pathway onward and upward was caught by one human hand as it was dropped by another. Justice enthroned on law is the only protection of the humble and defenceless, while the personal conscience and the living soul of the free man are essential to make mankind to conform to the changes which are inevitable in its onward journey.” I venture to think these are thoughts a true Mason can endorse, while all true Freemasons, free subjects and free men, will rejoice to act upon that terse and comprehensive charge which has survived eighteen centuries, is found in the volume of the Sacred Law, and is to-day as applicable to the needs and well-being of society as on the day when it came fresh from the pen of the inspired Philosopher and Apostle, “Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King.”

The Consecration having been completed in regular form the Grand Secretary proceeded to instal Brother Lieut-Colonel J. W. Benningfield as first Master, and he appointed the following as his Assistant Officers:—Brothers Surgeon-Captain E. G. Younger 1718 S.W., Captain T. E. Carey Bates 12 J.W., Lieut.-Colonel C. G. Brown 1589 1962 (unanimously elected by the Founders) Treasurer, Captain Gordon T. J. Carey P.M. 1722 Secretary, Captain E. Pugh 1827 S.D., Captain R. J. H. Eccles 1669 J.D., Captain C. M. W. Turner 2021 I.G., Major W. E. Robbins 90 Steward, Captain J. A. Carpenter 227 Assistant Steward, Sergeant-Instructor E. Sanders 1093 Tyler.

A committee having been elected to frame the bye-laws, the Worshipful Master proposed that honorary membership of the Lodge should be conferred on the distinguished members of the Order who had come among them that day and had so successfully launched their new Lodge. The way in which the varied ceremonies had been performed displayed an amount of care and forethought that they might well take as an example in the future conduct of the Lodge.

The proposal was duly seconded, carried with unanimity, and acknowledged on behalf of the elected members by the Grand Secretary. The names of nineteen candidates for initiation were then handed in, and the Lodge was closed until the second Monday of December.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the Master, who gave the usual Loyal toasts, following with that of the Grand Officers of England, whose really good work, he said, was manifest on all sides, and had especially been displayed in their midst that day. The Master particularly thanked Colonel Dundas for his assistance, for, in addition to being a Grand Officer, he was also a Fusilier.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson responded, saying he felt much indebted to the Brethren for the attention they had given him in Lodge when it fell to his lot to deliver what, in the grandiloquent terms of the Craft, was designated the Oration. He had

then taken the opportunity of saying a few words in defence of the Craft, and especially in reference to the position in which it had lately been placed in connection with those on the Continent who were described as murderers and everything that was bad. It was necessary that they should protest against such calumnies as had lately been hurled against them, as silence was often taken as giving consent; still, he thought that really the best course to adopt was to pray for those who persecuted them.

The Grand Secretary submitted the toast of the Master, a duty he regarded as a very agreeable one, inasmuch as it was really the toast of the evening. That was not the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of installing Colonel Benningfield into the chair as first Master of a new Lodge. It seemed but a short time since he had performed a like office. He was pleased to know that the Lodge over which he then ruled had made satisfactory progress, and hoped that the Royal Rose would be equally successful. He felt sure the members of the Lodge just launched would long be able to look back with satisfaction to the year Colonel Benningfield was Master.

The W.M. responded, expressing the great pleasure it afforded him to be placed in the chair as first ruler of the Lodge, which he felt was going to be a success from the outset. When he was asked to take the office of first Master he had not known what to do, but he was pleased that he had not refused, as he really felt an interest in any work associated with the Fusiliers, although no longer officially connected with the regiment.

The next toast, that of the Consecrating Officers, was responded to by Bro. Letchworth, who referred to a similar work he had performed a few months back, when he consecrated a Lodge attached to the Militia battalion of the regiment they were associated with, on which occasion he had the pleasure of installing Colonel Dundas as first Master. Further, he hoped in a short time to instal another distinguished Fusilier, in the person of Colonel Keyser, as Master of an ancient body of which they were both members—the Lodge of Antiquity. He hoped their new Lodge would become a power in the Craft, and would be the means of still further cementing the good feeling already existing between the different branches of the regiment.

The toast of the Visitors was next given, the Master remarking they had a number of distinguished guests among them, notably Colonel Dundas—a honoured Fusilier, who had seen some active service in connection with the regiment, especially in the Crimea; Brother Mann the present Master of the Pickwick Lodge, of which, as the Grand Secretary had told them, he (Colonel Benningfield) had been the first Master; Bro. Pickering, and many others. The Founders were pleased to see Visitors that night, and he felt there was no doubt the Lodge would be equally pleased to see guests at its future meetings.

Colonel Dundas replied. Although claimed by the W.M. as a Visitor, he found himself in the proud position of being a member, an honour the Founders had conferred on him, as one of the Consecrating Officers, in open Lodge that night. Still he felt he might return sincere thanks on behalf of the Visitors for the reception accorded them, and the earnest desire that had been manifest to ensure the enjoyment of all present. As commanding officer of the Militia battalion of their regiment, and as first Master of the Train-Bands Lodge, he felt particularly in the position of being able to wish the new Lodge every success. He hoped they would prove not only a Royal Rose, but an everlasting rose in Freemasonry, ever going on with prosperity.

Bro. Mann considered it a very great honour to be called upon to respond to the toast, as a representative of the Visitors. He was pleased to think the new Lodge had in its midst every sign of prosperity. They could but feel gratified to hear so many new members proposed for initiation in the Lodge, and he felt he was justified on behalf of the guests in offering their sincere congratulations on the way in which the new Lodge had been started. It was not often London Masons had the opportunity of visiting a Lodge that met in its own building, and not only that, but was also able to provide for its refreshment.

The toast of the Officers was next submitted from the chair. If ever a Master was able to congratulate himself on the band of Brothers he had working with him as Officers he was in that position. True they had no experiences to refer back to in their new Lodge, but they had all come together and started it as nearly like a perfect machine as possible. There was one, however, whose work he could speak of, that being Bro. Captain Pugh, of whose efforts in arranging for a successful start it was impossible to say too much.

The Senior Warden replied. The Officers, he said, were all animated by one spirit—to work to secure the success and prosperity of the Royal Rose Lodge, and to faithfully support the Worshipful Master in his exalted position.

The Musical Brethren, to whose services in Lodge we have already referred, continued their efforts to increase the enjoyment of the company after the banquet, and their success was such as to win them the heartiest applause. We congratulate our old friend Bro. Wright on the excellence of the party by whom he was supported on this occasion.

## CENTENARY: ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE.

THIS Lodge, No. 211 on the Register, having attained its Centenary, celebrated the event on Tuesday evening at its ordinary meeting in November, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. Brother George Cockrell W.M. presided. The Visitors included the following Brethren:—

W. Mason Stiles Grand Treasurer, Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D., J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, R. C. Mount P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks, Past Masters R. Poore 1949, F. A. Powell 457, J. B. Stevens 1627, S. Webb 1287, Stephen Richardson 183, G. W. Goss 176, Henry Massey 1928, E. Austen 1793, G. E. Higginson 1791, A. R. Meggy W.M. 214 (which Lodge, the Hope and Unity, will celebrate its centenary on the 16th inst.), H. F. E. Harrison W.M. 1793; also Charles Wells J.D. 2323, H. A. Harris 1421, and H. Appleford 190.

There were also present Bros. W. G. Jennings, G. E. Absell, F. W. Berry, G. C. Brightling, A. M. Usher, W. Parsons. Officers: W. J. Dyer I.P.M., G. J. Copley S.W., A. B. Spawforth J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treas., Wm. Radcliffe P.M. Sec., Cecil Mount S.D., A. H. Collings J.D., P. J. King I.G., Orlton Cooper P.M. D.C., E. C. Collings Organist, H. Lindfield P.M. Steward, and Past Masters of the Lodge Bros. Alexr. Dickson, W. Kirkland and P. J. King.

After the Lodge had been opened, Bro. Radcliffe P.M. Sec. read the correspondence between him and the Grand Secretary, which referred to the Centenary Warrant, which it was afterwards resolved should be entered on the minutes. This was followed by a motion by Bro. A. Green P.M. Treasurer, and father of the Lodge, seconded by Brother Orlton Cooper P.M., to commemorate the Centenary by giving ten guineas to the Boys School to endow the S.W. chair as a Life Subscriber to that Institution, and a similar sum to the Girls School to confer the same rank on the J.W. chair to that Institution. Carried.

A letter from the Grand Secretary was read, in which that Brother regretted his inability to be present, as he was at Oxford at the installation of Viscount Valentia, M.P., as Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch for Oxfordshire, and stating that Brother Stiles Grand Treasurer would present the Centenary Warrant. This letter was also ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Brother W. M. Stiles Grand Treasurer then rose, and said the event was a very important one and every Brother Mason must be justly proud that their predecessors in this Lodge had carried out their duties so ably and kept the Lodge minutes so well that there was no difficulty in obtaining the Centenary Warrant. During all his Masonic experience he had known the St. Michael's Lodge, and had looked upon it as one of the grand old Lodges of the City of London. He was pleased to present on behalf of the Grand Secretary the Warrant from the Grand Master, and he hoped that during the W.M.'s year of office as well as afterwards the Brethren would not forget that the St. Michael's Lodge had been in existence 100 years. He also hoped that the same good fellowship would exist among the Brethren as had existed hitherto, that every success might attend the Lodge, and that the Warrant might be handed down from W.M. to W.M. pure and unsullied as Bro. Cockrell now received it. He also pinned on the breast of the W.M. a Centenary jewel and congratulated Bro. Cockrell on his happy lot of presiding over the Lodge in its Centenary year, wishing him many years of life and health to be a P.M. of the St. Michael's Lodge.

Bro. George Cockrell W.M., in accepting the presentation said: On behalf of myself and the Brethren of St. Michael's Lodge I have to convey my thanks through Bro. William Mason Stiles the Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Officers for kindly allowing us to celebrate our Centenary, and granting us this Centenary Warrant, and I hope that at the end of my year of office I shall hand the Warrant over to my successor as pure and unsullied as I now receive it. I am sure that not only myself, but also all of us wish to thank our Bro. Past Master William Mason Stiles Grand Treasurer for presenting it, and for the kind remarks he has made to the Brethren of the Lodge and to myself.

Centenary jewels were then presented to the members of the Lodge, and hearty good wishes having been given by the Visitors, Bro. Cockrell said, Brethren your hearty good wishes are heartily reciprocated by me.

The Lodge was thereupon closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, at which Brother Cockrell W.M. presided, the toasts were subsequently honoured, and some first class singing was given by Madame Stella, Master S. Bennett, and Messrs. Challenger, Richmond, Bennett, Dorman, F. W. Humble and Will Bowyer, Mr. J. Bennett as the accompanist. In the course of the evening Brother Past Master Orlton Cooper recited the following, which was specially composed by him for the occasion:

A hundred years lie buried in the past  
Since first St. Michael's saw Masonic Light.  
One hundred years! Oh! what a prospect vast  
Whose grandeur fills our hearts with joy to-night.  
One hundred years!—And yet 'tis but a span  
Amid the mighty centuries gone before  
Wherein our Fathers worked, joined man with man  
To found the Order that we all adore.

Our noble Craft, whose aim is always pressed  
In furtherance of everything that's good  
To help the weak, to solace the distressed,  
And bind the world in one grand brotherhood.  
In that great cause, St. Michael's has done much  
To send into the world good men and true,  
To bring together in a closer touch  
All sects, all peoples, e'en the far Hindu.  
It's name is blazoned on the glorious roll  
Of our Grand Charities, which none exceed,  
Whose fame is spread on earth from pole to pole  
Assisting young and old in time of need.  
To mark this meeting with a special gift  
We have to-day endowed the Wardens' Chairs  
So in the future we may chance to lift  
The load from those who bear the weight of years.  
Full many a change we've seen of Brothers dear  
Who laboured for the Cause—then passed away  
To realms beyond the night; but ever near  
Their Spirits cheer us on Life's fitful way.  
And so may we when this brief life is done  
Find our reward for all our earthly pains;  
And join our Brothers when our course is run  
Where the Great Architect for ever reigns.

Bro. Cockrell W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, said the Brethren all knew what a good Queen they had, and how she was blessed with that virtue which was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.

In giving the toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. Cockrell said Freemasons were aware what an able Grand Master they had, and how the Order had flourished throughout the nation by his influence. All the Prince of Wales's talents in Masonry were devoted to its best interests.

Bro. W. M. Stiles Grand Treasurer, replying to the toast of the Pro G.M., &c., said that the Grand Officers were very pleased to be present at this Centenary festival, and their only regret was that the Grand Secretary was not among them. It was a proud moment for St. Michael's Lodge, to be able to take its place in the ranks of the Centenary Lodges. He had to thank the Brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge for their recent efforts in securing for him the position of Grand Treasurer, without which he should not have been able to be there that evening in such a distinguished capacity.

Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D. also responded, and congratulated the W.M. on being in the chair on such an auspicious occasion. He also congratulated the Brethren of the Lodge on having such a worthy Brother to rule over them.

Bro. W. J. Dyer I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said the Brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge knew what a good Mason Bro. Cockrell was, what an excellent Master he had proved himself to be, how he had taken care of the Lodge, and had done the work as well as it was possible to be done. Visitors who might not know the W.M. should be told that he was a worthy ornament in the long roll of Past Masters of the Lodge; he was in every way a good Mason; ever since he had been initiated he displayed the true principles of the Craft, and with regard to the Charities he had done his duty. During his year of office he had served a Stewardship and taken up a list of £350.

Bro. Cockrell W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said he felt very much flattered by Bro. Dyer's remarks. All the Brethren knew Geo. Cockrell, and they knew he was very proud of the position he now held as their W.M. at this Centenary festival. It was the proudest moment of George Cockrell's life to be in that position and to have his health proposed and responded to in so genial and enthusiastic a way. As their W.M. he had tried his utmost to do his duty as he had taken an obligation to do when he was installed. He had not had an extraordinary quantity of work to do in the Lodge, not half as much as he should like to have had, being capable and willing to take the management of any work brought before him. He had had an initiation, a passing, and a raising, which, if he had done to the Brethren's satisfaction, he was very pleased. If any Brother would bring him any more work he should be only too thankful to do it. The Initiate he had had was not present, but he had sent a telegram wishing every success. That member was very proud to be one of the Brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge. In conclusion Brother Cockrell said he hoped to do his duty during the remainder of his year of office to the satisfaction of all, and to instal his successor.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the St. Michael's Lodge, which was really the toast of this most festive night. It was a proud position for a Lodge to hold—to have passed through 100 years without breaking its record. He considered that that was due to those extraordinarily good P.Ms. and members who had gone before them. All credit was due to the P.Ms. of this Lodge for the splendid record they had established, and not doing anything that was wrong, and not swerving from their duty to Grand Lodge. It had inspired him in going through all the Offices of the Lodge, and he hoped it would inspire all the Officers and the young members who were coming on. If they had the same inspiration as he had when he took office in the Lodge, and when he became W.M., they would do their duty

manfully, loyally, and Masonically as the P.M.s. had done in the past. As Bro. P.M. Green was going to give them a history of the Lodge, he would not trouble the Brethren with further remarks, but in giving the toast of St. Michael's Lodge he would hope that the Lodge would still have a splendid career for the next 100 years, and that the Brethren's children and children's children might look with pleasure on this auspicious occasion.

Bro. A. Green P.M. and Treasurer, in responding to the toast, thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with it on a night which was the centenary of a Lodge which had accomplished 100 years of useful Masonic work. He thought there was a great deal of truth in the saying that we are all creatures of circumstances, for it was owing to circumstances over which he had no control that he was the senior P.M. of the Lodge. In drinking the toast they were drinking the pious memory of those who in former days, with honour, fidelity, and uprightness, placed the Lodge on a sure and firm foundation. Hoping not to weary the Brethren he would give a sketch of the history of the Lodge, which we reproduce on page 222 of this issue.

Brother Cockrell W.M. next proposed the Past Masters, who had done good work. They were good men, and true to their Masonic obligation to uphold the honour and integrity of the St. Michael's. After they were out of office they had always given the benefit of their experience and knowledge to the Brethren who required assistance, and were always ready to take the chair if the W.M. could not attend. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Dickson, who was one of those W.M.'s who did the work in the Lodge in a splendid manner, giving the Charges and the explanation of the Tracing Board. What these Brethren had done in the past he was sure they would do in the future.

Bro. Dickson P.M., responding, said that the W.M., in proposing the toast, had in mind a grateful remembrance of the long list of Past Masters who had come down with the Lodge through the years of the last century, and that he had recalled with admiration their many valuable services to this Lodge in particular, and to Freemasonry in general. The Past Masters, of course, could not be unconscious after the very kind and personal reference the W.M. had made, that he was tendering to them his respects, and for himself and his colleagues he returned his and their sincere and fraternal regards. Bro. Green had taken them hand in hand in the details he had given through a long vista of Past Masters of the Lodge, and it would be repetition if he were to follow him, but he endorsed all that Brother Green had said, and he must remark that the history had been well compiled. It showed what an important part the Past Masters had played in using their influence. Such influence either made or marred a Lodge; but in the case of the St. Michael's it had made the Lodge. There had always been a body of Past Masters in the Lodge willing to take upon themselves the duties they had discharged when they were in the chair, and at the advent of new members discharged their obligation to maintain the Lodge's dignity, to render their services with intelligent unostentation, and to hand down the ritual pure and undefiled. He claimed for himself no one could have more sincere regard for the Lodge.

Bros. Mount, Meggy and Webb responded to the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. McLeod to that of the Masonic Charities, contrasting the position of those Institutions in their earlier years with what it was now.

Bro. Ratcliffe P.M. and Secretary replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, assuring the Brethren that the fulfilment of his duties in the latter capacity was a labour of love. He threw all his energies into his work, and did everything he possibly could. He would not go over the ground trodden by the Treasurer in recapitulating the good work the Lodge had done in the past. As his (Bro. Ratcliffe's) health had been honoured he supposed the Brethren naturally thought he ought to say something about himself, well, he could only say he was initiated in the Lodge twenty years ago, and served the office of Worshipful Master in 1880. Since 1883 he had been appointed Secretary by the Worshipful Master for the time being, and he supposed those successive Brethren thought he could perform the duties of the position, or they would not have appointed him. Ever since he was introduced to Masonry no one had taken a livelier interest in its welfare than he, and as long as he was a member of the Lodge his ambition would be to do all he could for its future welfare. There were many duties in connection with the position of the Secretary that Officer had to perform, which he hoped he would do to the satisfaction of every Brother of the Lodge; but the Brethren might rely upon this—he spoke from his heart when he said it—he was proud to be a P.M. of the Lodge—this old and distinguished Lodge. He was pleased to bear his humble part in this day's celebration, and he thanked the W.M. and all the Brethren for their kind expressions concerning him. He hoped that at the end of the present W.M.'s term of office he would be able to say it had been a happy term, and he would now conclude by saying he drank to the success of the St. Michael's Lodge for the next hundred years.

The toast of the Officers followed, and the S. and J.W. having responded, the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. W. Barnes, closed the proceedings of a most successful gathering.

## GRAND LODGE SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held in Edinburgh, on Thursday, 7th inst., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., presiding over a large attendance.

A statement by the Grand Cashier showed that the income during the past quarter had been £878, and the expenditure £549, and that there had been 1,100 entrants to the Order. There had been £135 voted from the fund of benevolence for needy Masons or the widows of Brethren.

Charters were granted for ten new Lodges.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of Brethren for election as office-bearers at the annual meeting, and the Grand Master was unanimously nominated for re-election. The Grand Master, in accepting this, said the great wish on his part was not only that justice should be done to individual Brethren, but that the interests of the Craft should not suffer.

In regard to the question of honorary membership in Lodges it was resolved to set aside the former ruling, and that an obligation shall be taken by the recipients of this honour. On the motion of Bro. W. Officer S.S.C., it was resolved to suspend the standing orders as to the alteration of laws, and to give effect to a long list of alterations on the Constitution, which had been approved by Grand Committee.

Grand Lodge approved of the appointment by Grand Committee of a Committee to consider and report upon a proposal that Grand Lodge initiate a fund to be raised by general subscription among the Brethren of Scotland to provide at least one life-boat, to be placed at a point subsequently fixed upon, in the name of the Freemasons of Scotland.

Grand Lodge was subsequently closed.

The meetings of the Hampstead Lodge, No. 2408, will re-commence for the session on Tuesday next, at the Vestry Hall Hampstead, and will be continued on the third Tuesdays in January March, and May.

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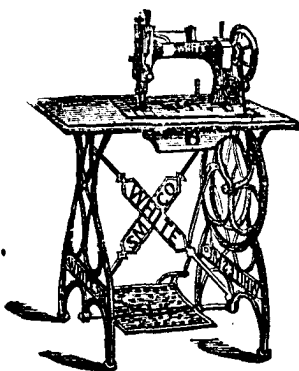
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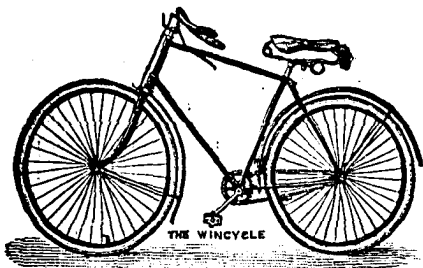
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Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.  
Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
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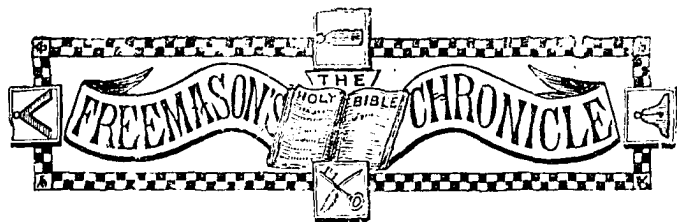
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## WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of Brethren who have the arrangements in hand in connection with the forthcoming festival and ball, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on the 8th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. W. Rawsthorne P.M. 1182. It was intimated by the Honorary Secretary Brother G. Broadbent P.M. 1013 that Bro. Dr. Crawford P.P.G.Treas. had accepted the position of Chairman of the Ball Committee, and he wrote expressing regret at his inability to be present, in consequence of a professional engagement.

A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom accepting the position of one of the Patrons; and

the Secretary also reported that communications to the same effect had been received from Bros. R. Wylie D.P.G.M., J. D. Murray P.G.Treas., W. Goodacre P.P.G.St.B. Prov.G.Sec., E. Segar P.P.G.W., T. M'Wan P.P.G.D., and several others.

A long list of Stewards was adopted, and it was resolved that a deputation should wait on the Lord Mayor at an early date, to ask for his patronage and for the use of the Town Hall. The enthusiasm shown in connection with the arrangements warrant the expectation that the festival of 1896 in Greater Liverpool will be one of the most successful which has ever been held in aid of one of the finest Masonic schemes in England.—"Liverpool Mercury."

## FORTESCUE ANNUITY FUND.

At a meeting of the Committee, held at Exeter, arrangements were made for the election, which will take place at Plymouth on the 27th inst. There are five applicants for the vacant annuity, viz., from Lodges Nos. 39, 797, 666, 1254, and 156. This fund is on the eve of extending its usefulness, says the "Western Morning News," and it is hoped the Freemasons of the Province will give it liberal support.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire succeeded to the title of his father, Lord Bolton, on the decease of that nobleman, which occurred last week at Bolton Hall, Yorkshire. The deceased peer was born in London in 1818, and succeeded his uncle, the second Baron, in 1850. He lived the life of a country gentleman, and took no part in public affairs beyond serving on the Bench. He married a daughter of the late Colonel Crawford, of Ayrshire, and had been a widower for the past thirteen years. He leaves three sons and a daughter.

BRO. Arthur W. Palk, a prominent citizen of Paignton, died on Friday, 25th ult., after a long and painful illness, at the comparatively early age of 43. He was a P.M. of the local Lodge, and filled various public appointments in the town.

## 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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## ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

THE sixteenth anniversary of this essentially city Lodge was celebrated at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Wednesday, when Bro. Captain Vickers Dunfee, C.C., was installed as Worshipful Master for the year, subsequently investing the following as his assistant Officers: Rev. J. Henry Smith Immediate Past Master and Chaplain, W. Bruce Clarke, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., Senior Warden, J. W. Carlyon-Hughes Junior Warden, Henry Clarke, C.C., L.C.C., P.M. Treasurer, Col. T. Davies Sewell P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, Baron W. Ernest de Bush Senior Deacon, Ernest Clarke, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., Junior Deacon, Capt. Henry Wright P.M. Director of Ceremonies, F. A. Jewson Organist, W. T. Roberts Inner Guard, Percy Monckton and F. J. Horniman, M.P., F.R.G.S., Stewards, T. Lovell P.M. Tyler.

The installation ceremony was efficiently performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, who was warmly complimented by those present on the successful conclusion of his term of office. The different addresses having been given, and formal business transacted, the Lodge was closed and the company repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served.

In addition to those already mentioned there were present:—Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Col. L. G. Dundas J.G.D., Undersheriff C. Beckford, Undersheriff T. G. Beard P.M., Alderman Frank Green P.M. P.G.D., Deputy Halse, C.C., H. Squire, C.C., P.M., Capt. W. C. Woollett Grand Steward, G. A. Pickering P.M. P.G.S., J. W. Clark, Frederick Hill, Ex-Sheriff George Hand, J. Tickle, C.C., A. W. Read, C.C., F. S. Jackson P.M., T. H. B. Hitching, C.C., Col. E. T. Rodney Wilde P.M., Capt. Richmond Parry, W. Simpson, H. J. Waring, A. Grieve P.M., J. Easterbrook P.M., Frederick Hobbs, H. C. Morris, C.C., W. T. Rabbits, Capt. Edward Pugh, W. Simpson, A. W. Watson, C. J. Andrews, W. Westcott, John Carey, H. E. Lewis, Alexander Ritchie, J.P., C.C., James Perkins, C.C., P.M., and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual Loyal toasts were submitted, the Master proposing the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master, and Bro. Henry Clarke Lodge Treasurer that of the other Grand Officers, present and past. Most of those present, he said, were business men, and all must know that if there was a large business being successfully carried on there must be good men at its head. Freemasonry must be regarded as a huge business, and its success was proof of the efficiency of those included in this toast. They had the pleasure of including among their number that night three Officers of Grand Lodge, whose names he was pleased to couple with the toast—Bro. Philbrick the Grand Registrar, their own Past Master Green Past Grand Deacon, and Col. Dundas Junior Grand Deacon of the year.

Bro. Philbrick, in his reply, was hardly in his usually happy vein, really introducing topics so closely allied to politics as to put his early remarks virtually outside the scope of Freemasonry, but his ability as a speaker enabled him to adapt his comments to the occasion, and he concluded some excellent Masonic expressions with the remark that the devotion of the Grand Officers to the cause of Masonry ended only with their death.

Bro. Alderman Green felt he should at once acknowledge the great compliment paid him by associating his name with the toast of the Grand Officers, and further that he should best carry out his role by replying thereto as briefly as possible. He most cordially and sincerely congratulated the Alliance Lodge on its present position, and especially on the fact that Bro. Philbrick was among their guests that evening.

Col. Dundas also replied, although he felt he had much better leave well alone than attempt to add anything to the remarks of the previous speakers. He could not lay claim to the privilege of carrying his sword inside Grand Lodge, but he did carry his sword outside of it, and was probably best known in that sphere.

The Rev. J. Henry Smith I.P.M. gave the next toast, that of the Worshipful Master. At all their gatherings it was customary for them to look up to the Master for the time being. Masons never thought of disobeying him, while at the after proceedings they were accustomed to regard him as one of the chief—generally the chief—of the Lodge. This was especially the case on Installation nights, when he was really the chief among them. In the present Master of the Alliance Lodge they had a Brother who had passed through all the Offices of the Lodge, and had been an excellent worker in each. He felt the members would have no reason to regret the choice they had made in selecting Captain Dunfee to preside over them, but that he would add lustre to the Lodge. It had been his pleasure to instal the present Master in the chair of the Lodge, and also an especial privilege to recently assist at an important ceremony in which Capt. Dunfee was an interested party; for whereas the members of the Lodge had previously known the present Master as a good Mason, he had had the felicity of giving him a better half. He felt he was justified, on behalf of the members, in not only tendering hearty good wishes to the present ruler of the Lodge, but also to his wife. They felt convinced that under the rule of Bro. Dunfee the Lodge would enjoy a very successful year.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said words failed him to express all he felt towards his Brethren for their kind expressions, and particularly was this the case in regard to what Bro. Smith had been pleased to say in referring to his wife. Sixteen Masters had sat in the chair of that Lodge, everyone of whom had served the Lodge satisfactorily, and his aim would be to follow in their footsteps. He should endeavour, as far as lay in his power, to keep up the traditions of the Lodge, and hoped all would work together, during his year of office, with harmony and brotherly feeling. He now had the great pleasure of proposing the toast of the health of the late Master of their Lodge—Bro. Smith, who had really endeared himself to the members in many ways, but especially by the splendid manner in which he had carried out the duties of the Lodge during his year of office in the chair. The decoration, in the form of a Past Master's jewel, which they had asked him to accept in the Lodge, was but a very humble representation of what they felt towards him, but he hoped Bro. Smith would accept it with the best wishes of the members, given in the hope that he would enjoy many years of health and happiness. In pinning the jewel on the breast of their Immediate Past Master he tendered him a sincere expression of their appreciation.

In the course of his reply the I.P.M. said he had all along appreciated the

kindness of the members in placing him in the chair of the Lodge. He remembered remarking when he entered it that time last year, that if the cordiality then extended towards him was repeated at the end of his year of office he should indeed be gratified. It had not only been repeated, but had been added to, and he assured them he was indeed pleased thereat. He felt he might say the Lodge had been a united one during his year of office, and he was gratified at what he was able to look back upon. The jewel they had been pleased to present to him was really a memento of the gratification he had experienced during the past year, and he should ever regard it as such.

The Secretary of the Lodge, Col. T. D. Sewell proposed the toast of the Visitors. Perhaps this was not the most important toast of the evening, but at least it might be regarded as equal to any on the list. The Visitors exemplified one of the principles of Freemasonry—one they all took upon themselves when they accepted the Brotherhood of Freemasonry. They had had the privilege of seeing many distinguished visitors at the Alliance Lodge, and hoped the entertainment provided that evening had been sufficiently attractive to induce their present guests to desire to come again. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Tickle, a well known Mason and a well known man in city affairs.

Brother Tickle responded. He felt quite incompetent to utter all that should be said in the presence of so many distinguished guests, but he could but express his personal gratification at seeing the second son of a dear old friend—whom he had known for upwards of thirty years—installed into the chair of so important a Lodge as the Alliance. The Visitors had enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and fully appreciated the work that had been carried out, as well as the efforts of the members in their endeavour to make all enjoy the meeting.

The Master proposed the toast of the Past Masters, including therewith the Treasurer and Secretary. He regarded this toast as probably the most popular of any on their list. No less than nine of the sixteen Brethren who had passed through the chair of their Lodge had been present at the meeting that night, which was proof of their interest; indeed, a feature of the Lodge was that its Past Masters continued to give it the benefit of their support long after they had retired from the chief office in it.

Bro. Perkins replied, considering it a great compliment to be singled out to respond from among so many Past Masters. Each had seemed to strive to emulate the example of his predecessors, and work for the welfare of the Alliance Lodge. While such Masons as the present occupant of the chair came forward and made themselves perfect in the work there was no fear for the future of the Lodge.

The toast of the Officers was next given, and being responded to by the Senior Warden, concluded the proceedings.

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## ASAPH LODGE, No. 1319.

THE following is a copy of the communication referred to in our last issue as sent by Bro. Macklin, from America, in connection with the installation meeting then reported: "At a meeting of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, who are now absent in America, held at Winthrop Hotel, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, the 17th ult., there were present Bros. F. H. Macklin W.M. in the chair, Sam Johnson S.W., Cushing, Howson, Innes, and Valentine. Letters were received from Bros. Luigi Lablache J.D., and Ernest Leicester, at New York, regretting their inability to attend, and expressing a wish to join in any arrangements that might be made by the meeting. The W.M. also intimated that he had communicated with Bro. John Le Hay, now in New York, but that up to that time he had not received any reply, but that they would see him in New York prior to 4th November. The following resolutions were then carried: 'Resolved, that this meeting offers its congratulations to Bro. Charles Cruikshanks W.M., elect of the Lodge of Asaph, upon his installation as W.M., together with their hearty good wishes for a prosperous year of office.' 'Resolved, that members whose names are here recorded pledge themselves to meet socially on Monday, 4th November, and at the hour of twelve noon (American time), or as near as possible (to be hereafter ascertained) to the hour of 5 p.m. (English time), drink to the general health of the W.M. and the whole company assembled at the installation banquet on that date in London, England, and that a cablegram be sent to that effect to the W.M., and that should any of the above-mentioned members be unable to attend the meeting upon that day, he or they pledge themselves individually to drink that toast at the time fixed.' 'Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the Asaph Lodge in London, to be read at the Installation Lodge meeting on the 4th November 1895, and recorded upon the minutes.'"

In the course of the dinner Bro. Cruikshanks W.M. announced that the following cablegram had been received:—

"New York.

Cruikshanks, Asaph Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London.

Now drinking. We drink to and congratulate you, Worshipful Master. May you live long and happily, and rule worthily. We drink to our brave Brothers and fair Sisters. Though absent from you in body, we are with you in spirit. We drink to the general joy of the whole table.

MACKLIN,  
JOHNSON,  
LABLACHE,  
CUSHING,  
HOWSON,  
LE HAY,  
LEICESTER,  
INNES,  
VALENTINE."

The following answer was returned by cable:—

"Macklin, Abbey's Theatre, New York.

All here reciprocate.

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## UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, under the presidency of Bro. E. M. Jeffery W.M., who was well supported by Officers and others, among those present being:—Brothers G. A. Peters S.W., H. Hyde J.W., G. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, C. J. Free P.M. Secretary, Samuel Toye P.M., C. Schmidt P.M., E. Hill P.M., John Stroud P.M., W. A. Bray S.D., H. B. Brown J.D., Arthur H. Church Organist, A. J. C. Miller Steward, H. J. Rowberry Assistant Steward, A. A. Butcher I.G.

Visitors: S. C. Bateman J.W. 1707, G. F. Gildersleve W.M. 1278, J. H. Sansom S.W. 1364, D. M. Maurice 1238, W. Jones 2264, C. Reeve P.M. 1816,

W. Ferris 1901, T. A. Stermer W.M. 861, E. C. Mulvey P.M. 179 2246 P.P.G.D.C. Herts, H. J. Harman I.C. 107, W. W. Morgan 177, A. J. Cannon 1608, F. G. Stuart 1602, &c.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed Brother H. B. Brown was invested as Junior Deacon, he having been absent at the last meeting of the Lodge (the Installation). Three candidates for initiation were unanimously accepted—Messrs. A. Crocker, C. E. Snowden, and J. Bingham—these gentlemen being subsequently initiated by the Worshipful Master, who also conferred the third degree on Brothers Wetzel, Weigand and White, going through the work in a most efficient manner, and giving evidence of careful study and preparation.

Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the request of a Brother in distress complied with, some formal business transacted, and then the Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourning to the Banquet Room, where an enjoyable evening was spent, the Steward of the Lodge Brother Miller being most energetic in supplementing the efforts of the Manager of the Hotel in seeing that everyone was properly provided for.

After the Loyal toasts had been honoured, the gavel was passed to the I.P.M., who gave the toast of the Master. The Brethren must have been very pleased, said Bro. Toye, at the way in which the Worshipful Master had conducted the business that night. His performances had been such as to bring credit on the Lodge. They must all hope he might have a very successful continuation of that day's proceedings during the time he occupied the chair. They now knew his capabilities for work and it was their duty to see he was fully employed.

The Master tendered his thanks, but he felt too much credit had been bestowed upon him, as he had but done his duty. It having fallen to his lot to be placed in the chair he was only too pleased to do anything that was required of him, to the best of his ability. But he could not take all the credit to himself, as he recognised it was the great help he had received from his Officers that had enabled him to act as he had done.

The health of the I.P.M. was now given from the chair, the Master speaking of the readiness of Bro. Toye at all times to give any advice or assistance asked of him. It afforded him much gratification on the present occasion to ask Bro. Toye's acceptance of a little souvenir for Mrs. Toye—an elegant diamond and gold bracelet. It was offered as a token of respect from the Lodge to Bro. Toye, for the way in which he had worked the ceremonies and advanced the welfare of the Lodge during his recent term of office in the chair.

Bro. Toye tendered his thanks, alike for the kind words and reception accorded him, as for the handsome present for his wife. He considered the Lodge was being conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and he ventured to think they were going on in a fair way of progress. He referred to the Lodge of Instruction connected with the Lodge and advised all who aspired to Office to attend it, while those who desired to become Life Governors of the Institutions would find there an easy method of securing that distinction. This latter would really start the first week in December, by which time they hoped to have at least fifty shares taken up, so that a draw could be made at each meeting. He had especially to thank the Brethren on behalf of his wife, for the handsome present for her, which he was sure would be fully appreciated, and being wholly unexpected would be all the more valued.

The toast of the Initiates was heartily honoured, each of the new Brethren responding.

Next came the toast of the Visitors, with which the names of Bros. Mulvey and Morgan were coupled, Bro. Gildersleve being afterwards asked to add a few words.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary and that of the Past Masters were associated, their worth being spoken of and thanks being tendered them for all they had done in the past.

Bro. Gieseke Treasurer thanked them very much for the kind reception accorded him. He had the interests of the Lodge at heart. So long as he was spared he felt he should be always proud of association with it.

The Secretary also replied, expressing approval of the position to which the Lodge had attained. They had made three moves during its existence, and had increased at each, so that he felt they were progressing, especially in view of the work they had had to perform that day.

In proposing the Officers, the W.M. said he had previously remarked that the Brethren who held office in that Lodge were all capable of performing their work, and would be a credit to any Lodge they might be associated with. He wished them every success and promotion in the future.

Bro. Peters S.W. replied. He had been very much impressed with the way in which the Master had worked the two ceremonies that day, and felt the Officers could not do more than hope they might be equally efficient, should they rise to the same high distinction.

Each of the remaining Officers added a few words, and thus an enjoyable meeting was brought to a conclusion.

## INSTRUCTION.

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### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

At the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., on Friday, 8th inst., Bros. David Romain W.M., G. Keibell S.W., H. J. Calley J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, J. J. Lamigeon S.D., A. Rusby J.D., Jeanes I.G., and Bros. Wright, Whiteside, Wyatt, Matthews, Hazell, the Rev. W. B. Robinson Chaplain, T. Maidwell P.M., George Clark P.M., Ginder, T. H. Clark, Feistell, and Barnes.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hazell candidate.

Bro. Preceptor Dunstan, assisted by Bro. George Clark P.M. and the Brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture.

Bros. Matthews, Ginder, T. H. Clark, S. Clark, and A. A. Barnes were elected members. Bro. Geo. Keibell W.M. Beaconsfield 1662 was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. David Romain S.W. Bishops-gate Lodge, for his excellent working in the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction.

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

At the Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, on the 9th, Bro. A. Rusby W.M., F. Keibell S.W., J. B. Frost J.W., H. E. Swift S.D., F. Jolip J.D., F. Small I.G., R. E. Fairclough Preceptor, G. Edwards Asst. Preceptor, P. Felthensal Organist, also Bros. Ives P.M., Caton P.M., C. Bestow, J. Crisp, H. Pearce, W. W. Robinson, H. Sexton, J. Hands, L. Meyn, James Bunker, and Worthington.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Worthington candidate.

The W.M. gave the lecture on the 2nd Tracing Board in a praiseworthy manner, after which the Brethren, assisted by the Assistant Preceptor, worked the 1st section of the lecture, and Bro. R. E. Fairclough the 2nd. Several Brethren of this Lodge display great ability in sectional working.

### UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

At the Great Eastern Hotel, on Monday, 11th inst., Bro. Rowberry W.M., Gildersleve S.W., Carroll J.W., Smith P.M. Preceptor, G. A. Peters Sec., Free P.M. Treasurer, Hyde Organist, Thomson S.D., Jeffery J.D., Stemver I.G., also Bros. Myles, Boyles, Lahive, Levy, Cohen, Jacobs P.M., L. Simpson, S. Toye P.M. Assistant Preceptor, Gottlieb, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Lahive candidate. Brother Myles having offered himself as candidate for the second degree was interrogated, entrusted, and passed. Bro. Jacobs answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down. Brother Gildersleve S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

## PROVINCIAL.

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### WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead, on Thursday, 7th inst., Brother Thomas Shaw Prov.J.G.W. (Mayor of Birkenhead) W.M. There were also present, among others:—Bros. J. Fraser P.M. 605 S.W., Geo. Proudman W.M. 1013 J.W., J. T. Thompson P.M. 477 P.P.G.R. Treasurer, R. Powell P.P.G.Std. Sec., A. H. Rigmarden S.D., Ald. J. Woodcock J.D., Dr. C. S. Brewer I.G., Mullward Hughes P.P.G.O. Org.

Visitors:—Bros. Sully, Dumfries, Scarratt P.M. 477, Fraser P.M. 605.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. A. Weston, which proving successful that gentleman was duly initiated. Bro. Geo. Proudman presented and explained the Working Tools, and delivered the antient charge in a manner which produced a general expression of admiration.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where supper was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Moyes.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. Coveney P.M. 605 D.C., and gracefully acknowledged in a few well chosen words.

Bro. Shaw proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brother, saying he was extremely glad to welcome Bro. Weston, a gentleman highly respected in society, and who the speaker felt assured would be a credit and honour to the Craft.

Brother Weston, in reply, said he had been deeply impressed with the ceremony, and thanked the Brethren for their kind reception of him.

Other toasts followed, those of the Officers and Visitors being followed by that of the Tyler, which latter brought to a close a most successful and harmonious meeting.

### PANTILES LODGE, No. 2200.

The annual installation took place at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, 6th inst. Since it was established a good deal of interest has been shown in the Lodge by the members, and there was a very strong muster on this occasion, including several Visitors.

After some ordinary business, Bro. T. Potter S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. Fletcher W.M., and the former subsequently appointed his Officers.

The outgoing W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his zealous services during the year.

After the Lodge dinner was enjoyed in the Pump Room, an excellent repast being served by Bro. Adams. The usual loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. Cripps P.M. gave the Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst, alluding to the loyalty every Mason in Kent felt towards their local chieftain. No man had taken a greater interest in the Board of Benevolence than he, whilst they had a great deal to thank him for the valuable work he had done in connection with the Province of Kent, a Province which took the lead in charity if not in its number of Lodges, and this, as well as their organisation and unanimity, was owing, in a large measure, to their Provincial Grand Master.

### OSBORNE LODGE, No. 2169.

The installation of Bro. G. W. Ball S.W. as Master took place on Thursday, 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, East Cowes, the ceremony being ably carried through by Bro. H. T. Deacon P.M. P.P.G.S.B.

The Lodge was close tyled at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. G. Groves, who performed the ordinary business of the Lodge with great ability. Bro. H. T. Deacon then assumed the presidential chair, and installed Bro. G. W. Ball in due form.

The installation banquet was held in the evening, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

The toast of the evening, Bro. G. W. Ball Worshipful Master, was given by Bro. G. Groves, who was sure every Brother present knew the W.M. to be a thorough Mason, and one who was sure to carry out his duties with zeal and ability. He and all present wished Brother Ball a pleasant year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledgment, said that while he filled the chair he would do so to the best of his ability, and he would try to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him.

The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. H. H. Wheeler, who urged that the Charities were the foundation of the Order, and it was the duty of those whom fortune had smiled on to help those who were not so well off.

The Worshipful Master announced that the charity box contained £2 16s; the Tyler gave £2 10s (profit of goods supplied by him during the present year), and sufficient was collected round the table to make up the sum of £11.

Bro. Groves, as Charity Representative of the Lodge, responded, saying that take away the Charities, and the backbone of Masonry would be gone.

The Treasurer announced that during the past year the Lodge had contributed £20 towards the Masonic Charities.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Visiting Brethren, expressed gratification at seeing so many Brothers from other Lodges present, including the W.M. and other Officers from No. 35,

## EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

AT a very large gathering of the members, held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, Bro. Wm. O. Hosking S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, amid general congratulations.

Bro. Nicholson P.M. Treasurer was unanimously re-elected for the tenth occasion to that important office, while Bro. James Bartlett P.M. Tyler was also unanimously re-elected to that office.

After the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the Refectory, where a very pleasant time was spent, speeches, interspersed with songs by various Brethren, being a most fitting wind-up to a very agreeable and successful evening.

## SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 1808.

ON the evening of the 6th instant the Brethren met at the Angel Hotel, North Walsham, for the purpose of installing as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year Bro. James Francis, and after the ceremony was over he appointed the Officers.

Lodge closed, a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, served in first-class style by Host and Hostess Ockelford.

## LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., Brother E. M. Shepherd W.M. In accordance with the announcement made in our last report, the Lodge has changed its quarters, and is now located at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester. The Brethren were summoned for 5 p.m., but circumstances had combined to throw the business considerably later than that hour. In the first place, the management had provided a room which was considerably at variance with Masonic requirements. We felt sorry for the W.M., who was compelled, after due advice from his Past Masters, to announce that under the circumstances it would be impossible to perform the ceremony of passing Bro. R. B. Welch to the degree of F.C., and this function was with his permission deferred.

Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., who prefaced his remarks by regretting that the inadequacy of arrangement had disappointed the candidate in his desire to make the requisite progress, explained that he, in conjunction with Bro. Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Abbott, another Provincial Officer, had interviewed the manager of the Hotel, who promised to put the room into proper condition until a new one, which it was intended to devote to Masonic purposes, was ready, and he could not understand how the mistake, which must have caused great annoyance to the candidate, had arisen. Before sitting down Bro. Hilton announced that a daughter of the late Bro. Wadsworth, of that Lodge, had been successfully elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Worshipful Master, and we are pleased to say that the choice fell upon Bro. Wm. Henry Worsley S.W., who, in thanking the Brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him, said that their confidence should not be misplaced, for he would try to perform his duties connected with the position with that dignity and zeal which might be requisite.

In the matter of Treasurer, Brother Hilton desired to withdraw from the duties, as his engagements during the ensuing year would probably interfere with his attendance at the Lodge, but under pressure he ultimately consented to accept the position, and was accordingly re-elected. Bro. Hyde was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Burgess, Carr, and Hebden were appointed Auditors. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to tea.

We are always pleased to give a meed of praise when deserved, and must admit that the meal was put on the tables with very great nicety.

The festive board followed, and here things were not so satisfactory as with a little attention they might have been, for the Brethren were kept waiting an interminable length of time before the Loyal and Masonic toasts could be commenced. At last everything was put into proper order, and the toasts were proceeded with, these being relieved by songs, &c., Bro. Worsley accompanying the former. The contributors to the harmony were Bros. Carr, Worsley, Muller, Marr, Dean, Jackson, Hirsch, and Roberts.

Bro. Hilton proposed the health of the W.M., saying that he was well known as a genial, good-tempered, all round sort of man. He was nearing the end of his term of office, but it could be said of him that he had satisfied all requirements.

Bro. Shepherd W.M. responded, saying that he thanked Bro. Hilton for the kind remarks which he had uttered about him. He had not done the work of the Lodge to his own satisfaction, mainly through an unfortunate circumstance which he explained. He thanked the candidate for waiving his right to be passed to the second degree, saying that the action was generous on his part.

Bro. Shepherd then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master-elect, expressing himself as delighted that the result of the ballot had shown such unanimity in favour of Bro. Worsley. He hoped that he might have a prosperous year, with plenty of work, and that the G.A.O.T.U. would watch over him and give him strength to perform his various duties.

Bro. Worsley replied, saying that while in the Lodge he had felt so overwhelmed as scarcely to be able to express himself, but happily he had now recovered. Since his entry into Freemasonry, which had occurred in the Blair Lodge, he had been so struck and delighted with the ritual that it had been his ambition to attain something like a position. Ambition in some cases was not commendable, but when used for the purposes of Masonry it became a great and noble aspiration. He was aware of the fact that upon the zeal of the W.M. depended the well-governing of a Lodge, and thought he would not speak egotistically, he might tell them that he should do his best while occupying the position to which they had elected him. If trying would command success it would be his, as he intended, if possible, by courtesy and kindness to the members, and by assiduity in the discharge of his duties, to obtain a fair measure of success. The Lodge was in a prosperous position, and it had attained a maximum amount of success, this being partly due to the efforts of Bro. Alfd. Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C. He looked with confidence for the rendering of those services which the Past Masters were always willing and able to give, and they, knowing his anxiety to make his year of office a successful one, would, he felt assured, try to assist him. If he had their co-operation failure was impossible.

Bro. Buckley Carr P.M. proposed the health of the Visitors. He said the toast was one proverbially so well received in Masonic Lodges, that it needed little from him to recommend it. On this occasion there was an importance attached to the toast, and he would like to do justice to it if possible, by associating the visiting Brethren with the inauguration of their Lodge meetings in that building. By their presence they were lending assistance to the first meeting in what he supposed would be the future home of the Lodge

of Truth. It was a fact well known in Provincial circles that Bro. Hebden had raised the working of that Lodge to a very high standard, and he regretted the circumstance which had deprived them of the pleasure of witnessing a ceremony; but in spite of this drawback he welcomed them most heartily. The Visitors responded.

Bro. Worsley proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. H. L. Burgess I.P.M. replied. The toast of the Officers was given by Bro. Jas. Archdale P.M., who said he regretted that during the past year the Officers had not had much work to do, but he hoped this might be remedied in the future. Bro. J. J. Dean I.G. responded.

Besides those previously mentioned, there were present:—Bros. Thos. H. Hall P.M. Sec., A. B. Taylor S.D., L. Hirsch J.D., M. Davies P.M., G. H. Needie P.M., Herbert Hellewell, Arthur Leech, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. Geo. H. Hollins 1045 P.P.G.S., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, Joseph Scott 126, J. Chenery 317, Chas. B. Grocock 473, E. Nickson 1045, J. T. Whittle 1219.

## ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 1st inst., Bro. Alfred Pickford W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Charles Rawle S.W., T. A. Holland J.W., W. Dyson Fryer P.M. Treas., Henry Nall P.M. Prov.G.T. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M. D.C., J. R. E. Birkett I.G., Wm. Rushton Organist, E. M. Beebe, H. W. Bloomer, and John M. Crone Stewards, W. T. Hesketh P.M., C. H. Beaver P.M., J. G. Bromley P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. Edwin Storer 204, and John Oulton 204.

A very interesting feature of Lodge business was an explanation of the Second Tracing Board by Bro. Fryer, which was listened to with interest and warmly applauded at its close.

At the festive board Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. Rawle S.W., and responded to by Bro. Pickford.

Bro. Birkett I.G. proposed that of the Past Masters, making a kindly reference to the work of Bro. Fryer, to which the latter replied in humorous terms.

Songs, recitations, &c., were contributed by Bros. Beaver, Fryer, Lea, Mould, Nall, Notton, Rushton, and Roberts.

## FIDELITY LODGE, No. 1256.

AN important meeting was held at the Bull Hotel, Poulton, on the 5th, when, in addition to the installation of Bro. R. Wilkinson as W.M., several presentations took place.

Bro. Longbottom presented a pedestal and footstool made specially in connection with a Bible left by Mrs. Longbottom to the Lodge. The Bible is a very fine one, containing illustrations, biblical dictionary, &c., and at the end photos of the donor, her husband, and the bearers at her funeral are placed.

Another presentation was made, to Bro. Whittaker Bond, of an oil painting of that Brother, to celebrate his success in Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Bond showed his regard for the Lodge by presenting it back again for hanging in the Lodge Room.

Dr. Winn also presented to Bro. Longbottom the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, as a token of respect and regard.

## LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 30th ult., Bro. R. Alf. Hopworth W.M. There was an attendance of over forty, conspicuous amongst others being Bros. J. M. H. Blamey I.P.M., Joseph Wildgoose P.M. P.P.J.G.D., H. H. Warburton P.M. P.P.S.G.D., D. D. Macpherson P.M., Ben Williams P.M., John Studd P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. Gaskill S.W., H. A. Owles J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Joseph Clemmey Sec., John Allen S.D., H. R. Yates J.D., J. H. Studd I.G., R. L. McMillan P.M. 678, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

Visitors:—Bros. Major W. Allison P.M. 993 P.P.G.Treas., G. S. Smith P.M. 1170 1134 P.P.G.Org. E. and W. Lances, J. G. Bromley P.M. 1375, and others.

The principal business of the evening was the balloting for and initiation into ancient Freemasonry of Messrs. Arthur Dudley Pixton, stockbroker, Manchester; George Russett Jury, Merchants' Hotel, Manchester; and Joseph Crookes Grime, advertising agent, Chorlton-cum-Hardy; the two former ceremonies being performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Blamey I.P.M. The Working Tools were presented and explained by the W.M., the ancient charge being rendered by Bro. Gaskill S.W.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being relieved by songs, &c., many of the Brethren being laid under contribution for the latter.

Bro. Hopworth W.M. proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brethren, who responded in suitable terms.

The reports given on page 207 of our last issue should have been headed "Metropolitan," and not "Provincial," as printed.

## HOTELS, ETC.

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EALING—Feathers Hotel.

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

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

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

RICHMOND—Station Hotel, adjoins Railway Station. Every accom-  
modation for Large or Small Parties.

SANDWICH—BELL Family and Commercial Hotel. Good Stabling.  
J. J. FILMER, Proprietor.

COWES (WEST)—Gloucester and Globe Hotels.  
G. A. MURSELL, Proprietor.

## CENTENARY: ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE.

THE following is the history of this Lodge, given by Brother Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, at the Centenary Festival, as reported elsewhere in this issue:

It was established on the 11th September 1795 by a Warrant granted under the fourth Duke of Atholl G.M., was numbered 290 on the roll of the so-called Grand Lodge of the Ancients, and met at the Dundee Arms, Wapping. Many of the Brethren were aware probably that during the last century there were two rival Grand Lodges existing in London, indeed there were at one time as many as four separate authorities in the country; two of them, however, collapsed before the end of the century. The senior of these organisations, the mother of all Grand Lodges, which was established in London in 1717, had had an unbroken, though chequered, existence from the time of its foundation to the present day. Prior to this time it was believed there was no recognised head of symbolic Masonry, although the earlier writers spoke of Grand Masters in connection with operative Masonry or the science of architecture. The Grand Lodge of the Ancients, under which St. Michael's Lodge was founded and enrolled, was not established till 1753, and was probably founded by several old Lodges which, through difference of opinion on fundamental points, had either seceded, or had previously never acknowledged their allegiance to the mother Grand Lodge of 1717. Happily for the prosperity and best interests of the Craft these rival Grand Lodges in the year 1813 saw the advisability of coming to a reconciliation, and agreed to unite, and the terms of the union were arranged by the most eminent Brethren of the day selected from both sections of the Craft, who were constituted for that purpose into a special Lodge, called "The Lodge of Reconciliation."

The meetings of the St. Michael's Lodge were held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month throughout the year. In 1851 the meetings were finally settled for the second Tuesday. The minutes of the Lodge of Instruction held under the Lodge Warrant showed that the Brethren met on Sundays either fortnightly or weekly at the Angel Inn, High Street, St. Giles. The Holy Royal Arch Chapter met on Sunday, and there were good attendances. In 1814 the number of the Lodge was changed to 367. This was after the Union, and the Lodge apparently then had its quarters at the Coach and Horses, Compton Street, Soho. In 1820 Bro. W. Speight's name first appeared as Tyler, and this office he continued to hold till 1850, a period of about thirty years, when he was succeeded by his son T. C. Speight, and this Brother served the Lodge for an equally long period, and died in the last decade. The father and son, both of whom were highly respected, and properly so, in the Craft, were associated with this Lodge successively for something like sixty-five years. Bro. Green, continuing, said some of my Brother Past Masters will still remember "sturdy little Speight," his dignified ways—for although short in stature, he was not short in dignity—and the hearty way in which he gave the Entered Apprentice's song until advanced age and bronchitis incapacitated him.

But to return to the earlier records of the Lodge which are still preserved, we find that in 1823 its destinies were presided over by that worthy and distinguished Brother who worked so zealously in the early part of this century to promulgate the great principles of our Order and preserve its ancient landmarks—I refer to Brother Peter Gilkes, whose name, by the way, is first mentioned in connection with the Lodge about the year 1820. This Brother, who was one of the greatest authorities of his day on Speculative Masonry, and who was a perfect master of the whole of its ritual and ceremonies, was not only actively associated with many of the leading Metropolitan Lodges, but was installed as W.M. of this Lodge on four different occasions between the year 1823 and 1833. It was while occupying that position for the last time that he passed away to the Grand Lodge above. This remarkable student of Freemasonry was perhaps the most accomplished as he was certainly the most careful and conscientious worker of his day, and to those Brethren who are not acquainted with his history it may be interesting that they should read a short extract from his biography in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" of 1834, as showing the influence which Bro. P. Gilkes exercised in St. Michael's Lodge and the great respect entertained for him by the Brethren.

About a year after Bro. Gilkes' death his old friend and pupil, Stephen Barton Wilson, the designer of the monument to his memory, was elected a joining member of St. Michael's, and like his illustrious predecessor he became an active leader in its affairs. He filled the chair for two successive years in 1838-39, and his services were so highly appreciated that the Brethren voted a costly jewel on his retirement. Although the Lodge migrated from the east-end of London very early in its career, the members appear to have wandered from one hostelry to another in central London for several years, and did not find a really settled home until 1834, when the Lodge was removed to the George and Blue Boar, Holborn, and it was located there for twenty-six years. It was then taken to its present abode, where it has remained uninterruptedly for thirty-five years. That, I think, speaks volumes for the good management of this renowned establishment. I may here remind the Brethren that the much-vexed question of the admission of the fair sex to our assemblies is not of such recent date as is sometimes supposed, for I find mention made of it in Brother Blake's year. This Brother Blake, by the way, was installed W.M. of the Lodge by his predecessor Bro. S. B. Wilson, and he was afterwards appointed S.G.D. of England and Deputy Prov.G.M. for Surrey. He died about the year 1875. Another experiment was made, only in a different form, during the time I had the honour of filling the chair of the Lodge in 1877. On that occasion

we invited our lady friends to a summer outing which took place on the river Thames at Maidenhead. We spent a very enjoyable day, the only incident which occurred to mar the proceedings being that our good friend Brother Ratcliffe attempted to amputate his thumb with a soda water bottle, much to the alarm of the company and his better half in particular. Other summer outings followed with more or less success until about the year 1883.

Having spoken of some of our more distinguished Masonic Masters, I must now call to mind the Brethren of light and leading in more recent times. My memory recalls with pleasure many of the Officers who at the time of my initiation in 1871 were prominent workers in St. Michael's. For example Bro. P.M. Drysdale, who fulfilled the duties of Secretary for many years, having been W.M. of the Lodge in 1849. Bro. Drysdale was a most efficient worker, as well as a most sociable companion, and he very kindly encouraged my youthful aspirations by introducing me to his Lodge of Instruction at Brixton. Contemporaneous with him was our revered old friend Bro. P.M. Greenwood, who for some twenty-five years occupied the position to which, after his death, the Lodge did me the honour of electing me. Bro. Charles Greenwood was not only a most popular and talented Officer of this Lodge, but for many years he held the position of Prov.G.Sec. for Surrey. He also participated in Grand Lodge honours, having been appointed G.Sw.B. of England. Bro. P.M. John Laver, who executed the memorial banner to Bro. Greenwood which now adorns our Lodge Room. Bro. P.M. Parsons, and my Masonic father and valued friend Bro. P.M. T. H. Lavers, who was not only an admirable worker, but an orator whom it was delightful to listen to at the banquet table, Bro. P.M. Morgan, who, besides occupying the post of Secretary, compiled the history of this Lodge for publication in his journal, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—these good Masons of recent times have all, I regret to say, joined the great majority, but they were men of sterling character, who diligently played their parts in maintaining the best traditions of this Lodge, and upholding its prestige.

Of the Past Masters and Officers now living I refrain from passing any comment beyond this, that I believe they are all made of the same good stuff; in fact, taking our present Officers as a body I do not think they could be surpassed for zeal and efficiency. When the history of the last twenty-five years of St. Michael's Lodge is completed it will be found that the Brethren of that epoch have done good suit and service, not only as regards efficient working and good government in the Lodge, but as liberal supporters of the Masonic Charities.

There is certainly one thing to be especially proud of at this eventful time, that we have a Lodge of Instruction working under St. Michael's banner, which is doing valuable work and has flourished far beyond any other which has preceded it in the history of the Mother Lodge. This is mainly due to the energy of the present W.M. and his Officers. Bro. W. H. White Grand Secretary for upwards of fifty years often visited this Lodge and performed some of the principal ceremonies. We find mentioned in the minutes various Lodges of Instruction in connection with the Lodge. In April 1828 there was a Lodge of Instruction at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead; in January 1830 at the Three Compasses, Kensington. In 1879, in my time, we established one at the George Tavern, Australian Avenue, which was afterwards removed to the Moorgate, Moorgate Street. It existed a few years, and did some good work in its time, but it died a natural death, as Lodges of Instruction very often do. Therefore, Brethren, you see the working which has been handed down to us by the St. Michael's Lodge has been religiously adhered to, and it was that practised by the greatest Masters of the early part of this century, the men in fact who were entrusted by the Grand Lodge with the responsible task of correcting the faults which had arisen owing to divisions in the Craft in the previous century. These same men were the founders and leading lights in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement established about the year 1823 which to the present day is acknowledged to be the greatest authority on all matters pertaining to the ancient ritual.

In thanking you, Brethren, for the patience with which you have listened to these few remarks I will conclude by expressing the fervent hope St. Michael's Lodge may pursue the even tenor of its way during the next century, and contribute to the prestige of the Craft as loyally in the future as it has hitherto done.

The annual supper of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2472, will be held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Walthamstow, on Monday next, the 18th inst., when Bro. F. A. Philbrick Deputy Provincial Grand Master Essex will take the chair at 6.30 precisely.

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A Masonic Ball is announced to be held on Wednesday, 27th inst., under the auspices of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, in the Borough Hall, Stafford. The Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master and other distinguished Brethren are among the list of patrons. A special dispensation having been granted, Masonic clothing will be worn, and members of Her Majesty's forces are requested to appear in uniform.

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## NEXT WEEK.

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

## Monday.

- 8 British, Freemasons-hall  
21 Emulation, Albion  
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern  
720 Panmure, Balham  
862 Whittington, Freemasons-hall  
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.  
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons-hall  
1506 White Horse of Kent, Holborn  
1537 St. Peter Westminster, Critn.  
1657 Aldersgate, Albion  
1694 Imperial Clout's Restaurant  
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's  
2060 La France, Regent Street  
2265 Barnato, Café Monico  
2489 Willesden Green, Willesden
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend  
236 York, York  
248 True Love and Unity, Devon  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
312 Lion, Whitby  
359 Peace & Harmony, Southampton  
377 Hope and Charity, Kidderminster.
- 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge  
424 Borough, Gateshead  
455 Perseverance, Kettering  
466 Merit, Stamford Baron  
840 Scientific, Wolverton  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
900 St. George, Tewkesbury  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Monkswearmouth  
986 Hesketh, Croston, Preston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1113 Angelsea, Menai Bridge  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham.  
1199 Agriculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston  
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere  
2049 Ellen Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.  
2074 St. Clair, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool  
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2309 George Gardner, Eton  
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields  
2349 W. Lancashire Century, Blackpool  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield  
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester

## Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.  
73 Mount Lebanon, Bdge. Ho. Ho.  
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle  
162 Cadogan, Freemasons-hall  
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall  
704 Camden, Anderton's  
857 St. Marks, Surrey Mas. Hall  
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell  
1695 New Finsbury Park, Viaduct H.  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley  
2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant  
2022 Haven, Ealing  
2408 Hampstead, South Hampstead.
- 213 Perseverance, Norwich  
223 Charity, Plymouth  
384 St. David, Bangor  
414 Union, Reading  
418 Menturia, Hanley  
432 Abbey, Nuneaton  
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon  
468 Light, Birmingham  
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen  
551 Yarborough, Ventnor, I. of W.  
560 Vernon, Stourport  
660 Camalodunum, Malton  
667 Alliance, Liverpool  
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield  
958 St. Aubin, Jersey  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
1006 Tregulow, St. Day  
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham  
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey

- 1039 De Shurland, Sheerness  
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness  
1276 Warren, Seacombe  
1410 St. Peter and St. Paul, Newport Pagnell  
1424 Brownrigg Unity, Old Brompton  
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1551 Charity, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Buckingham  
1893 Lunley, Skegness  
1894 Herschel, Slough  
1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth  
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley  
2146 Subitition, Subitition  
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows  
2316 Princes, Liverpool  
2351 Ermine, Lincoln  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

## Wednesday.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge, and Board of Benevolence, Freemasons-hall, at 5  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons-hall  
7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion Tavern  
140 St. George, Greenwich  
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern  
190 Oak, Freemasons-hall  
700 Nelson, Plumstead  
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel  
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth  
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons'-hall  
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern  
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle  
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town  
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's  
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam'well  
1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
1673 Welcome, Holborn Via, Hotel  
1677 Crusaders, Highbury  
2241 Cordwainer Ward, Cannon St.  
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Comm'n  
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle  
2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood  
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate  
2456 Chancery Bar, Lincoln's Inn
- 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance  
127 Union, Margate  
137 Amity, Poole  
175 East Medina, Ryde  
178 Antiquity, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Denton  
221 St. John, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
537 Zetland, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester  
610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich  
683 Isca, Newport, Mon  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
823 Everton, Liverpool  
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames  
934 Merit, Whitefield  
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham  
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood  
962 Sun and Sector, Workington  
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Driffild  
1036 Walton, Kirkdale  
1114 Joppa, Fakenham  
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale  
1136 Carew, Torpoint  
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester  
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston  
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel  
1246 Holte, Aston  
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby  
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse  
1323 Talbot, Swansea  
1334 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea  
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1842 St. Leonard's, St. Leonard's  
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth  
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas  
2135 Constance, Consett

- 2153 Hope, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse  
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

## Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, Battersea, at 4.30  
23 Globe, Freemasons-hall  
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern  
55 Constitutional, Cannon Street  
63 St. Mary, Freemasons-hall  
169 Temperance, Deptford  
179 Manchester, Anderton's  
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest.  
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest.  
813 New Concord, Gresham Street  
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons-h  
1321 Emblematic, Bridge Ho. Hotel  
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel  
1420 Earl Spencer, Putney  
1475 Peckham, Camberwell  
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's  
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich  
2310 Lon. Scottish Rifles, Criterion
- 42 Relief, Bury, Lancashire  
56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton
- 57 Humber, Hull  
98 St. Martin, Burslem  
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth  
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool  
230 Fidelity, Devonport  
245 Mechanics, Jersey  
267 Unity, Macclesfield  
268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 280 Worcester, Worcester  
236 Samaritan, Bacup  
322 Peace, Stockport  
343 Concord, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Blackburn  
350 Charity, Farnsworth  
363 Keystone, Whitworth  
367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale  
394 Southampton, Southampton  
425 Cestrian, Chester  
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne  
489 Benevolence, Bideford  
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester  
600 Harmony, Bradford  
605 Combermere, Birkenhead  
659 Blagdon, Blyth  
663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Devizes  
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn

- 777 Royal Alfred, Guildford  
802 Repose, Derby  
833 Afan, Aberavon  
939 Pelham, Workson  
940 Philanthropy, Stockton  
1000 Priory, Southend  
1011 Richmond, Manchester  
1037 Portland, Portland  
1042 Excelsior, Leeds  
1184 Abbey, Battle  
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool  
1332 Unity, Crediton  
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln  
1393 Hamer, Liverpool  
1432 Fitz-Alan, Oswestry  
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton  
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend  
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable  
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court  
1534 Concord, Prestwich  
1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.  
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mon.  
1776 Landport, Landport  
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton  
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.  
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton  
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford  
1892 Wallington, Carshalton  
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket  
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe  
2226 St. David, Rhymney  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield  
2302 St. Mary, Southwell  
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent  
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport  
2341 Clemency, Oldham  
2430 Runnymede, Wraybury

## Friday.

- Board of Management, Boys School, Wood Green, at 2.30.  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons-hall  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Art. Co.  
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café Royal  
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.  
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe

## Saturday.

- 1584 Loyalty & Charity, Kew Bridge  
1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow  
1579 St. James, Enfield

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# LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

## Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 7-30  
 27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8  
 45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Kope-maker 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  
 548 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, 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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 7-30  
 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, 8  
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., Holborn, 7  
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7-30  
 188 Joppa, City Boundary, 109 Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7-30  
 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, Sidecup, 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 Edgumbe, 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, Farleigh Hot., Amhurst Rd., Stoke Newington, 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

- 1 791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8  
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, 8  
 922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8  
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8  
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8  
 2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7-30  
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8  
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7  
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30  
 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.  
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8  
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8  
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8  
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8  
 902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8  
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.  
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8  
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7  
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7-30  
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime  
 house, E., 7-30  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8  
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8  
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7-30  
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6-30  
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8  
 1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7  
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8  
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7-45  
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8  
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8  
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30  
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5-30  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8  
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7-30  
 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, 8-30  
 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, 8  
 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 Napier, West Side, London Fields  
 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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