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PROSPECTS OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE brief announcement we were able to make last week as to the splendid position achieved by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in having increased the amount of its invested funds to £60,000, was by no means commensurate with what was deserved, but our space was then so heavily taxed that we had reluctantly to hold over further remarks in regard to it until this week, when we take the earliest opportunity of heartily congratulating all who are associated with the School, on the very happy result of the recent working—a result which is self-evident when they are able to speak of so large an invested capital as £60,000, over two-thirds of which, it must also be specially pointed out, has been secured during the past four years, and that, too, without making any diminution in the benefits conferred by the Institution; which has happily been able to keep the full number of pupils on its roll, educating, clothing and maintaining them out of the voluntary donations of the English Craft, and at the same time increasing the investments at an average rate of some £10,000 per annum, in face of all the complaints we have heard so often repeated of bad times, depressed trade, and financial difficulties.

Another pleasing feature in connection with this great progress is to be found in the fact that the other funds of English Masonic Benevolence have not suffered as a consequence of the great success met with in this quarter—in fact, almost wherever we turn we find further evidences of success, whether it be in connection with the two remaining great central Institutions of the Craft, or one or other of the many local funds that are now actively and beneficially working in all parts of the country; and this feature of true Masonic spirit may be reasonably adduced in support of the oft-repeated utterance that the Order is progressing in our midst, and is truly fulfilling its mission as the greatest of modern charitable organisations. It should, too, effectually put a stop to the silly nonsense frequently quoted by those who, for some reason or another, are opposed to us, and are ever preaching to the world at large that members of the Order of Freemasonry are selfish, thoughtless men, whose sole aim in life is to secure their own enjoyment, and to squander in feasting and drinking the means with which they are blessed, quite oblivious of the necessities of those who, being in less fortunate circumstances, are compelled to ask for sympathy and assistance from their fellows.

Having been so fortunate as to accumulate this large amount of money it may reasonably be asked what purpose it can be applied to in order to best serve the objects of those who subscribed it? and although we fully recognise the desirability of providing for the proverbial rainy day, we cannot believe it is a wise policy to hoard up the donations of the present generation in order to ensure a 2½ or 3 per cent. return to figure as permanent income, and provide an amount of capital for future generations to deal with as they may

think desirable—when those who subscribe it have so many calls on their resources, and there is so much to do in the way of relieving the distress of the present. We are fully alive to the necessity of creating a reasonable reserve, but there is no reason to anticipate any particular falling off in subscriptions in the future, and that being so there is less to be said in favour of continued investment of money that is so urgently needed for present day use; but the question is, what to attempt in order to ensure the greatest benefits?

We may at once recognise the impossibility of largely increasing the number of pupils at the present School, at Wood Green, without first providing additional accommodation for them, and we believe all who know anything of the existing conditions there will agree when we say that expenditure in that direction would be most impolitic, in view of the necessity, that must ere long be faced, of removing the School to some more open, and less expensive district. If this be so, then, it may be asked, why not at once face the inevitable, look out for a site suitable for the future habitation of the Institution, and at once start on a scheme for a larger School, with such provision for future extension as might appear reasonable after a thorough consideration of the possibilities of the future? This would naturally swallow up the whole of the handsome reserve that has just been accumulated after considerable exertion, and it would do away with the permanent income derived from it, and which permanent income is generally regarded as most essential for the future welfare of the Institution, but such a result would not be wholly loss, as it is probable that a saving could be immediately effected on the annual cost per boy, and in view of the fact that the number of pupils is now 277, that saving need not be much per head to at once make up a considerable part of the deficiency caused by the loss of interest from the invested money. There is a further return to count upon in the amount realised by the sale of the freeholds and buildings now held by the Institution; and although these will probably fetch less than they cost, yet there is no reason to anticipate any calamitous sacrifice being necessary before a removal can take place. But in dealing thus fully with the question of removal we are perhaps speaking of a matter hardly yet fully ripe for consideration. As we have before said we look upon that project as part and parcel of the Centenary celebration scheme, but in view of the fact that two and a half years must elapse before that event occurs it may be questioned whether—now that the Institution has a reserve sufficient to start operations with—the Centenary might not mark the opening of a new School rather than its commencement?

Another aspect of the question needs careful consideration in this connection—the effect large investments have on the voting powers of different subscribers, and the effect they have on the number of votes needed to secure the election of a candidate. We have recently devoted some attention to this latter point, and have shown how rapid has been the increase in number of votes required to secure the election of a child into either the Boys or the Girls School—the very handsome recent

additions to invested capital in the case of the former being one material factor in producing this result; for we must look upon the £40,000 put by during the last four years as a very large sum indeed to lock up for interest bearing purposes alone, and although there are twenty-three more boys accommodated in the School now than was the case four years since, that is a comparatively poor return; does not, in fact, show more than 3 per cent on the investment, although the sum probably represents 8,000 or 10,000 votes, for each election, granted to those who contributed it; and that being so it is very easy to account for 400 or 500 of the increase that has taken place in the voting average during the period we refer to, which increase has the apparent effect of lessening the value of the scholarships, by making them much more difficult of acquisition, and must, we think, ultimately influence donors in dealing with the different Benevolent Funds of English Masonry.

We should certainly like to see some scheme formulated for the purpose of giving an immediate return for the very liberal support of recent years, being fully convinced the future of the Institution may safely be left to the Brethren of that period, providing those who have the management of present affairs do not go recklessly to work, or create charges on the fund outside those primarily associated with the actual benefits conferred on the pupils. Whether the programme we have hinted at—to provide a new and enlarged building for the whole School,—or some other arrangement is best suited for this purpose will require full consideration and discussion, but on one point we think there should be unanimity—action should be taken to give an immediate return for money already received.

SINCE penning the above remarks we have received copy of a circular now being issued to the Craft, which we venture to think will have a considerable effect on the future of the two Educational Institutions, and the prospects of the Boys School in particular, it being proposed to establish a Scholarship Fund to provide for the higher education of deserving boys after they have finished their School career. It is true small grants are frequently made to pupils on leaving the Institutions, in order to provide them with the wherewithal to make a fair start in life, but the laws do not permit of expenditure in the direction now aimed at, although we are fully of opinion that all who are connected with the Schools would willingly support any movement that sought to incorporate such a scheme with the existing rules, provided it was not possible to accomplish the work by a separate organisation—but as such a division of beneficial work is possible, we hope, as we believe will be the case, that a fair amount of support will be at once accorded the proposal to which we refer.

Our sympathy with movements of the past having similar objects—the assistance of pupils leaving the Schools—is well known to our older readers; suffice it to say the present project has our warmest sympathy, and we shall be pleased to do anything in our power to advance the object aimed at.

The proposal now before us emanates from the Committee Dinner Club, which, as is well known, consists of members of the Council of the Institution, the Brethren, in fact, who, by actual participation in the practical working of the School, are best able to judge of the need that exists for such a Fund as is suggested, and also qualified to arrange for its working. That they are in earnest is proved by the practical way in which they support the project, many of the number being among the first subscribers to the contemplated Fund, the donations to which already amount to upwards of £250,—a very satisfactory start, especially when we remember the £60,000 nest egg to

which we have previously referred, and in the work of securing which these same Brethren in most cases bore their share.

It is not intended to found a large Scholarship, the main principle in view being to give just that help (say about £30 per annum) to those clever boys which will enable them to enter for other scholarships, and so place them on a more equal footing with their fellows who are happily circumstanced in having well-to-do parents. From this we may infer that the promoters of the scheme aim at but one Scholarship; but we hope the good work will not stop there,—to be of service the grant should be for two or three years, and it is far from desirable that the benefits should only be bestowed once in that period. The start, however, is the main thing; once the idea has been launched there is little fear of its being allowed to droop for want of financial aid, the tendency of the age being to do everything possible to ensure the education of the masses, and the special instruction of those gifted with particular ability.

Further particulars of the scheme will be found in another column, or can be obtained of the Hon. Secretary of the Fund, Brother J. M. McLeod, at the Offices of the Institution, Freemasons' Hall, London.

We are again compelled to hold over a number of items, on account of pressure on our space.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

A PROFOUND gloom has been cast over Tenby, by the sudden death of Brother Alderman W. H. Richards, J.P., C.C., P.M. 1177, of Croft House. The deceased, who vacated the Mayoral chair of the borough on the 9th, and was re-elected an Alderman for the borough the same day, was on his way to the Town Hall, to take part in the new Mayor's procession to church shortly before eleven o'clock, and, when opposite the Royal Gate House Hotel, was observed to stagger and fall in the road. Medical aid was promptly secured, but Bro. Richards expired in a few minutes, his death being due to apoplexy. Meanwhile, in ignorance of what had occurred, the Mayor's procession had been formed, and proceeded to church, but immediately before the service commenced the sad intelligence was made known, and the news spreading quickly throughout the town, created a painful and profound sensation. Bro. Richards had for the last twenty-five years taken a very prominent part in public matters, and was one of Tenby's most respected citizens. At the conclusion of the service, the choir filed out to the strains of the Dead March, in "Saul." The Mayor's procession was not re-formed on emerging from the church. Bro. Richards was the eldest son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Richards, of the 3rd Bombay Light Infantry; was born in 1844, and married in 1872 Florence Antonia, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Antony Stokes, of St. Botolph's. He was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, was a J.P. for Pembrokeshire, High-Sheriff of Tenby 1858, Mayor of Tenby 1881-7 and 1895. He was President of the Tenby Conservative Association, P.M. of the Tenby Lodge of Freemasons, chairman of the Tenby Lifeboat Committee, a Charity Trustee for Tenby, a County Councillor for Tenby, and Alderman of the borough.

AMONG those lost in the recent disaster to the launch of H.M.S. Edgar was Bro. James Burtenshaw, a member of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes, who, it is stated, bade fair to obtain higher rank than that which he held as leading signaller, and was a brave stalwart young fellow, well versed in nautical matters and an expert swimmer and diver. When the Prince of Wales visited the Greenwich School he threw half a sovereign into the diving tank, and young Burtenshaw was the successful one to recover it, the Prince at once telling him to keep the coin. He was also a clever telegraphist and signaller, being almost invariably included in the landing parties for these purposes when operations were in progress. The deceased was thirty years of age at the time of his death, and for the last fourteen or fifteen years had been continuously afloat, says the "Sussex Daily News."

BRO. ALFRED BODLEY died on the 15th, in his seventieth year. As a Freemason he rose to a prominent position, and in 1885 was presented with a silver cup in recognition of "valuable and faithful services rendered to Freemasonry during his term of office, by Brethren of the Craft." He was P.M. and Past Treas. of St. John's Lodge, 39, and P.Prov.G.D.C. He was a P.M. and Treasurer of the Mark, and P.Z. and for nineteen years S.E. of R.A. Chapter 112, and also P.Prov.G.S.N.

CONSECRATIONS.

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ST. THOMAS LODGE.

ON Wednesday afternoon an interesting event in the history of Freemasonry in Derbyshire took place at Tibshelf, when a new Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was consecrated in solemn form. The headquarters of the new Lodge are at the Crown Hotel, Tibshelf. The Lodge was dedicated to St. Thomas, and will be known by that title, its number on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England being 2583. There was a large and distinguished company of Masons present from all parts of the Midland counties. The Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire his Grace the Duke of Devonshire was not able to be present, and, as usual, the work was performed by Brother Haughton Charles Okeover P.J.G.W. of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

After a Lodge had been opened the Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary, in the absence of Bro. Naylor, read the Petition and Warrant of Constitution.

The ceremony of Consecration was impressively performed, Bro. Dr. Hills Junior Grand Chaplain of Derbyshire delivering the oration.

Bro. W. A. Staniford P.Prov.G.Swd. Bearer was installed first Master of the Lodge, and he invested his Officers as follow: J. R. Fielding Acting Past Master, Rev. C. S. Hayward S.W., T. B. Smith J.W., Rev. S. C. Hayward Chaplain, J. S. Sampson Treasurer, S. Rayner Secretary, R. A. Christian S.D., T. N. Turner P.M. P.Z. P.P.S.G.D. J.D., Holland Rowbottom P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Director of Ceremonies, J. T. Woolley I.G., and G. Bunting Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to banquet, served by Brother J. T. Woolley, of the Crown Hotel.—“Nottingham Guardian.”

BULUWAYO LODGE.

THE inauguration of the Buluwayo Lodge, No. 2566, took place in the Court House, Buluwayo, on Saturday, 5th October, Bro. R. Hovell being installed as the first Master.

The inauguration banquet was held at Slater's Tattersall Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided, to which nearly sixty sat down.

In due course the Master proposed the usual loyal toasts, and then called on Bro. J. Dawson to propose the Hon. C. J. Rhodes, which he did in a brief speech.

Bro. Vincent then proposed the W.M., in an excellent speech, in which he congratulated the Lodge on having been started, and Bro. Kennedy did the same in his toast of the newly invested Officers.

Bro. Hovell responded to the former in a good speech, in which he felt the honour of being the first Master, and hoped he would carry out the duties so as to be a credit to the Craft. Bro. Trevor responded for the Officers.

Sister Lodges was proposed by Bro. Howard, who stated that it gave the members great pleasure to meet so many representatives of other Lodges there, and now that they could greet these in the Lodge there would be an additional bond of fellowship. There were representatives from all parts of the globe; but wherever they came from they were all members of the same great Order.

Bro. Vincent, in responding, spoke of the necessity of a District Grand Lodge for South Africa, and thought that every member of the new Lodge would be in favour of it. Bro. Kennedy responded for the Rhodesia Lodge.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the Brethren dispersed.

Petitions for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, with a view to the April election of 1896, must reach this office by the 5th December next, at latest, but it is desirable that they should be sent in as much earlier as possible.

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It cannot be very pleasant for the Pope to learn that so many of the members of the last new French Cabinet are Freemasons. The Premier is an enthusiastic Mason; the Minister of Finance was last year on the Council of the Order; the Minister of Commerce is the President of the Grand Symbolical Lodge of France. The Ministers of Justice, of War, of Education, and of Agriculture, all belong to the Brotherhood, and M. Ricard, the Chancellor, is Master of a Lodge modestly calling itself the Temple of Virtue. Evidently no young Frenchman who hopes to succeed in politics should remain outside the Craft.—“Realm.”

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, Col. R. Townley Caldwell Prov. Grand Master presiding, supported by his Deputy Brother Rev. J. H. Gray, and the various Officers. About seventy Brethren attended.

The number of members in the six Lodges of the Province was reported to be 437, against 430 last year. The financial report was of a satisfactory character, there being a good balance in hand.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the Officers for the year as under:—

Bro. J. V. Pryor 88	-	-	Senior Warden
H. T. Trevor-Jones 859	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. S. Cronin 859	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. A. C. Crossfield 809 859	-	-	
W. W. Rouse Ball 859 1492	-	-	Treasurer
J. Taylor 441	-	-	Registrar
Oliver Papworth 88	-	-	Secretary
R. P. F. W. Simpson 859	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. R. Bambridge 809	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Catling 441	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Frederick Dewberry 441	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. G. Chennell 2107	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Moyes 88	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Davis 809	-	-	Organist
T. B. Hope 859	-	-	Pursuivant
A. T. Grain 88	-	-	} Stewards.
W. R. Roper 441	-	-	
E. B. Bellairs 809	-	-	
A. P. Higgins 859	-	-	
C. O. E. Nicholson 859	-	-	

WILTSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Master held his Lodge at Warminster on Wednesday of last week. The large room at the Town Hall was used as a Lodge Room, and had been beautifully decorated with flowers, plants, banners, &c., presenting a charming effect.

All the Lodges of the Province were represented, and nearly one hundred Brethren obeyed the summons of Lodge Radnor, who was well supported by many eminent Masons of the county, whose names are as household words.

Subsequently about ninety Brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served in the Magistrates' Court Room, the caterer being Mrs. Down, of the Bath Arms Hotel. On Lord Radnor vacating the chair at 7.30, it was ably filled by Brother Captain Chaloner, M.P.

UNITY IN CANADA.

THERE was a large gathering of the Craft at a recent meeting in Toronto, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed over the final settlement of the unpleasantness that has so long existed in the Province. The Grand Lodge of Ontario, by the terms of agreement with the Grand Lodge of Canada, goes out of existence, its members in Toronto affiliating with Harmony Lodge, and those outside the city with Lodges in their own district. At the conclusion of the instituting ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an hour was profitably spent in speech-making congratulatory to the occasion.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, who, besides enjoying the honour of being one of the best known, as well as one of the oldest of our Provincial Grand Masters, is also one of the oldest members of the House of Commons, had a narrow escape in the hunting-field on Tuesday of last week, and he returned to London only just able to limp along. He was badly kicked just below the top of his hunting-boot. Bro. Beach, says the “St. James's Gazette,” is a prominent member of the Masonic body, has sat for a division of Hampshire uninterruptedly since the general election of 1857, and has represented the same constituency for a longer period than any other member, except Mr. Villiers, “the Father of the House of Commons,” though Sir John Mowbray has sat at Westminster a longer time, he having been first returned in 1853.

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It has been arranged that at the meeting of the Hornsey Lodge of Instruction, No. 890, to be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, White Hart Hotel, Lewisham, the Symbols of the Craft Degrees will be illustrated with Limelight Diagrams by Bro. Walter Clement Tyler S.D. 862, and their meanings expounded by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., and it is hoped a large number of Brethren will be present. The proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock prompt, and be open to Master Masons only, who are requested to wear Masonic clothing.

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OXFORDSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the 12th, at Oxford. There was a large attendance of Companions, including the Earl of Jersey, Viscount Valentia, the Rev. H. A. Pickard Grand Superintendent, and E. Letchworth Grand Scribe of England. Rev. H. A. Pickard having resigned the office of Grand Superintendent of the Province, which he had held since the death of the Duke of Albany, installed Lord Valentia Grand Superintendent in his place. Comp. F. M. Davies was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer in place of the late Comp. A. E. Drinkwater, and Comps. R. E. Baynes, M.A., Christ Church, and E. L. Shepherd, of Abingdon, were respectively appointed First and Second Principals, and Companion C. M. Taphouse Organist.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Saturday afternoon a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, for the purpose of installing the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as the Provincial Grand Superintendent.

Since the death of the late Grand Superintendent Comp. T. W. Tew, the Companions of the Province had been without a titular head, and the duties were carried on by Companion Henry Smith Provincial Grand H. More than usual interest was taken in the gathering by Companions of the Order, who attended from all parts of the Province, as well as from neighbouring districts, and of the forty Chapters in West Yorkshire, thirty-eight were represented.

The new Provincial Grand Superintendent is a member of the Fidelity Chapter, No. 289, Leeds, and last year held the position of First Principal. It was intended that the ceremony of installation should have been performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, but during last week he received a severe kick from his horse, which prevented his attendance, and the duty was undertaken by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Essex. The installation was held under the banners of the five Leeds Chapters, the Fidelity (289), Philanthropic (304), Alfred (306), Excelsior (1042), and Prudence (2069), and the Committee consisted of the three Principals of each Chapter, with Comp. C. L. Mason as Chairman and Comp. C. I. Turner S.E. (289) as Secretary.

During the installation ceremony Comp. F. A. Philbrick acted as First Principal, Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.S.N. as Second Principal, and R. Grey President of the Committee of General Purposes Third Principal; and they were assisted by Comps. Major J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.S.B. of England, R. Eve P.G.Treas., C. E. Keyser P.G.S.B., T. B. Whytehead P.G.St.B., J. Chadwick P.G.St.B. S.E. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire, and M. C. Peck P.G.St.B.

The ceremony was an impressive one, and at the conclusion Comp. Philbrick, addressing the Companions, congratulated the Province on having such a gentleman as Comp. W. L. Jackson as its Grand Superintendent. He added that the name of W. L. Jackson was an honoured one in Yorkshire, and stood as a symbol of all that was honourable, straightforward, conscientious and truthful; as a mark of the high character of one who was deservedly respected; and the choice of the Prince of Wales in placing Comp. Jackson at the head of the Province was one which was willingly and delightedly acquiesced in by the Companions generally.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent, after alluding to the absence of Comp. W. W. B. Beach, said that no one knew more than he did how difficult it was to fulfil the growing duties which came upon one in the manner one desired to fulfil them, but as far as he could bring to bear diligence and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties, he should endeavour to do so with all his heart and zeal. He thanked the Companions of Sheffield for their invitation to Provincial Grand Chapter to meet in that city, but it was thought to be more in accordance with the general convenience that the Chapter should be held at Leeds. He also acknowledged the indebtedness of the Companions to the five Leeds Chapters for the excellent arrangements which had been made for that gathering.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a banquet was held at the Great Northern Hotel, at which the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided.

After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, Comp. F. A. Philbrick proposed the health of the newly installed Provincial Grand Superintendent. He remarked that there was an old proverb to the effect, "Tell me what a man's associates are, and

I will tell you what the man is;" and they needed no greater test of what a man was than when they found that he was honoured in the place in which he grew up as a boy, had spent his young manhood, and had devoted the energies of his riper years. That their Grand Superintendent had done, and had won the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen, and he was sure the Order in the Province would prosper under his rule.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent, who was most enthusiastically received, in replying to the toast, remarked that he had found during his short life that the easiest course for a man to follow when he saw before him what appeared to be, all things considered, a clear and definite line of duty, was to follow that line, and take the consequences. After all, what did it mean? It meant, no doubt, the sacrifice of what was called leisure, but a man can hardly be better engaged than in endeavouring to promote, as far as he could, what appeared to be for the general welfare of the community. They had no party politics in that gathering; but they combined the ideas of both parties of politics. The duties of citizens fell to all of them, but whatever might be their particular politics, and however they might have been engaged in party fights, they recognised there was one object which was common to all loyal and dutiful citizens, to do the best they could, according to their judgment and ability, to promote the welfare of the community by which they were surrounded. Dealing with the ceremony that afternoon, he added that, with the assistance of the Companions of West Yorkshire, he had confidence that he would be able to maintain the traditions of the past.—"Leeds Mercury."

The annual installation meeting of the William Shurmur Chapter, No. 2374, will be held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Thursday next, the 28th inst., when Comp. F. A. Philbrick Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex has promised to preside. The Officers elected are Comps. James Speller Z., John Byford jun. H and Ben Johnson J. An account of the ceremony will appear in due course.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE installation meeting took place on the 14th, at Colchester, when Comps. J. G. Renshaw and A. J. H. Ward were respectively installed as Z. and J. Comp. E. Gowers was to have been installed as H., but owing to serious illness he could not attend. The Officers were invested, and the Companions afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No 202.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, on the 14th inst., when the Officers were installed. The ceremony was ably conducted by Comps. E. J. Knight, W. Allsford, and J. Bray.

After the formal business the Companions adjourned to the dining hall, where supper was served.

The meeting of the Brunswick Chapter, reported in a previous issue, was held at the Brunswick Masonic Hall, Hobart Street, Stonehouse, and not at Plymouth as stated.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 15.

ON the 13th inst., in succession to Bro. E. H. Shorto, recently appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. A. Hope P.Prov.G.Treas. was installed W.M. by Bro. Henry Stocker Prov.G.Sec. P.G.D.Eng.

In the evening the installation banquet was held at the Globe Hotel.

SINCERITY MARK LODGE, No. 35.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at East Stonehouse, Plymouth, Bro. H. W. Mayne in the chair. Immediately after closing, the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, which is attached to Sincerity Mark, was opened, Bro. George Dunsterville W.C.N. presiding. Bro. John Parker was elected W.C.N., and Bro. Charles F. Dunsterville re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ST. DAVID LODGE, No. 38.

THE annual installation, on the 13th inst., attracted a large number to the Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno, the W.M.-elect Bro. T. B. Farrington P.G.M.O. North Wales being very popular with the Brethren. The Installing Master was Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Warren D.P.G.M.M. North Wales.

FIDELITY-HUYSHE LODGE, No. 91.

THE annual meeting was held at Ebrington Hall, Devonport, on Wednesday, 13th inst., when Bro. E. H. Littleton was installed W.M., Bro. J. R. Lord P.P.G.J.W. being the Installing Master.

After the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the Refectory, where a substantial supper was provided by the W.M.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

MONDAY, 4th inst., was a day of great rejoicing among Knights Templar of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in the province of Cheshire—as it was the day on which the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., was installed as Grand Prior of the Province. The Sir Knights attended numerously, attired in their robes of office and regalia.

The high function was performed by the Earl of Euston G.C.T. Great Sub Prior of England and Wales, assisted by his Officers, who had journeyed from London specially to take part in the ceremony. The proceedings were held under the banner of the Grosvenor Preceptory, at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Chester, under the command of Sir Knight W. S. Sutton Provincial Sub-Prior, who conducted the reception of the illustrious visitors in a dignified manner, and assisted in the imposing ceremony which followed.

Subsequently the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., was declared and proclaimed Prior of Cheshire, and was highly complimented by the Earl of Euston upon being appointed to so high a position.

The Grand Prior thanked the Earl of Euston and other Grand Officers for the able and impressive manner they had performed their duties that day, and said they could rely on his doing his utmost to maintain the honour and dignity of the office in the Province he had been appointed to rule over.

The Officers were afterwards invested for the ensuing year. Sir Knight J. F. May P.G. Registrar made a request that the annual meeting next year be held at Macclesfield.

A banquet was held in the evening, presided over by the Grand Prior. The usual Loyal and official toasts were given and responded to with heartiness.—“Stockport Advertiser.”

A MASONIC UNIVERSITY.

THE Freemasons of Western Pennsylvania propose to raise \$8,000,000 to build and equip a Masonic University in Beaver, Pennsylvania, by asking every Mason in the country to subscribe \$10. It is expected that most Masons would send their sons to the university, while the children of dead Masons who could not afford to pay would be educated in it free of charge. Beaver is said to be the centre of the Masonic population of the United States, and the Masons of the place say they will give the proposed institution a site of 800 acres.—“Westminster Gazette.”

The annual supper in connection with the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1343, will take place at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., when the Preceptor Bro. P.M. Atkins will preside.

THE MOTTO OF PRE-NINETEENTH CENTURY FREEMASONRY

WHEN lov'd ones sneer, and vain men scoff,
And friends of old seem farther off
Dispersing like the dust;
One banner to the breeze is flung—
In ev'ry zone the strain is sung—
“In God is all our trust.”

Love may sustain life's changeful load,
Heart's thirst be quenched in want's abode,
Where squalor shares a crust;
Death hath no fears for him who yearns
For higher life: he lives and learns,
If God be all his trust.

When Nature's needs cry louder still,
And weak impatience clogs the will
To bear what ills we must;
'Tis not on man our hopes may rest
To soothe the woes within the breast,
But “God is all our trust.”

Woe's demons—hate and vile revenge,
Can none of life's mistakes avenge,
Though they may blight and rust;
Faith may illumine the darkest night,
And blessings come with morning light,
If God be all our trust.

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THE OLDEST MASON IN CHESHIRE.

ON Thursday of last week the Combermere Lodge of Union, at Macclesfield, passed a resolution congratulating Brother J. J. Mason on the sixtieth anniversary of his joining the Craft, and on his eighty-third birthday. Bro. Mason is the oldest Mason in Cheshire, if not in the Craft, says the “Manchester Courier.” It was decided that the resolution should be prepared on parchment and presented to Brother Mason, who suitably acknowledged the compliment, saying the happiest days of his life had been spent in connection with Masonry.

ENGLISH AND IRISH MASONRY.

MEMBERS of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodges arranged to pay a visit to Dublin at the invitation of the Lodge of Israel of that city, on the 13th, 19th, and 20th inst. A round of festivities were arranged, including sight-seeing and banquets, the whole finishing up on Wednesday evening by a grand reception at the Round Room, Rotunda, at which a large representative meeting of members of the Order and their lady friends helped in the task of making the last day of the visitors a notable and well-remembered one. Lodge of Israel, says the “Irish Times,” evidently intended to show that Irish Freemasons are not behind in holding out the right hand of fellowship, tending to cement the good feeling existing amongst Members of the Craft.

Criterion Theatre.—“A most charming and delightful play” must be the public verdict on Mr. Charles Wyndham's latest production, a genuine comedy in four acts by Mr. R. D. Carton, entitled “The Squire of Dames.” The main portion of the plot is suggested by, we cannot say adapted from, a clever and diverting piece by Alexandre Dumas the younger, viz., “L'Ami des Femmes” but it is so anglicised that it is to all intents and purposes an English play. The Squire is a Mr. Kilroy, a pleasant genial man of the world, who, believing that the proper study of mankind is woman, is under the impression that he knows her nature thoroughly. He is able by his knowledge to extricate an unhappy wife from a serious entanglement and restore her to her husband, and he saves a love-sick girl by bringing ridicule upon her idol. He, however, meets a hitherto unknown specimen in the shape of a rich Yankee girl, who promptly determines to marry him, and the scene of his capture, one of the finest in the comedy, is most admirably played by Miss Fay Davis and Mr. Wyndham, who is the life and soul of the entire piece. Nothing but praise can be given to all concerned in its representation. Miss Mary Moore, as the tempted wife, yearning for love and almost lost, is a charming picture, and fully realises the author's conception. Miss Granville presents a finished performance as Mrs. Dowe, a society lady and friend of Adeline, and Miss Beatrice Ferrar gives a lively little sketch of the girl-woman Elsie. Mr. Bernard Gould made the most of the unsympathetic part of the lover, Mr. Fenton was excellent as Col. Dennant, and two humorous character parts were well sustained by Miss H. de Lange and Alfred Bishop. As stated above it is a truly delightful play, and one not to be missed.

Return Tickets on Tramways.—Mr. R. L. Adamson, general manager of the North Metropolitan Tramways Company, is to be congratulated upon his recent enterprising innovation in the matter of fares upon his lines, and there is but little doubt that the public will quickly show their appreciation of such an up-to-date scheme. On all cars running between Highgate, Finsbury Park, Manor House and the Moorgate Street terminus return tickets are now issued at a cost of threepence. These tickets are not only available for the double journey for which fourpence was previously charged, but may be used either way, at any time, on any day, and by any car; and what is of still more importance the return ticket may be used by any person. The service of the cars is also to be increased, so that the public, especially constant passengers, have reason to be grateful. Will the Railway Companies follow so good an example?

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PROPOSED SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

THE following circular is being issued to Lodges, &c.:—
6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

21st November 1895.

The "Committee Dinner Club," consisting of members of the Council of this Institution, having recently had under consideration the desirability of establishing a Fund for the provision of higher education for deserving boys after they have finished their school career, has resolved to commence the Fund by starting a subscription amongst its members, a first list being appended. The disposition of the Fund will be entrusted to an executive to be appointed by the subscribers; the Club simply taking the initiative and inviting the Craft to carry the matter out.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Institution, held on 18th October 1895, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That this Board views with satisfaction the proposal to found a 'Scholarship Fund,' and approves the scheme submitted by the Committee Dinner Club."

It has long been felt amongst many energetic supporters of the Boys School that the valuable and, of late, greatly increased benefits conferred upon the pupils may in many cases be still further enhanced, and the work of the Institution conserved, if opportunity could be given for clever boys, after leaving the school, to perfect their attainments by enabling them to gain scholarships at the Universities, or in other ways to qualify for professional life or the higher walks of applied Science and Art.

The laws of the Institution do not permit of expenditure from its funds in this direction, and it is considered that the establishment of a separate Fund will be of great assistance in the future development of those deserving boys who have best applied the benefits conferred by the School.

The formation of such a Fund should not in any way be permitted to interfere with the ordinary income of the Institution; and there can be no doubt that the object in view will appeal to all Brethren who have at heart the best interests and welfare of "Our Boys."

It is suggested that in each Masonic centre a local Committee should be formed to promote the aims of the Fund and receive subscriptions.

(Signed) JOHN STRACHAN P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland,
3 Brick Court, Temple, E.C.,

Honorary Treasurer.

J. M. McLEOD P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire,
6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

Donations will be thankfully received from Brethren, Lodges, Chapters, &c.

Cheques should be made payable to "The Scholarship Fund, R.M.I. Boys," and be remitted to J. M. McLeod, Hon. Sec., at 6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

FIRST LIST OF PROMISED DONATIONS.

	£	s	d.
The Committee Dinner Club	10	10	0
¹ V.W. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee of Institution, and Chairman of Board of Management	10	10	0
¹ " Geo. Everett P.G. Treas., Vice-Patron of Institution, and Vice-Chairman of Board of Management	10	10	0
¹ W. Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough P.P.G.Reg. (Surrey), Vice-Patron and Honorary Solicitor of Institution	10	10	0
¹ " Rev. H. A. Hebb, Head Master of Institution	10	10	0
¹ " Harry Manfield P.P.G.D. (Norths and Hunts), Vice-President of Institution	10	10	0
¹ " J. M. McLeod, Secretary and Vice-President of Inst.	10	10	0
¹ " Frederick Orchard P.M. 198, Vice-President of Inst.	10	10	0
¹ " F. B. Page P.M. 214 P.P.G.R. (Essex)	10	10	0
¹ " James Stephens P.P.G.D. (Bucks), Vice-Patron of Inst.	10	10	0
¹ " John Strachan P.P.S.G.W. (Northumberland)	10	10	0
¹ " R. V. Vassar-Smith, J.P., P.G.D. D.P.G.M. (Glos.), Patron of Institution	10	10	0
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire	5	5	0
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex	5	5	0
Y.W. Bro. S. Cochrane P.G. Treas.	5	5	0
¹ " W. Mason Stiles G. Treas., Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
¹ W. Bro. Walter Adams P.M. and Treas. 1687	5	5	0
¹ " W. H. Bailey P.P.G.W. (Staffords.), Vice-Patron of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " John Bodenham P.A.G.D.C., Vice-President of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " J. W. Burgess P.P.G.D. (W. Lancs.), Vice-Pres. of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " H. E. Diamond P.P.G.W. (Derbys), Vice-Patron of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " J. Morrison Duncan 2455	5	5	0
¹ " Major J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., P.G.D. D.P.G.M. (Hants and I. of W.), Vice-President of Institution	5	5	0
¹ " John Glass P.P.G.S. of W. (Essex), Vice-Pres. of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " Edward Hobbs P.M. 453, Auditor of Institution	5	5	0
¹ " C. W. Hudson P.Prov.G.W. (Sussex), Vice-Pres. of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " Chas. E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D., Treas. and Patron of Inst.	5	5	0
¹ " J. M. Klenck P.M. 1686	5	5	0
¹ " W. Maple P.M. 657, Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
¹ " E. D. Oppert P.M. 1027	5	5	0
¹ " Henry Pritchard P.P.G. Treas. (Middlesex)	5	5	0
¹ " T. H. Roberts P.M. 2502	5	5	0
¹ " Jas. Speller P.P.G.D. (Essex), Vice-Patron of Institution	5	5	0
¹ " James Willing jun. P.M. 177, &c., Vice-Patron of Inst.	5	5	0
Bro. James Packham 3	5	5	0
¹ Bro. Willis H. Wilson 2012	5	5	0
The Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex	2	2	0
The Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, New Barnet	1	1	0
The Mount Lebanon R.A. Chapter, No. 73	1	1	0
The Prince Frederick William Mark Lodge, No. 458	1	1	0
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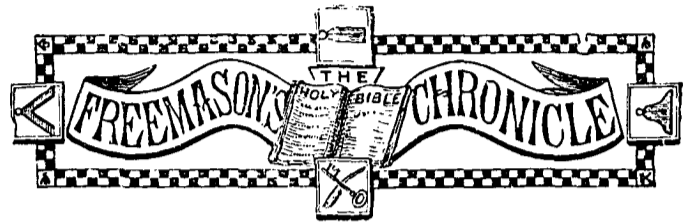
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SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 1895.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, Brother Robert Grey President in the chair, with Bro. Cottebrune as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou as Junior Vice-President. Brothers Letchworth, W. Lake, W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. The paper of business for next Grand Lodge was first settled before the Board of Masters, and the Brethren afterwards confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master made at the October meeting.

The new list for the Board of Benevolence contained fifty petitions, the qualifications for which came through Lodges in the London district, and at Leeds, Blyth, Bermuda, Sheffield, Liverpool, Dinapore, Alnwick, Axminster, Sydney (N.S.W.), Deal, Harrow, Middlesborough, Hebden Bridge, Rochester, Leicester, Falmouth, Meerut, Plumstead, Todmorden, Malta, Manchester, Havant, Stoke (Devonshire), Llandudno and Sittingbourne.

The Board, in the course of a five hours' sitting, dismissed four and deferred the consideration of four petitions. One petition was withdrawn. Grand Lodge was recommended to grant £75 to one of the successful petitioners, and the Grand Master was recommended to approve of a grant of £40 in each of three cases, and £30 in each of eight cases. Twenty grants were made of £20 each, five of £10 each, and four of £5 each.

On the motion of Brother H. Garrod a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Robert Grey, at the conclusion of his year of office.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

FOR the fourth annual concert in aid of the Fund, to be held in Plymouth Guildhall, on Wednesday, 27th inst., Brother Willoughby has had a choir of 150 children in practice for several weeks, and they will take part in a new operetta specially written and composed by the conductor for the concert. It is entitled "The Children's Harvest," and is reported to be a charming work, abounding in tuneful melodies. Miss Halfpenny is training the dancers, and the miscellaneous part of the programme is an attractive one. The plan of reserved seats is now open at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth.

W. LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A DEPUTATION representing the Brethren interested in this fund has waited upon the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Lord Derby) to ascertain his views with regard to the annual ball. There were present at the Town Hall, Bros. Dr. Thomas Clarke, George Broadbent, Edward Paull, and A. E. Povey. They were most graciously received by his lordship, says the "Liverpool Daily Courier," and after hearing the object of their visit he promised not only to give his support, but to be present at the ball, which is fixed for Tuesday, the 14th of January. Bro. Dr. Crawford P.P.G. Treas. is Chairman of the Ball Committee, A. E. Povey W.M. 241 Treasurer, and George Broadbent P.M. 241 Honorary Secretary.

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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COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 917.

THERE was a large attendance on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, on the occasion of the installation of Brother Herbert Edwin Sanders as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Hamilton P.M. and Secretary.

After the banquet the usual toasts were given.

Bro. Antunovich I.P.M. gave the Worshipful Master, mentioning that Bro. Sanders was initiated a month later than himself, and had followed him through the Offices of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master was a most popular member, and held in high esteem by the Brethren as much for his display of humour as for his other qualities, which combined to make a good Mason.

The Worshipful Master, replying, thanked the Brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast. He hoped during his year of office to emulate those Brethren who had occupied the chair before him, and by the exercise of diligence to help to perpetuate the work and to maintain the position of the Lodge among metropolitan Masonic bodies. Touching upon the seasonal references made by Bro. Antunovich, the W.M. added that Masonry had brought them together, and he hoped they would remain fast friends for the rest of their lives.

Bro. Charles Townley, replying for the Visitors, referred to the geniality of the Worshipful Master, and the charitableness of his nature, humorously remarking upon his modesty and reticence. Wherever they met Brother Sanders he always made them thoroughly welcome and quite at home. At that function the Visitors had spent a most enjoyable evening. In the Lodge they had had a splendid illustration of Masonry in its best form, the ceremonies were admirably performed, and the charges were given by Bro. P.M. Hamilton with becoming feeling and seriousness.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

AT the Great Eastern Hotel, on Monday, 18th inst., Bro. Gildersleve W.M., Carroll S.W., Thomson J.W., Smith P.M. Preceptor, Free P.M. Treasurer, G. A. Peters Sec., Steiner S.D., Hyde J.D., Lahive I.G., also Bros. Gottlieb, Simpson, Levy, and Isaac.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gottlieb candidate. Bro. Isaac offering himself as candidate for the 3rd degree, was interrogated, entrusted, and raised.

Bro. Preceptor proposed, and J.W. seconded, that Bro. Carroll S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

AT the Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, on Saturday, Bros. F. Kebell W.M., J. Ives S.W., Swift J.W., Islip S.D., Sexton J.D., Friedlander I.G., G. Edwards Preceptor, J. Bunker Treas., J. Clark Sec., and P. Felthensal Org.; also Bros. H. Willsmer, H. Pearce, F. Small, Meyer, Kotch, Caton, Harding, Edward Johnson, Captain Schlosshauer, Matthews, Worthington, and others.

The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Worthington and Hands candidates, the W.M. performing both ceremonies in a very able manner.

Bros. Matthews, Edward Johnson, Oatly, and Captain Schlosshauer, of the Arctic ship Windward, were proposed as members, and duly elected.

Bro. A. Rusby, deputed by Bro. J. B. Frost, who was unavoidably absent, presented the Lodge with two Deacon's Wands and a Master's Gavel, the Brethren fully appreciating Bro. Frost's generous and handsome gift, which completes the equipment of one of the best Lodges of Instruction in the district.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE usual meeting was held at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, on Friday, 15th inst., Bro. F. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor A.G.D.C. Middx. W.M., H. J. Calley S.W., F. Kebell J.W., Harry Willsmer Secretary, D. J. Witte Acting Preceptor, Crane P.M. J.D., Mason I.G., and Johnson, Matthews and Captain Schlosshauer of the ship Windward who, in connection with the Harmsworth expedition, has just returned from the Arctic regions.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Brother Matthews candidate. Bro. Fred Kebell delivered the charge in a very creditable and praiseworthy manner. Bro. Matthews answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree. Bro. Witte, assisted by the Brethren, worked the first and second sections.

In accordance with the Bye-Laws, these were read by the Secretary. The following Officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. F. Dunstan P.M. 1662 A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, T. I. Bird P.M. W.M. 1567 1897 P.Z. P.P.G.Swd.B. Treasurer, Harry Willsmer Secretary 1567 Sec., and Bros. Calley, Mason, and Witte Auditors.

Bro. Captain A. Schlosshauer, Phenix, 355, India, was elected a member, and Bro. Calley W.M. for next meeting.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 80.

AT the regular meeting, held at Sunderland, on the 12th, Brother John Robertson S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

PALATINE LODGE, No. 97.

THE election meeting was held on the 14th inst., at Sunderland, when Bro. Robinson S.W. was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Grieve P.M. was re-elected Tyler.

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MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

ON Friday, 1st inst., there was a large and enthusiastic gathering of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Durham, the occasion being a fraternal visit paid to Bro. H. Brown, Inspector of Schools, W.M. of the Lodge, by those Freemasons who are masters of Elementary Schools in the county of Durham. An intimation having been given to the teachers that the W.M. would have much pleasure in gratifying their generally expressed desire of doing him such an honour, between seventy and eighty headmasters of schools, from all parts of the county, foregathered at Old Elvet.

The Masonic work of the evening having been uncommonly well performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Palmer P.M. P.P.S.G.D. and Bro. Goodenough P.M., the Visitors were entertained at supper by the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. Hyden P.M. of the Constance Lodge proposed the health of the W.M. In the course of his remarks he said that all his professional Brethren in the district who were Masons had accepted his invitation, with the exception of three or four, and these had expressed their unfeigned regret that they were unavoidably prevented. All present were delighted to have the opportunity of doing honour to one whom they had admired and esteemed ever since he had been with them. Ten years ago he remembered reading in the "Schoolmaster" that the loss of the teachers of Kent and Sussex would be the gain of the Durham teachers, and this had been amply verified. Bro. Brown's chief characteristics were, his great sympathy, geniality, and perfect fairness. Children, who were keen critics, were always delighted when he entered the school, and managers had the greatest regard for him.

After his health had been drunk with great enthusiasm, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the W.M. rose to reply. He thanked them all for the very enthusiastic way in which they had responded to the toast of his health, and Brother Hyden for the very kind words he had used in proposing the same. When he received from Bro. Hyden an intimation that some of his Masonic Brethren who were fellow workers in the cause of education were desirous of paying him a great compliment, he replied that nothing would give him more pleasure than to receive them and welcome them at the Marquis of Granby. Their presence that evening in such large numbers from all parts of the Province had given him intense gratification, and they had done him a very great honour indeed. He could not conceal from himself that as Masons and fellow educationists they had assembled to give expression to the cordial relationship that existed between them. Such a gratifying state of affairs was due as much to their courtesy and good feeling to him as anything else, and he was deeply thankful to them for all the kindness they had shown him. The spontaneous demonstration of good feeling on their part that evening would never be effaced from his memory.

Bro. Bell P.M. P.P.S.G.D., H.M. Inspector of Mines, proposed the toast of the Visitors. He remarked he had been thirty-eight years a Mason, and had never seen so many Visiting Brethren present before, nor had the work of the Lodge been done better, nor had he passed a pleasanter evening.

Several of the Visiting Brethren replied, and among them Bro. Barnard P.M. P.P.G.D., of the Tristram Lodge, who said that teachers and scholars were much indebted to Bro. Brown for suggesting improvements in school buildings, which were beneficial to health and comfort. He characterised him in his official capacity as "suaviter in modo, fortiter in re."

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ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 130.

THERE was a large attendance at the meeting on Thursday, 13th, at Southampton. The Mayor (Bro. M. Emanuel, J.P.), the W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, and a large number of Past Masters and other Officers from various Lodges in the town and neighbourhood, including also the Economy and William o' Wykeham Lodges, from Winchester, were among the Visitors.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE usual monthly meeting was held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. John Parker W.M.

Bro. W. W. Martyn having been passed to the second degree, the whole of the Brethren adjourned to the refectory.

The toast of the Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodges of Devonshire and Cornwall, having been given and responded to, Bro. John Ward submitted that of their esteemed member Bro. T. W. Martyn, the newly-elected Mayor of the borough of Devonport. Bro. Ward stated he believed the Councillors of Devonport had conferred the position of chief magistrate on Bro. T. W. Martyn because they considered he would carry out the duties during his Mayoralty to the satisfaction of all the inhabitants.

Bro. T. W. Martyn replied in a neat speech, expressing the hope that that day twelve months all concerned, together with his Brethren of Lodge Sincerity, would be able to say that he had acquitted himself favourably in the proud position he had held as Mayor of so important a borough as that he represented.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

AT the regular meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, on Monday, 18th inst., the Hon. John Reginald Lopes Yarde Buller was initiated. There was a large gathering of Masons from Brixham, Torquay, and Dartmouth, including the Right Hon. Lord Churston, father of the candidate, who is also a member of the Brixham Lodge. The initiatory ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. John Davis W.M. The Working Tools were presented by Bro. C. Janes P.G.A.S., and Bro. J. Mardon delivered the charge. Bro. J. Bovey presided at the organ.

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LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, 28th ult., and for the better accommodation of the members and visitors a dispensation was granted by the P.G.M. Lord Warwick to hold it in the Foresters' Hall, Brightlingsea. Additional eclat was given to the occasion for the fact that the Mayor of Colchester Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green I.P.M. 51

P.P.G.Treas. had consented to perform the installation ceremony. This his Worship did in a most impressive manner, and at its conclusion the new W.M. Bro. William Bacon appointed and invested his Officers.

A letter was received from Bro. R. D. Poppleton P.M. P.P.G.D., regretting his inability to be present, and suggesting that as he was going abroad for some months the Brethren should elect another member to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, an office he had held for some years. The members, however, unanimously decided to re-elect Bro. Poppleton, the Secretary Bro. Wiseman undertaking to attend any meeting of the Charity Committee that might take place before that Brother's return.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green for his great kindness in attending, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time as Mayor of Colchester.

His Worship gracefully acknowledged the vote, remarking that he took a very great interest in Freemasonry, and was pleased to do anything in his power for the benefit of the Craft.

Between forty and fifty Brethren afterwards dined at the Swan Hotel, the arrangements made by the new host giving every satisfaction.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 445.

THE annual festival was celebrated at Towcester, on Friday, 1st inst., when the new Master Bro. Howard Packer was installed.

The Lodge was opened at the Lodge Room at the Pomfret Arms Hotel, by Bro. H. W. Giles W.M.

The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Dr. Knight, after which the W.M.-elect appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

The new W.M. received hearty congratulations from the Brethren representing other Lodges.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Pomfret Hotel, the catering of Host O. Browning being most admirable. The W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts.

Bro. Dr. Knight gave the W.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity, and highly eulogised the modesty and conscientiousness of the new head of the Lodge. Bro. Packer had many of the qualities which went to the making of a good Freemason; and no effort would be wanting on his part to carry out the work of the Lodge honourably and creditably. He asked for the support of members of the Lodge for the new Master.

The W.M., in the course of a brief and modest reply, said he felt that the responsibility of the office was very great, but he was firmly resolved to do all in his power to carry out the responsibility. He looked back at a long line of excellent predecessors in the chair, and he would strive to follow worthily in their footsteps.

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CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

AT the regular meeting, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, Bro. J. M. Nicholls was unanimously elected to the position of Master for the ensuing year, while Bro. F. Harvey P.P.G.S.W. again received the suffrages of the Lodge as Treasurer, a position he has held for upwards of a quarter of a century.

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DEVONSHIRE LODGE, No. 625.

THE members celebrated their annual festival of St. John on Thursday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Glossop.

In the afternoon, at 2.45, they assembled in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, which has temporarily been transformed into a Lodge Room. The first business was the initiation of a candidate, Mr. Francis G. Knowles, solicitor, the ceremony being performed by the Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. H. Irlam.

Afterwards the ceremony of installation of the W.M.-elect for the ensuing year (Bro. Thomas Kamester) took place. The Installing Master was Bro. Thomas S. Bowden P.P.J.G.W., who was assisted by several Past Masters.

The accounts were read and passed, showing a very favourable balance.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to their own quarters at the Masonic Hall, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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RYDE LODGE, No. 698.

BRO. K. W. INGLEBY MACKENZIE was installed W.M. on Friday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight; Bro. F. Newman being the Installing Officer. The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Royal Pier Hotel.

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PELHAM PILLAR LODGE, No. 792.

THE thirty-seventh anniversary took place at the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, when Brother F. Barrett P.M. Prov.G. Assistant Secretary opened the proceedings at 2.30 p.m., supported by the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire P.G.S.W. of England, several Past Provincial Grand Officers, and a very large gathering of Brethren, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Morton P.M. P.P.G.S.W. acted as Installing Master, and regularly inducted Bro. Charles Maddison.

After the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the lower room, where the Installation banquet was served under the direct supervision of the Tyler Bro. Martin and Mrs. Martin. This is the first year that the banquet was held in the Masonic Rooms, and passed off with great credit to all those in charge.

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HARTINGTON LODGE, No. 916.

THE installation took place at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 8th inst., when Bro. Henry Colegate, M.D., was installed as Master by his predecessor in office, Bro. H. Benson.

Afterwards about forty Brethren sat down to the banquet, at which the new Master presided.

KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1010.

ON the 6th inst., Bro. Captain Charles Judge, V.D., Senior Warden, was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, which assembled at the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, Hull.

Bro. Judge, in acknowledging the compliment and high honour which the Brethren had paid him in electing him to the highest position in his Mother Lodge, assured the members that he would uphold the distinguished position with Masonic dignity, exhibit true Brotherly feeling to all, and contribute as far as possible to the prosperity of the Lodge.

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HUYSHE LODGE, No. 1099.

THE annual meeting was held at Home Park, Stoke, on Thursday, 14th inst., when Bro. G. F. Miller was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. S. Fry, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters.

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ALNWICK LODGE, No. 1167.

THE annual installation took place on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Prudhoe Street, Alnwick. The ceremony of installing Brother James Phillips as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was ably performed by Bro. R. A. Holt I.P.M.

At the conclusion of the ceremony an interesting event took place in the presentation to Bro. G. Simpson of a valuable gold jewel and a silver snuff box, bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of his services as Treasurer so long and faithfully rendered to the Lodge; also a brooch for Mrs. Simpson. In very felicitous terms Brother R. A. Holt I.P.M. made the presentations, which Bro. G. Simpson accepted and feelingly acknowledged.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Star Hotel, catered by Brother Thomas Horne, at which the newly-installed Master agreeably presided.

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WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated at the Queen's Arms Hotel, George Street, Ashton-under Lyne, on Thursday, 31st ult. and that festival which the Bretons are pleased to call "Monsieur St. Jean" passed off with an amount of success which was gratifying to all concerned. The meeting had been summoned for a very early hour, and no time was lost in getting to the principal business of the day, the installation into the chair of King Solomon of Brother Walter Rawlinson S.W.

A Board of Installed Masters was formed as follows:—Bros. J. Mercer Jones Installing W.M., Walter Newton P.P.J.G.D. as S.W., John Smith P.P.J.G.D. as J.W., G. W. Davies as I.G. Brother Wright Wood P.M. Installing Deacon presented Brother Rawlinson to receive the benefits of installation, the Working Tools in each degree being explained by Brother Newton, whilst the investitures of the Officers was undertaken by Brother J. Smith P.P.J.G.D. who made a special feature of pointing out to the members the useful work performed by Bro. Newton during his fifteen years service in the Lodge.

The following is a list of Officers who will support Brother Rawlinson during his term of Mastership: Bros. Albert Sumner I.P.M., Samuel Grundy Senior Warden, Montgomery Newman Junior Warden, Walter Newton P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treasurer and D.C., Walter Eastwood P.M. P.P.G.S. Sec., J. Mercer Jones P.M. Assistant D.C., Enos Andrew P.P.G.O. (C.) Organist and Musical Director, Alfred Cooper S.D., James Travis J.D., Tom Ogden I.G., Robert Wood and G. W. Davies Stewards, Daniel Birkby Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren generally were given by Bro. Walter Eastwood P.P.G.S.

From beginning to the end, the work of installation was performed with commendable evenness, and a careful preparation was evidenced by the almost imperceptible fluctuations in excellence displayed through the ceremony.

A choice banquet had been provided, to which the Brethren afterwards sat down. During its progress Bro. Wright Wood P.M., by request of the W.M., proposed the health of Brother Walter Newton P.M. P.P.J.G.D. in eulogistic and graceful terms, referring to him as the "Schoolmaster, Treasurer, and Father of the Lodge," having been one of its founders and an active worker since its consecration 25 years ago. He must admit that Brother Newton had been an excellent father, and if they could only act according to his precepts they would become worthy sons of a worthy sire. In the Waverley Lodge he had held the position of Treasurer for a period of fifteen years in succession and during that time he had also worthily held offices in other Lodges. That night he (Brother Wood) departed from the ordinary routine to pay a special compliment to him on account of those services which ought not to go unrequited. As a citizen and townsman, and member of that Lodge, he had been connected with Bro. Newton for many years, and it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he performed the task which had been assigned to him. On behalf of the members he presented to Bro. Newton a combined Past Master's and Treasurer's jewel of solid gold, of beautiful design, and of exquisite workmanship, upon which was engraved this inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. WALTER NEWTON P.M. P.P.J.G.D.,

by the Brethren, as a mark of their esteem for services rendered as Treasurer for fifteen years in succession, and in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Lodge.

31st October 1895.

Bro. Wood concluded by saying that he had often seen Brother Newton with a multiplicity of jewels, which were doubtless valuable, but he hoped that the one presented that night would be considered equally as valuable as any of the others.

Bro. Samuel Grundy S.W. supported the last speaker on behalf of the junior Officers and Brethren of the Lodge, and expressed the gratification which he had derived from association with Bro. Newton, who was a guide, philosopher, and friend to all young Masons, and one to whom they might in case of requirement appeal, with the safe assurance that their confidence would never be betrayed. The speaker said that he had spent many happy hours in the Lodge, but upon none should he look back with a greater degree of pleasure than the present evening, which he described as their silver wedding. Bro. Newton had stood loyal to the Lodge in its many trials and vicissitudes, and through his efforts they had happily surmounted them. Bro. Newton was a worker in the Craft of the highest eminence, as had been recognised by Visiting Brethren, and his urbanity and geniality had endeared

him to all. He spoke admiringly of his zeal and assiduity, and said that the Brethren could not allow this important epoch to pass without commemorating it in some tangible way. They would therefore be pleased if he would accept the jewel, and prize it as not the least in value of the many of which he was the proud possessor.

Brother Newton, who was received with rapturous applause, said that he responded to the toast so eloquently proposed by Bro. Wood with feelings of emotion and the greatest trepidation, hardly knowing what words to employ. He was pleased to admit that he had followed up the tenets of Freemasonry and had supported its noblest bulwark—Charity. He then gave a full and interesting account of the formation of the Lodge, how it obtained its designation of "Waverley," and its history to the present time. He was exceedingly proud to be the father of the Lodge, which, although it had undergone many vicissitudes, was now in its most prosperous stage, financially, numerically, and as regards the efficiency of its Officers. Speaking of his own general interest in connection with the Craft he said that their jewel was the only token which he had received during his long term of membership. He accepted it with the greatest pleasure, and assured them that he would prize it above all his possessions, and wherever he went with the Craft it would always be worn by him. He tendered the Brethren his warmest and grateful thanks for their generosity.

Bro. J. M. Jones P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., saying it was a toast which needed no eulogistic introduction from him to insure its reception with royal honours. In Bro. Rawlinson the Lodge possessed a W.M. who was esteemed by all, and who, if he emulated the work of Bro. Newton, could not fail to fulfil his duties in that excellent manner for which the Waverley Lodge was famous. Bro. Jones then called upon the Brethren to drink the toast enthusiastically, which was done.

Bro. Rawlinson W.M., in reply, thanked them for the way in which they had received his name. Anyone might well be proud of the position in which they had placed him, and which carried with it not only honours, but many cares. He hoped, however, that he would be enabled to perform the duties with satisfaction. A month ago he had received a telegram announcing that he had been unanimously chosen as the successor to Brother Albert Sumner, and though he regretted that the calls of business might sometimes keep him away, yet he would do all he could for the Waverley Lodge, and for Masonry in general. He explained that he was now located at Grimsby, and this fact at one time might have caused him to sever his connection with the Lodge, only for the fact that he had always been happy and comfortable. Their kindness in placing him at their head was all the more to be appreciated by him on account of the distance of his residence, and the uncertainty of his attendance. He hoped, however, that he should justify the choice they had made in selecting him.

Other speeches followed, these being very pleasantly varied by songs and recitations rendered by Bros. Ogden, Cooper, J. W. Tanner P.M. 337, Fred Firth 337, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

A telegram despatched from Bradford (Yorks.) was read by the W.M., as follows:—"Hearty good wishes and congratulations from Brother Buckley. Cannot come to-night. May good digestion wait on all the Brethren's appetites."

Besides those enumerated above, the following were present on this occasion, viz., Bros. John Miller P.M., Geo. Mamwood, William Garside, Joseph Riley P.M., Hy. Stockton, George Parry, Alfred Adams. Visitors:—Bros. Dr. Thos. D. Foreman P.M. 210 Prov.S.G.D., W. Kenworthy P.M. 89 P.P.G.D.C. (C.), Thos. Potter P.M. 300 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. W. Siddall P.M. 268 P.P.S.G.D., Geo. Sam Smith P.M. 1170 1134 P.P.G.Org. (E. and W. Lancs), Ernest Moss P.M. 268 P.P.G.S.B., Hy. Lees W.M. 1088, F. Marland W.M. 1144, Joseph Hulme J.W. 830, H. Lees Holland J.D. 268, J. A. Wood P.M. 89, John Bottomley P.M. 324 P.P.G.S.B. (C.), John Dearden P.M. 830, A. B. Wilkinson P.M. 2322, Thomas Oldham, St. George's, 6 (New York), R. S. Oldham 1144, &c.

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ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Monday, at the monthly meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton, Bro. C. R. Waistell W.M. presiding, on the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. C. Palliser, J.P., P.P.G.S.W., and supported by Bro. George J. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.D.C., a vote of condolence was unanimously passed with Lady Elliot and family on their bereavement consequent on the death of Sir George William Elliot, Bart., who was a Past Master of the Lodge.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. G. J. Robinson, a vote of condolence was also passed with the Right Hon. Lord Bolton Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, on the death of his father.

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CASTLE LODGE, No. 1436.

THE installation of Bro. T. Onslow as Worshipful Master took place on Monday, 11th inst., at Sandgate, Bro. O. H. Smith P.M. performing the duties of Installing Master.

After the installation the Brethren dined together at the Royal Kent Hotel, and during the evening Bro. G. Butcher was presented with a framed testimonial and a purse of gold, in recognition of the able services he has rendered the Lodge during the twenty-one years he has performed the duties of Tyler.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE installation meeting and St. John's Festival in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Percy E. Land at three o'clock, when there were present:—Bros. Fras. Long I.P.M., Ramsey Knight S.W., Chris. Preston J.W., George Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, W. Yeadon S.D., J. S. Done J.D., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., J. Rathbone P.M., W. Biggs P.M., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R., J. Kershaw P.M., H. Preston, S. Woollam, A. H. Norbury, Walter Lees, C. H. Moss, J. H. Rowse, C. F. Davies, J. Kennerley, and T. Jackson.

Visitors:—Bros. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. Grand Sec., J. Varley P.P.G.O. E.L., F. Henry 336, A. Allen 317, J. L. Smith P.M. 1773, F. Burrow 1387, S. W. Dransfield 1213, W. Kay 2144, G. H. Anderson 1213, S. Staton P.M. 317, W. Rushton 1375, J. W. Wood 950, W. H. Moss 2359, W. F. Farrington P.M. 1633, H. Vaughan 1633, J. Hothersall 645, J. R. Ashworth P.M. 1161, J. Schofield Sec. 1161, J. A. Carse 1375, J. MacCallum P.M. 1993, J. Allin 2231, W. Schofield 1161, H. Ogden 1387.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee was presented and accepted.

The ceremony of installation then began, Bro. J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. taking the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Ramsey Knight W.M.-elect was presented for the benefit of installation by the W.M., and, with the assistance of the Past Masters of the Lodge, was installed by Bro. Gillman in his usual impressive manner. The new occupant of the chair of K.S. was proclaimed and saluted in accordance with ancient custom, and the Working Tools were presented by Bro. Jones P.P.G.R.

The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. P. E. Land I.P.M., C. Preston S.W., W. Yeadon J.W., G. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., J. S. Done S.D., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., F. Long P.M. Org., T. Jackson, C. F. Davies, H. Preston, and J. H. Rowse Stewards, William Chesshyre Tyler.

After cordial congratulations to the W.M. from the various Lodges represented, the proceedings were brought to a close.

Subsequently the Brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served, and in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

The Worshipful Master presided, and after dinner submitted the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the other rulers of the Craft.

The I.P.M. Bro. Land, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., and said the Brethren looked forward to a happy and prosperous year of office. He was sure he would prove worthy of the post he had now to fill. The Master's song was sung in fine form by Bro. MacCallum P.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind wishes, and the Brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and said it would be his earnest endeavour to promote the interest of the Lodge and the welfare of the Brethren. With the very efficient Officers he had, and the assistance which he was sure he would receive from the Past Masters, he sincerely hoped to have a successful year.

The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., and in doing so said he was sure they would all drink most heartily to it, for Bro. Land was a Brother who had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge, and had filled the chair of K.S. with honour and ability. Amid great applause he presented Bro. Land with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Land thanked the Brethren for their appreciation of his services as W.M., also for the very handsome presentation they had made him.

Bro. Jones P.P.G.R. proposed the toast of the Visiting Brethren, which was responded to by many of the guests in a hearty manner.

Bro. Burslem P.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master, remarking upon Bro. Gillman's long and valued services to the Lodge, and the high esteem in which he is held by every Brother of it, and also his untiring efforts for its welfare.

Bro. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. responded in his usual happy manner, and thanked Bro. Burslem for the kind words he had said of him and the Brethren for their kind wishes.

The Masonic Charities were next honoured, and suitably replied to. The W.M. gave the toasts of the Officers, and Bro. C. Preston proposed the Past Masters.

In each case they were heartily received and responded to.

The musical arrangements were very enjoyable. Bro. J. Varley P.P.G.O. East Lancs. presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by Bros. MacCallum, Dransfield, Rushton, J. Schofield, and Allin; also recitations by Bro. R. Lissenden.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 1565.

THE annual festival, and installation of Bro. J. W. Leighton S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, was held at the Masonic Hall, Lymn, on Thursday, 7th inst.

The retiring Master Bro. A. C. Sparkes undertook the duties of installation, ably assisted by Bros. John Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. and Bro. Hooper P.M. P.G.D.D.C. There was a large number of members and Visiting Brethren from the local Lodges present.

Bro. R. Newhouse Prov.G. Secretary said he had exceeding great pleasure in offering to the newly-installed Master the congratulations of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton. At the same time he would offer his own congratulations in seeing Bro. Leighton placed in the chair of the Lodge. He assured the Brethren he had watched the career of Bro. Leighton in Masonry with a great amount of pleasure. He might say first of all that he was glad Bro. Sparkes had taken the hint that he (Bro. Newhouse) had offered to the late Master, that he would instal his successor. He begged to thank Bro. Sparkes for the manner in which he had installed Bro. Leighton; it was rarely he had seen it done so well. Mention had been made of the duties performed by the Secretary. No one in the Province had greater knowledge of what was expected from the Secretary than Bro. Evans. He was pleased the Brethren had re-appointed Bro. Evans as charity representative of the Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Newhouse said he would have much pleasure in communicating to Lord Egerton the fact of his visit to the Earl of Chester Lodge.

The Brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet provided by the worthy hostess of the Church Hotel, Mrs. Macread. Songs and recitations interspersed the speeches.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A LARGE assembly of Brethren took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on the occasion of the installation as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year of Bro. Francis Henry Vaughan Senior Warden, who was elected at the last meeting of the Lodge in October. The Lodge was favoured on the occasion with the presence of visitors from the Lodges in York and the home and other Provinces.

The retiring Master Brother James Smith presided, and acted as Installing Officer, being assisted by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.G.S.B. England P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. G. Lamb P.M. P.P.G.J.D., and others.

Letters of apology for absence were read from the Marquis of Zetland Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, Lord Bolton Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Very Rev. the Dean of York P.M. P.G.Chap., J. S. Cumberland P.M. Asst.G.D.C. England and P.P.G.W., &c., all offering hearty good wishes to the incoming Worshipful Master and prosperity to the Lodge.

The financial statement, presented by Brother J. L. Spetch P.M., was received and adopted, and Brother J. Blenkin P.M. P.P.G.D. was appointed charity representative.

A vote of condolence was moved and carried to Lord Bolton on the death of his father, and the proceedings in connection with the installation closed with hearty good wishes from the visitors.

The installation banquet took place at the North Eastern Hotel, when

Bro. Halliwell served an excellent menu. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by upwards of sixty Brethren and visitors. At the close of the banquet the toast list was submitted and honoured.

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WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

A SOCIAL evening was held on the 15th, in the Masonic Hall, St. Luke Street, Hull. The hall was very prettily decorated, and there was a large attendance, including Bro. A. Spring W.M.

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GRAYS VALLEY LODGE, No. 2147.

THE installation meeting of this successful and flourishing Lodge was held at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Saturday, 9th inst., Bro. J. Marshall P.M. W.M.

The minutes having been confirmed, Brother J. Pollard P.M. presented Bro. R. J. Pugh S.W. and W.M.-elect to Bro. G. Harlow P.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was followed by the appointment of Officers.

Mr. A. Mitchell was then initiated by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, received and adopted, which showed the Lodge to be in a good financial position. Bro. J. Pollard P.M. was elected Charity Representative of the Lodge, which position he has faithfully carried out for several years. The name of a candidate for initiation was proposed for the next meeting.

After closing, the Brethren adjourned to the Library, where a recherché banquet was provided by Bro. Marshall, which gave general satisfaction. The cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were presented by the W.M.

Bro. Marshall I.P.M. presented the toast of the W.M. The Lodge was to be congratulated on having such a Master, and he felt that the prestige of it would be fully maintained.

In reply, the W.M. said he was grateful for so cordial a reception, and such kind remarks. It had always been his ambition to succeed to the chair in the Lodge, and having arrived at that summit he would faithfully perform his duties as hitherto.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the I.P.M. Brother Marshall, remarking upon the able service he had rendered to the Lodge during two years, and for which a bar had been added to his jewel, which he thoroughly deserved.

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MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 8th inst., Brother W. B. Akerman W.M.

In anticipation of a large amount of business, the meeting had been called for a very early hour, and very little time was lost in commencing proceedings. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. Francis John Burt, Accountant, and he was afterwards initiated by the W.M., the Antient Charge being rendered by Bro. Smith Secretary.

The following Brethren were also successfully balloted for as joining members, viz., Bros. Frank Jerome Large, Manager, Withington; Joseph Abdan Kouri Haddad, Merchant, Manchester; and George Leroy, Wine Merchant, Manchester.

Brothers Arthur Barlow, and Adam Still were passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being entrusted to the capable hands of the I.P.M. The Working Tools in both degrees were presented and explained by Brother Charlton J.W.

At the festive board the duty of proposing the health of the candidates fell to the lot of the W.M., the same being responded to in suitable terms.

In response to the health of the W.M., admirably introduced by Brother Arnold I.P.M., the former said that so long as his connection with the Lodge lasted he would do his best on its behalf, and try to carry out with calmness and in a worthy manner, the various duties which might devolve upon him. Before concluding his remarks he proposed the health of Brother Arnold, adding that he had already done much good in the Lodge, his heart and soul being in the work. He expressed a fervent hope that his interest in it would never cease.

Brother Arnold responded, saying that in the first place he was very much obliged to the Brethren for the manner in which they had accepted the toast of his health. He reverted to his first connection with the Lodge, stating that when the idea was formulated he had immediately undertaken to lend whatever aid he could. At the present moment they numbered twenty-three members, and for the introduction of many of them he was personally responsible. He assured the Brethren nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the success which, for so young a Lodge, they had already attained. Of the Lodges, he wished theirs to be "par excellence," and strongly advocated that the Officers should attend instruction meetings, so as to perfect themselves in the work.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, saying that there was no doubt as to their being able to perform the duties in a way which would maintain the dignity of the Lodge. He impressed upon them in a few friendly strictures the necessity for punctuality.

The remarks elicited replies from the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The former said that he admired the toast, which had included himself, but wondered whether the W.M. had intended it as a vote of censure. In any case he promised to support him most loyally, even if this necessitated many sacrifices, to which Brother Akerman had alluded.

The Junior Warden explained that he had travelled by land and sea to be present in the Lodge that evening. He, too, promised to afford all that attention and assistance which should tend to make THE Manchester Lodge one of the best in the Province.

Other toasts followed, these being varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Brothers Arnold, Smith, Eason, Still, Barlow, Walmsley, Brocklehurst, and Roberts.

Bro. Jefferies was the accompanist.

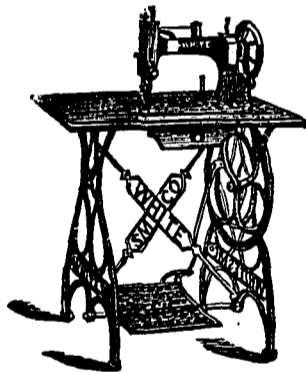
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PEACE LODGE, No. 2269.

ON Thursday, 31st ult., the members met in the Masonic Rooms, King Street, Wigan, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Hugh Davies as W.M.

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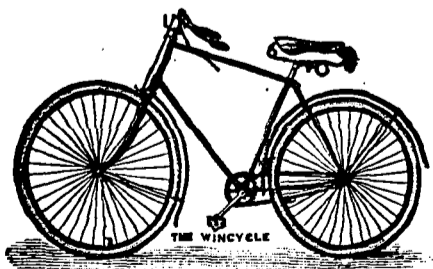
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Adelphi.—8, The Swordsman's Daughter.
Princess's.—7.45, A Dark Secret.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Prince of Wales's.—7-35. A Woman's Caprice.
8-15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8-30, The Squire of Dames.
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 9-50, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.
Garrick.—8, The Interview. 8-20, The Professor's Love Story.
Avenue.—9, Mrs. Ponderbury's Past.
Duke of York's.—8, Giddy Galatea 8-45, Her Advocate.
Daly's.—8-15, Second edition of An Artist's Model.
Vaudeville.—8-30, Merrifield's Ghost. 9, Poor Mr. Potton.
Comedy.—8, The benefit of the Doubt.
Haymarket.—8-30, Trilby. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Manxman,
Lyric.—8, The Brick-a-brack Will.
St James's.—8-15, The Misogynist and the Divided Way.
Savoy.—8-30, The Mikado.
Opera Comique.—8, A Model Trilby.
Strand.—8, The Man in the Street. 8-50, Niobe.
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. At 8-50, Titania. At 10-45, Lochinvar.
Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8, On Brighton Pier. 10-15, Faust.
Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.
Oxford.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
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NEXT WEEK.

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Monday.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons-hall
26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Ho.
28 Old King's Arms, F'mason'-hall
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrews, Albion Tavern
706 Florence Nightingale, W'olwich
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey & Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
1745 Farringdon (Without), Via. Ho.
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel
1910 Shadwell Clarke, M. M. Hall
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
62 Social, Manchester
148 Lights, Warrington
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester
2429 Research, Leicester

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
186 Industry, Freemasons-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
259 Prince Wales, Hotel Metropole
1158 Southern Star, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Oxford
366 St. David, Milford
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
859 Isaac Newton University, Cambridge
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1942 Minerva, Fenton
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
2001 Narberth, Narberth

- 2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2358 Mona, Castletown
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Wednesday.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons-hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
754 High Cross, Tottenham
893 Temperance in East, Poplar
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons-hall
1768 Progress, Freemasons-hall
1818 Clapham, Criterion
2331 Boro' of Greenwich, E. G'wich
2395 Avondale, Brixton
2416 Hiram, Freemasons-hall
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
32 St. George of Harmony, L'pool.
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
86 Loyalty, Preston-Lanc.
117 Salopian Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
320 Loyalty, Mottram
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
540 Stuart, Bedford
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
651 Brecknock, Brecon
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
697 United, Colchester
724 Derby, Liverpool
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
887 Leigh, Birmingham
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
996 Sondes, East Dereham
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1088 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Surrey
1723 St. George, Bolton
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church, nr Acerrington
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2435 Wineslai, Winslow
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons-h.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons-hall
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge Ho Ho.
766 William Preston, Cannon St.
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1421 Langthorne, Ilford
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
1563 City of Westminster, Café Ryl.
1608 Kilburn, Kilburn Gate
1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Mas. Hall
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
1974 St. Mary Abbot, Kensington
2012 Chiswick, Kew Bridge
2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern
2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel

- 2319 Scots, Fleet Street
2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Ct.
39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
71 Unity, Lowestoft
78 Impl. George, Middleton, Lanc.
111 Restoration, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
403 Hertford, Hertford
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
475 St John Baptist, Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
710 Pleiades, Totnes
772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
809 U Good Fellowship, Wisbech
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 St. Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.

- 1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Army and Navy, Aldershot
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham
2028 Granite, Marlborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover?
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle Wilbraham, West Derby
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
318 True and Faithful, Helston
355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
445 Fidelity, Towcester
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyne
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
566 St. Germain, Selby
602 North York, Middlesboro'
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
712 Lindsey, Louth
810 Craven, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1462 Wharmliffe, Penistone
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton

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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, Ropemaker St.
 174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
 180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8
 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, Sidcup, 7
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, 8
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, 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
 1830 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, Knightrider 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
 871 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton Road, Deptford, 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7-30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7-30
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8

- 1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road, 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
 2346 Warrant Officers, 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 Bolgrave, 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 Rooms, White Hart Hotel, 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
 169 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross, 8
 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
 1135 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, New Cross House, New Cross, 7
 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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