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WE have much pleasure in tendering our readers the best of good wishes at this Festive period, and trust the new year, shortly to be started upon, will prove a happy and a prosperous one for every member of the Craft. There are abundant signs of the further advance of Freemasonry in our midst, and we hope it will be our good fortune to long continue our labours in the cause, thereby securing for us frequent opportunities of wishing our readers

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OUR EARLY LODGES.

DESPITE the adverse comments that followed our remarks when criticising the position taken up by the friends of Bro. John Lane, in their endeavours to place the statements contained in his "Records" before those of Grand Lodge, as shown in the Official Calendar of the Craft; and despite the oft-repeated statements that the authorities regard his work as the most valuable compilation ever issued in connection with English Freemasonry, and accept all its statements as irrefutable, we notice that the Calendar Committee has not adopted Bro. Lane's views in regard to the date of establishment of some of the older Lodges on the Register, but prefers rather to continue to display that "gross ignorance" which originally led Bro. John Chadwick to address us on the subject as he did a few weeks back.

We awaited the appearance of Grand Lodge Calendar for the new year with some interest, as we were anxious to see what steps would be taken to officially endorse the very high-handed statements of Bro. Lane's admirers; but we are by no means surprised to find he and his views are quietly ignored, and we venture to believe such a course will be persevered in until such time as the whole question is brought before Grand Lodge, and a Committee appointed to carefully consider the subject. This, or something of the kind, seems to us to be imperative, in view of the many divergencies to be found in the statement of the Grand Lodge Calendar as compared with Bro. Lane's "Records," which latter work is regarded in some quarters as officially, or semi-officially endorsed by Grand Lodge.

There are some, perhaps, who will blame us for again referring to this subject, as being likely to create strife in our midst; but we must at once remove any such impression—it being far from our desire to cause unpleasantness in regard to this controversy concerning the date of origin of the earlier Lodges. We are quite ready to believe there are errors in the dates set down in the Calendar, but we must adhere to the position we originally took up: until Grand Lodge amends its records they must be regarded as law, despite the discoveries or surmises of individual writers engaged in the work of analysing Masonic History.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence's last meeting for the year 1895 was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, with the President Bro. Robert Grey in the chair. Bro. D. D. Mercer P.G.P. Senior Vice-President elected at last Grand Lodge, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President re-elected on the same occasion, occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs, while the Grand Secretary's office was represented by the Grand Secretary Bro. Edward Letchworth, the Assistant Grand Secretary Brother W. Lake, Brothers W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Frank Palmer, and Henry Sadler Grand Tyler.

Among the present and past Grand Officers, and the elected members of the Board, were Bros. W. M. Stiles, Richard Eve, Henry Garrod, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. Valentine, S. V. Abraham, C. J. R. Tijou, John Newton, W. Fisher, George Graveley, Wm. Vincent, George B. Chapman, Charles Dairy, S. H. Goldschmidt, James Bunker, and Walter Martin; and amongst Masters and Past Masters of Lodges: Bros. W. A. Anson, M. I. Emanuel, J. R. Bottomley, E. W. Smith, A. H. Lilley, James Boulton, G. Powell, Thomas Lewis, F. L. Chandler, A. B. P. Collins, George Willson, John E. Peters, George Abbott, H. Massey, George Wale, Emil Apelt, George E. W. Tucker, Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Blunt, F. Mecey, Edmond J. Turnbull, C. H. A. S. Harris, Frederick Thomas, Edwin Evans, Henry Ball, Walter Merritt, W. A. Scurrah, J. T. Rowe, M. Siegenberg, D. A. Langdon, Charles Henry Stone, G. Booker, E. Salomons, E. W. Nightingale, George P. Gillard, John K. Groom, T. H. Barker, W. H. Wellsman, and Edward Wavell.

The Brethren first confirmed the amount of £360 recommended at the last meeting that the Grand Master should grant, and afterwards dealt with forty-seven cases, from Metropolitan district, Deal, Sittingbourne, Barrow-in-Furness, Farnham, Malvern, Ramsgate, Carmarthen, Winchester, Appleby, Leeds, Jersey, Folkestone, Teddington, Todmorden, Oxford, Abingdon, Maidenhead, and South Shields. A total sum of £925 was voted. Two petitioners were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each, three to the Grand Master for £40 each, five for £30 each, and two for £25 each. Fifteen petitioners were granted £20 each, one £15, and nineteen £10 each.

THE BOYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WE are glad to learn the response for the Scholarship Fund for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys continues to be most gratifying to the promoters. Amongst recent donors are the well-known names of Bros. D. P. Cama P.G.Treas., Frank Richardson, Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, and F. Flood P.G.D., each contributing 10 guineas; Sir John B. Monckton, C. F. Marshall S.G.D., E. Pierpoint (W. Lancs.), and Sir A. Fairbairn, five guineas each, besides numerous representative donors of smaller amounts. The Percy Lodge, No. 198, and the Grand Officers' Mess have also contributed ten guineas each; the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, five guineas respectively, while the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction have made a handsome addition to the previous sum announced.

We learn from our contemporary, "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," that Bro. Phillips has the credit of having moved in Grand Committee that the three degrees should not be given in any Lodge on one night, which rule has now passed into Grand Lodge laws. All honour to Bro. Phillips for taking the lead in this most desirable regulation, and all honour to the Scottish Brethren who so far supported him as to make the resolution a part of the laws of their Grand Lodge.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

ATTENDED by representatives of the Craft from all parts of the county, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 12th, at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, the Provincial Grand Master His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Lord-Lieutenant of Notts, presiding.

The reports presented were of a gratifying character, showing an increase in the number of members in the Province.

In regard to the work of the Benevolent and Educational Committee it was mentioned that during the past year one child of a deceased Mason had been elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, whilst an annuity had been secured for an aged Brother.

It was decided to establish in the Province a museum for the care of objects of interest in relation to Masonry. Bro. J. Potter Briscoe, F.R.H.S., public librarian of Nottingham, accepted the appointment of honorary librarian and curator.

Bro. J. H. Bradwell P.M. Southwell Lodge, No. 405 was elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Enoch Hind P.M. 1405.

The Duke of St. Albans afterwards appointed the following as Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

Bro. T. Salisbury 1909	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. Sansom 1852	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. F. Boot 939	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. H. T. Hayman 402	-	-	-	
R. A. A. Webster 411 and 1493	-	-	-	Registrar
A. Stubbs 402	-	-	-	Secretary
Captain W. H. Tomasson 402 and 1852	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
H. E. Wilson 47	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Howitt 1794	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Levy 1435	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. Hallam 1909	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Parker Woodward 1434	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. J. Lazenby 1802	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. W. J. Barnes 1434 and 2302	-	-	-	
J. G. Carver 1493	-	-	-	Organist
J. P. W. Marx 1909	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
H. W. Hutchinson 1661	-	-	-	Pursuivant
F. W. Fox 2017	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. Wilford 47	-	-	-	Stewards
T. Knight 939	-	-	-	
W. J. Rorke 1794	-	-	-	
J. Greenwood 1852	-	-	-	
Joseph Page 2017	-	-	-	
J. D. Fidler 2412	-	-	-	Tyler
J. I. Turner	-	-	-	
T. Malender 939	-	-	-	
				Assistant Tyler.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—May I ask you to insert the enclosed letter in your next issue, and greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GIEVE.

Portsmouth, 18th December 1896.

(Copy.)

High Street, Portsmouth,

11th December 1895.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While thanking most sincerely yourself and those Brethren who so kindly promised to support me in my candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, I deem it right to explain that under the circumstances of the nomination of Bro. W. H. Bailey, and having regard to the evident feeling in Grand Lodge that there should be unanimity at this election, I decided, after consultation with my friends, not to put in nomination this year.

I shall, on a future occasion, ask you to kindly redeem your promise, and I hope meanwhile to retain your valued influence and support.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN W. GIEVE.

Prov. Grand Treasurer Hants and Isle of Wight.

A marriage is arranged between Evelyn F. F. W., daughter of Caroline N. H., widow of the late Bro. John G. Manby, and Mowbray Aston Greene, son of the late Major T. Greene, and nephew of the late General Sir George Greene, K.C.B., of the Indian Army. It will take place quietly, owing to recent decease of Mrs. Greene.

NORTH LONDON BENEVOLENCE.

THE eleventh annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., and has been arranged to take place on Thursday, 30th January, under the presidency of Bro. George Cook P.M. 820, while among the Vice-Presidents are Bros. James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. Bro. Herbert Sprake P.M. 2192 will again act as Treasurer to the Ball Committee, and Bro. Frederic Humphreys, 16 Clerkenwell Road, E.C., as Honorary Secretary for the second time. Last year a no less sum than ninety guineas was subscribed to the three Institutions, an amount greatly in excess of that subscribed in previous years. It is hoped that the ball of 1896 may produce a still more favourable result.

DEVONSHIRE CHARITY.

THE first annual meeting of the Western District Masonic Charities Association was held on the 13th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The financial report showed that £63 had been subscribed, producing twelve life governorships, seven of which had been taken in the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and the remaining five in the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. This was felt to be a most satisfactory result for the initiatory year, and the more encouraging feature is that there is every sign of next year's working being a still greater success. The Committee of Management for the forthcoming year having been appointed, the members proceeded to ballot for two life governorships, which fell to Bro. F. B. Westlake P.M. 70 and Bro. Christopher Watson P.M. 954.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

GENERAL regret has been expressed at the death of Bro. J. R. Cordell, of Clapton, who was widely known and highly respected. He was prominent in local Freemasonry, being Preceptor of several Lodges of Instruction. He was a P.M. and Treas. and a P.Z. of New Concord, No. 813.

ALDERMAN W. E. Morrison, J.P., of Eastbourne, died on the 10th inst. He was an enthusiastic Freemason, whose long and devoted services to the Craft won for him the honoured position of Senior Grand Warden of Sussex, and was much respected in Eastbourne, where he for three years filled the position of Mayor.

A WORKER OF THE PAST.

THERE has just passed from our midst an old Freeman, who, though he was not an educated man, has left his mark in a very remarkable manner in the early progress of Freemasonry in Hull, the East Riding of Yorkshire, and North Lincolnshire. Brother Thomas Hewson P.M. 57 P.P.G.S.B. North Lincolnshire and East Yorkshire, died on the 7th inst., aged 81 years. Bro. Hewson was initiated in the Humber Lodge (then No. 65), 15th December 1846. In 1848 he was appointed Junior Deacon, in 1851 Junior Warden, and in 1863 he was elected Worshipful Master of that important Lodge, an honour he had well earned by his plodding and unwearied industry in acquiring a knowledge of the details of the working of the ritual of both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. In his endeavour to gain a full knowledge of the subject he was generally assisted by an old veteran in the Craft, Brother Jeremiah Stark, a Past Master of the Humber Lodge, one of its founders and for years its Secretary, Brother Stark, at an early date, was a very expert Freemason, a diligent student in all the mysteries and ceremonies of ancient Freemasonry, and he generally assisted Brother Hewson in his endeavours to master the details of the ritual, of which so very little was known at that time. At the death of Past Master Bro. Stark, Brother T. Hewson was able to supply a much-felt want. With his knowledge and experience he was able to assist in most of the ceremonies, necessary in the proper conducting of all the several duties incumbent upon the Master and Officers in carrying out the working of the ritual of Freemasonry, which, up to that, had been oral and known only to very few. His services were in great request in Hull, where there were at that time only two Lodges—the Humber and the Minerva. He also assisted the Master and Officers of the Constitution Lodge at Beverley, and the Pelham Pillar Lodge at Grimsby. He was always ready and willing to assist on all necessary and convenient occasions. Time passed on, and then arose men who, having diligently improved their opportunities, were able to do the work of the several Lodges. About 1867 Lodges of Instruction were regularly held, and so the ceremonies and rituals became better known, and were skilfully conducted by able and efficient Past Masters.—“Eastern Morning News.”

CONSECRATIONS.

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RADNOR LODGE.

THE consecration of the Radnor Lodge, No. 2587, was performed with full and perfect ritual in the Lodge Room, at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone, on the 11th inst., by Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master of Kent, assisted by Brother E. Letchworth Grand Secretary of England, and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers.

The Lodge Room is admirably adapted for so impressive a ceremony, and comfortably accommodated the 161 Brethren present.

An excellent choir, consisting of Brothers C. E. Perry, W. Francis, the Rev. E. V. Bryan, the Rev. C. F. Snaith, E. Pepper, Chaffer, F. Franklin, and Couchman, who rendered the anthems and hymns in excellent style, tended to heighten the interest in the ceremony. For some time past Bros. Col. W. K. Westropp, the Rev. J. E. Player, Col. Hamilton, E. T. Ward, and Dr. De Butts, with others, have been working strenuously in order that the beautiful ceremony might pass off in a satisfactory manner, and judging from the result they must feel highly gratified.

The ceremony was fixed for 2.15 p.m., and shortly after that time a procession, headed by the Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Brother E. Hire, consisting of the Prov. Grand Master of Wilts Lord Radnor, the Grand Secretary of England Bro. Letchworth, and the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent, entered the Lodge Room. After the Prov. Grand Master had taken the chair, he honoured Bro. Saunders W.M. of Temple Lodge, by appointing him his Junior Warden for the day. The Prov. G. Master of Kent (Earl Amherst), the Prov. G. Master of Wilts (Lord Radnor), and Bro. E. Letchworth were then formally saluted by the Brethren.

Brother the Rev. J. E. Player Chaplain gave the following Oration on the nature and principles of the Institution:—It has been the custom, from time immemorial, that on such an occasion as this a few words should be spoken on the nature and principles of our Institution. My object, therefore, in addressing you on this eventful day, is to lay before you as clearly, and, having regard to the shortness of the time at my disposal as concisely as I can, the nature and purposes of Freemasonry; nor, in fulfilling this object, do I consider that it is necessary I should go very far outside the limits of that instruction which you have all received at the various stages of your career as Masons. In the earlier stages of that career you were told that Freemasonry is a system of morality. But as there is no form of religious worship which does not inculcate its system of morality, so can there be no system of morality which is not deeply imbued with the spirit of religion. It is impossible for anyone to be religiously good who is not at the same time a man of exemplary morals, and the converse proposition is equally true that it is impossible for anyone to be morally good in himself and towards his fellow men without being actuated by a sense of true religion. Hence it is that a man who does not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being is ineligible to be received into our Society. Such a man, if indeed there be such a one, which may well be doubted, would be unable to put in practice those principles of morality which it is the purpose of Freemasonry to instil into our minds. It would be an absurdity for the Master of one of our Lodges to recommend to the serious consideration of one who has no faith in God the Sacred Volume of the Law, which is the basis of our Masonic Faith, and by the help of which, we are told, we shall be taught the important duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. But because I tell you, as many others before me in the position I now occupy have told you, that Freemasonry is a system of morality, and that it is impossible for morality to be void of all sense of religion, we must not commit the serious error of imagining that Freemasonry is a religion, or that it was ever intended to be a substitute for religion. Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion, but it is not a religion in itself, neither is it possible, as I have endeavoured to show you, for anyone to be really and truly a Freemason who is not deeply imbued with the spirit of religion. In the words of our well beloved Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whom may God speedily restore and long preserve to us, "Freemasonry is not religion, but it is the next best thing to it." Freemasonry is not religion, but it is religious, and the great text book of the Institution is the Holy Bible.

Having described to you the nature of Freemasonry, let me enter upon the second part of my duty, that of explaining to you the purposes for which Freemasonry, in its present speculative form, was established. You are all aware, indeed the evidence of the fact is before you at this very moment, that the Volume of the Sacred Law, which as I have said is the basis of our whole system, and which was recommended to your most serious consideration immediately after your initiation into our mysteries, occupies the most prominent place in all our Lodges.

That Sacred Volume is the inspired Word of Him whom we all speak of with awe and reverence as the Architect and Supreme Ruler of the Universe. But it is not always the same sacred volume which occupies this place of honour. In Lodges composed of Christian members, who profess Christianity, it is the Holy Bible, and comprises both the old and new Testaments. But in Hebrew Lodges it would be the Old Testament only; in Lodges of Mohammedans the Koran; and in those whose members are attached to other faiths, the sacred writings of their religion. But what becomes of the claim which Freemasonry has justly advanced of being a universal system in the face of that material, I will go further still, and say, those fundamental differences of opinion among its members? The answer to this question is immediate and clear. Religion is the basis on which Freemasonry is established, but it is religion without the slightest trace of sectarianism. But the principles of morality, which are contained in every form of religious cult, are the same. I have said that a man who does not believe in God cannot be a Mason, but Masonry takes no heed of the particular form which that belief may assume. The principles of morality are the same in all cults. The Mohammedan and the Brahmin, equally with the Jew and the Christian, know well that his duty to God consists in never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the Creator; in imploring His aid on all their lawful undertakings, and in looking up to Him, in every emergency, for comfort and support. They know, all of them, equally well, that the duty they owe to their neighbour is to act with him on the square, to render him every kind of office which justice and mercy may require, to relieve his necessities and sooth his afflictions; and, generally, to do unto him as they would he should do unto them in similar circumstances. All of them know equally well that their duty to themselves consists in adopting such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may conduce to the preservation of their corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy, to the end that they may be the better enabled to exert those talents with which God has blessed them, as well to His glory as to the welfare of their fellow creatures. They, all of them, are equally well aware that it is their duty to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil responsibilities, and to cultivate the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. All of them alike recognise that it is their duty to be influenced by the dictates of Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude and Justice, and above all that, Charity, without which, though they might possess all knowledge and all faith, and though they might bestow all their goods to feed the poor, it would profit them nothing, in the sight of their Creator.

In fine, Freemasonry is that code or system of morals without which no form of religion is perfect, while its purposes are to instil into the minds of those who truly and voluntarily enrol themselves under its banner to fulfil those duties, and to cultivate the knowledge of those virtues, which are possessed in common by all religious faiths; and my earnest hope and prayer is that those who have united to found the Lodge which is shortly about to be dedicated to God's service, as well as those whom they may hereafter admit into its fellowship, shall so order their lives, both in private and in public, as to be an honour to the Society of which they are, or shall be in time to come, members. May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon you all, may the richest Benediction of the Eternal Father attend the work which has been so auspiciously begun here to-day, and may He, the Most High, grant to each one of us and to all our Brethren, wherever they may be, a further mark of His most gracious favour at the last.

A beautiful and appropriate anthem, specially composed for the occasion by Brother Rev. E. V. Eustace Bryan, was exquisitely sung by the choir, he playing the accompaniment.

After the consecration had been completed, the Grand Secretary installed Bro. Lord Radnor as the first Master of the Radnor Lodge, and the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers.

A number of Brethren were proposed as Joining Members, and there were four candidates proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed.

At 5.15 the Brethren assembled at the Pavilion Hotel, to partake of the sumptuous banquet which had been prepared by Brother Spurgen, and for which his hotel is so eminently distinguished. Upwards of eighty Brethren attended, under the presidency of Lord Radnor.

At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, after which the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was duly honoured.

The next toast, which was proposed by Earl Amherst, was the M.W. Pro G.M., the Deputy and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past.

This was responded to by Brother E. Letchworth, who, after thanking the company on behalf of those Brethren whose names

had been mentioned, but who were not present, assured them that it gave him great pleasure in helping to start a new Lodge which he felt had so great a future before it.

The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Letchworth. He alluded to the honour he had had that afternoon in installing Lord Radnor as W.M. of the Lodge, and was sure that under his Lordship's able and genial rule it would be one of the most successful and prosperous Lodges in the Province.

Lord Radnor, in responding, assured them all of the pleasure it gave him to accept the office of the first Master. He was never more pleased than when he was asked to take that office. He thought Folkestone was quite large enough, and there was plenty of room, for two Lodges in the town. He was sorry that he could not spend more of his time in Folkestone, but the fact was, that his ancestors had handed him down a residence and large estates in Wilts, to which he was tied. He could not be in two places at once, and he could not be doing his duty in Wilts when he was with them in Folkestone, although he would much prefer his name to have been Earl of Folkestone instead of Earl of Radnor, a title which was given years ago to one of his ancestors, who was given a title which had lapsed. He could assure them that he had the best interests of Folkestone at heart, and he would do all he could for the town.

Brother Col. Hamilton J.W. in a brief speech proposed the Visitors, which was responded by Brothers Russell and C. J. Saunders W.M. 538.

The Officers of the Lodge was next proposed by the W.M., to which the S.W. Bro. Colonel W. K. Westropp responded. He said if they looked around they would find that the church, the law, medicine, and the army had all their representatives in the Officers of the Radnor Lodge. He trusted that had gained some knowledge of that tact, courtesy, and good fellowship which was so essential to the prosperity and well being of every institution, and without which no Lodge in Freemasonry could exist. On his own behalf, and he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of every Officer in the Lodge, he said they were animated with the same wish and desire to carry out with zeal, and to the best of their ability, the duties connected with the different offices of the Lodge, and were impressed with the idea to forward its interests by every means in their power, and by their individual and combined action to render it worthy of their name; and they hoped in time by its merits to rank at least as one of the foremost of the many Lodges in this distinguished Province of Kent. When the centenary of that Lodge came, he hoped that it would be found vigorous, prosperous, and happy, and that there would be an Earl of Radnor again to grace the chair.

The other Officers who responded were Bros. E. T. Ward S.D., Lieut.-Col. G. H. O'Malley D.C., F. Hall Treasurer, and A. H. Gardner Secretary.

The Tyler's toast, given by Brother Butcher, brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Perry, Lafone, Clements, and W. Francis. The music at the banquet was arranged under the able direction of Bro. H. G. Clements, who also accompanied.

During the evening a telegram was sent to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. J. S. Eastes P.G.D. Eng., conveying the hearty good wishes of the Brethren for his speedy recovery.—"Folkestone Express."

QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE.

BY the consecration of this Lodge, numbered 2584 on the Register, and which took place at the Conservative Club, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, on Thursday, 12th inst., the roll of Lodges in the Province of East Lancashire is brought up to 111. Strange to say, this is the only one which bears the full title "Queen Victoria."

In spite of a miserably wet and boisterous day, there was a capital attendance of Brethren, and shortly after the hour of 3 p.m. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master commenced the ceremony, being assisted in his labours by Bro. A. H. Duffin P.M. 1134 Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and other Grand and Provincial Officers, of whom there was a powerful array, prominent among them being:—Bros. Edmund Ashworth P.G.D., John Chadwick P.G.Swd.Bearer Prov. Grand Secretary, J. H. Sillitoe P.G.Std.B., James Heelis P.P.G.S.W., A. H. Jefferis P.P.G.W., J. J. Meakin P.P.G.J.W., Rev. J. W. Challenor Prov.G.Chaplain, J. Wrigley Prov.G.Treas., Wm. Hy. Norton Prov.G.D.Reg., James Andrew P.P.G.S.D., Dr. T. D. Foreman Prov.G.S.D., Thomas Ramsay Prov.J.G.D., J. W. Millward Prov.G.S. of W., J. Cliffe P.P.G.D.C., J. N. Woolmer Prov.G.A.D.C., William Bee Prov.G.A.D.C., Thomas Rigby Prov.G.S.B., James Bromley Prov.G.Std.B., T. Wolstenholme Prov.G.Org., George Sam Smith P.P.G.O., A. H. Williams P.P.G.O., and James Newton Prov.Assist.G.Sec.

Bro. Starkie, in a somewhat brief address, said they were

met as members of the Masonic Fraternity on a very auspicious occasion. It was most gratifying to himself as well as to others present to see that Masonry flourished in the large and opulent city of Manchester, and in the great and influential Province of East Lancashire. Their institution was founded upon the highest principles of morality, and those who had joined in its mysteries had learned that by adhering to its principles, and to the tenets they held, they would not only become better citizens, but better qualified to carry out the law of charity and benevolence towards their Brethren and all mankind. He sincerely wished the new Lodge every prosperity and success, and hoped it would become distinguished for its excellence, and become a worthy example to others.

Subsequently Bro. Challenor Prov.G.Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Craft. He contended that if the tenets and principles of the Order were carried out in their integrity by the Brethren in all the commonplace affairs of every day life, Freemasons and Fræmasonry, powerful as they were now, must become more effective still, because of the tendency to propagate all that which was right and virtuous. The term "Brother Mason" ought to be synonymous with "Brother man." They knew that often it was so, although in Freemasonry, as in every trade and profession, every community and every system, there were those who were untrue to the principles and tenets handed down to them. He hoped they might make that Lodge an example of virtue and Brotherly love to the sister Lodges which might come after it.

The installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. Councillor Samuel Irvin Mills P.M. 1077 was next proceeded with, this portion of the ceremonial having been relegated to Bro. Sillitoe. Bro. Wm. Bird Midgley I.P.M. 1534 was placed in the S.W.'s chair, while Bro. Thomas Nesbitt Sec. 1055 occupied the position of J.W. The other Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. C. W. Godby P.M. 1077 Acting I.P.M. and Treas., Thos. Syms 1088 Sec., William Richardson 1077 S.D., John Foulkes 1077 J.D., Alpine Thomas McGregor P.M. 654 D.C., Richard Harding Williams 1077 I.G., Jonathan Pollitt P.M. 1055 Charity Rep., Wm. Moulton J.W. 654 Org., Joseph King 1077, Jas. Parkinson 1077, and Joseph Arthur Gee 163 Stewards.

In addition to these Officers the founders include Bros. Nathl. Whittaker 1077, Edward Newton 1077, and Herbert Whitcombe 1077.

At the close of these proceedings the Brethren adjourned to the Cheetham Town Hall, where a banquet was provided, Bro. Mills W.M. presiding. Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly relieved by the singing of a glee party, composed of Bros. Wm. Dunville P.M., J. Robinson P.M., A. S. Kinnell, and Tom Bradbury.

During the evening the following telegram, in answer to one despatched in the course of the day, was received from the Queen's Private Secretary:—"The Queen thanks you for kind message from Brethren of Queen Victoria Lodge of Freemasons." A loyal message was also forwarded to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master.

It is not in Freemasonry alone that the President of the Board of Benevolence devotes his time to charitable work. He is Treasurer of the Foundling Hospital, an office in which he was chosen to succeed the Right Hon. G. B. Gregory. It is no disparagement to Mr. Grey's predecessors to say that since he has been at the head of affairs the Charity has done better work than ever it did before, and the Treasurer's House—his official residence—is the centre of great and good effort in this respect. Educated at Merchant Taylors' School, and connected all his life with the City, Mr. Grey was last week re-elected on the Thames Conservancy Board. There is a great hope in Masonic circles that in the next list of honours he will not be passed over, and that Mr. Grey will become Sir Robert Grey.—"Society."

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A Masonic dance is to be held on 9th January in the Lodge Room, Newton Abbot. The Devon Lodge has, perhaps, one of the most beautifully and emblematically decorated rooms in the West. It was executed from the designs of the Newton Town Surveyor, whose artistic ability is of no mean order, says the "Devon and Exeter Gazette."

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A warrant for a new Chapter in connection with the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, will shortly be applied for, the present W.M. Bro. Joe Hands and Bro. J. Bunker P.M. being two of the founders.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held on Monday, 27th January next, at Bournemouth, when it is expected the Prov.G. Superintendent Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., will preside.

TEMPLAR MASONRY.

BRO. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided on the 13th at the half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and of Malta, at Mark Masons' Hall, when there was a large attendance of members of the Order. Bro. C. F. Matier was invested as Vice-Chancellor in the room of General Hay, resigned, and Major Davies did homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior of Devonshire.

The report of the Council was presented, stating that the Prince of Wales as Supreme Grand Master had dissolved the Convent General as from the 19th of July last, and that he had consented to be named as Sovereign of the Order.

The Earl of Onslow had been installed as Provincial Prior for Kent and Surrey, and Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., as Provincial Prior for Cheshire. A long discussion took place on a motion by Bro. Loveland-Loveland for the revision of the Statutes of the Order, and ultimately the matter was deferred till the meeting of the Great Priory in May next. A good deal of other business was transacted, and a Priory of the Order of Malta was afterwards held.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Priory of Devonshire of Knights Templar was held at Barnstaple, on the 10th, for the purpose of installing Sir Knight G. C. Davie Grand Marshal of England as Provincial Prior of Devonshire. He was installed in consequence of the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. T. Lemon, D.D.

The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Great Sub-Priory of England the Earl of Euston, who was assisted by C. F. Matier, Charles Belton, and Dr. Balfour Cockburn.

Alms were collected in the Masonic Hall, where the gathering was held, amounting to £3 5s, which it was resolved to give to the North Devon Infirmary.

MASONIC CHARITIES AND CHURCH SERVICES PAST AND PRESENT.

WE extract the following from an interesting letter addressed to the Editor of the "Belfast News-Letter."

SIR,—In your issue of Monday last there appeared a report of an assembly of Masonic Brethren, under the auspices of Lodge 257 and other Lodges, in St. Jude's, Ballynaveigh, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Irvine on behalf of Masonic Charities, and a handsome collection was obtained.

The following is an extract from the "Belfast News-Letter," dated Friday, the 29th June 1781, regarding an assemblage of the Masonic Brethren of that day (with the addition of an imposing preliminary procession), for a kindred object, though outside their body, to assist in raising funds towards benefitting the "Old Poorhouse" or Institution of the Charitable Society, then only a few years opened:—"Last Sunday (being the festival of Saint John), the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the 'Orange Lodge' No. 257, of this town, together with many of the gentlemen of the 'Old True Blue' Lodge, headed by the Mayor (Sovereign?) and Corporation, amounting to about eighty gentlemen, preceded by a fine band of musick, and followed by the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of three subordinate Lodges, the whole procession consisting of upwards of two hundred Freemasons, marched from the Donegall Arms to church' in due form, where an excellent occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. Bristow, and a collection of about twenty pounds gathered for the emolument of the Poor House."

It was the custom at that time to hold these "charity sermons," as they were then advertised, for the Poor House, besides adding to its support by having concerts, balls, and other entertainments, and occasionally these were held in the Poor House itself, as well as at the old Exchange.

It has been already referred to in these columns that the above "Orange Lodge," No. 257 was then the premier Lodge of Freemasons, and was composed of some of our Northern nobility, in addition to the most prominent gentlemen of the town, and was the principal Lodge which officiated in 1783 at the laying of the foundation stone of the White Linen Hall, now shortly to be demolished. Its Master was Mr. John Brown (of Peter's Hill), who was high sheriff for the county in that year, and was afterwards Sovereign of the borough in 1797, and from 1799 to 1801, in which latter year he died in office.

Yours truly,

BELFASTIENSIS.

Belfast, 6th December.

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., on his progress towards recovery from the effects of the accident he recently met with in the hunting field, when he was kicked by his horse.

BENEVOLENT CONCERT.

A SUCCESSFUL smoking concert was held at the London Tavern, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Gladding, who goes forward as Steward at the next Festival, must be congratulated on the result, the very large number of Brethren present being an evidence of a handsome addition to his list. The chair was taken by Bro. Alderman Govier, J.P., P.M. 1816 and 2291, who was supported by a large number of Past Masters and Officers of his own and other Lodges. The long array of talent, both sentimental, comic, and

instrumental, prevents a detailed account, the programme of thirty items being well carried out.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother Harry Greene, who contributed several capital tenor songs himself. The success which attended this concert with doubtless justify other Brethren who are going forward as Stewards in so good a cause as a Masonic charity making further experiments in the same direction.—"East London Observer."

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, 21st, 23rd, and 24th December, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at the Midland Company's City and Suburban Offices, which are to be found throughout London. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., on Tuesday, 24th December, for three or seven days, and 31st December for three or eight days, by which return tickets will be issued at a third-class single fare for the double journey. The single fare tickets issued on 24th December will be available for returning on any day up to and including 8th January 1896, and single fare tickets taken on 31st December will be available for returning any day up to and including 15th January 1896. Cheap excursion trains will also be run from London (St. Pancras) on Tuesday night, 24th December, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Lake District, &c., returning 26th or 28th December.

Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on the Midland system on Monday, 23rd December, to Dublin, &c., via Morecambe, available for returning on 28th or 31st December, and 2nd, 4th, or 7th January 1896; on Friday, 20th December, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow, or via Liverpool, available for sixteen days, and on Saturday, 21st December, to Londonderry, via Morecambe or via Liverpool, available for returning 30th December or 2nd January via Morecambe, and on 28th or 31st December, and 1st or 4th January via Liverpool. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from St. Pancras to Southend-on-Sea, Shoeburyness, and Malvern, on Tuesday, 24th December, available for return on the following Thursday and Friday. On Christmas Day cheap day excursion tickets will be issued to Southend-on-Sea, from St. Pancras, Kentish Town, Walthamstow, Leytonstone, and stations on the Tottenham and Forest Gate joint line.

On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require. On Christmas Day the trains will run as appointed for Sundays, except the newspaper express leaving London (St. Pancras) at 5.15 a.m., which will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester, as on ordinary week-days. On Thursday, 26th December, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

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On Thursday, 26th December,

Certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.

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On Tuesday, 24th December, for three or seven days, and on Tuesday, 31st December, for three or eight days, to Newcastle, Berwick, Carlisle, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Stranraer, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Arbroath, Montrose, Aberdeen, &c. Leaving St. Pancras at 9.15 p.m., Kentish Town 9.19, Victoria (L.C. & D.) 8.3, Moorgate Street 8.47, Aldersgate Street 8.49, and Farringdon Street at 8.51 p.m.

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On Tuesday night, 24th December, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Lake District, &c., returning 26th or 28th December.

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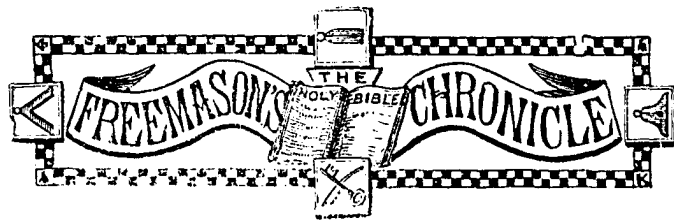
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SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 1895.

MIDDLESBRO' SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

ON Monday, 9th inst., a successful concert under the patronage of the local Freemasons was given in the Seamen's Institute, Middlesbrough, Bro. J. V. Cooper D.C. P.M. P.P.G.R. occupying the chair. The Rev. Fred Griffiths, Tees Chaplain, said they were greatly indebted to the Freemasons of the district. The Institute was opened by the Provincial Grand Master Lord Zetland, who had since given them a donation of £25. When he considered all the Freemasons of the town and district had done in the way of help towards defraying the cost of that Institute, he reckoned they had given at least £150. That, however, was only part of their generosity and kindness. They had continued to take a warm interest in the mission, and in the work carried on there. Bro. J. V. Cooper said the Freemasons of the district were much interested in the success of the mission, and they were there that night to show their appreciation of the work done by the Chaplain Bro. Griffiths, and to stimulate him to further exertions in his good work.

EXTRACTS FROM TOULMIN SMITH'S HISTORY. OF THE ENGLISH GILDS.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON, in the "Masonic Review," March 1894.

Boston, 27th February 1894.

AS a rule I believe that neither of our American Grand Masters of all the Masonic grades, nor the Grand Secretaries of said grades, nor our St. John's Day orators, and other orating Masonic luminaries, as well as Masonic editors and American Masonic writers, have read Toulmin Smith's History, named in the above heading, for if either had read it, he would not have spoken and written so much nonsense about the antiquity and high importance, in olden times, of the Masonic fraternity. I therefore propose to give some extracts from the above named work for the benefit of those who prefer truth to falsehood. I must, however, add, that the said history opens with a preliminary essay, in five parts, by Lujo Brentano, and must, therefore, inform the reader what Brentano had to say.

Now, I suppose it is known to the readers of the "Masonic Review" that there was a Masonic Gild in the Middle Ages, from which Gild our Masonic Fraternity derived its existence, and that we have retained and preserved an ancient Masonic custom of enjoying first-rate feasts at our general meetings of Lodges as well as Grand Lodges; very few of our very best informed Masons, I venture to say, know anything about the origin of Gilds or of Gild's feasts. The following extract from Brentano's essay gives the desired information upon those subjects:

"The Northern historians, in answer to the question, Whence Gilds sprang? refer, above all, to the feasts of the German tribes from Scandinavia, which were the first called Gilds. Among the German tribes, every occurrence among the more nearly related members of the family required the active participation of them all. At births, marriages and deaths, all the members of the family assembled. Banquets were prepared in celebration of the event, and these had sometime even a legal signification, as in the case of funeral banquets, namely that on entering on an inheritance, and when they concerned kings of a corporation. Wilda narrates in detail the circumstances of a banquet of this kind, at which the son and heir, in the midst of his own and his father's companions, feasted his father's memory, and vowed to imitate his worthy deeds; the companions took similar vows upon themselves. Further, great social banquets took place on occasion of the sacrificial assemblies at the great anniversary festivals, which coincided with the national assemblies and legal assizes, and on occasion of important political events; and at the same time the common concerns of the community were deliberated on at these banquets. Moreover, they also furnished an opportunity for the conclusion of those alliances for the purpose of plunder or war, of which we have accounts, especially in the case of Sweden and Norway, as well as of those close unions of friends, in which, according to Scandinavian Sages, two warriors of antiquity were wont to confederate for life or death, for common enterprises and dangers, and for discriminating revenge, when one of them should perish by a violent death. Every freeman was obliged to attend these feasts. Hence, these feasts were also called Gilds, for 'Guild' meant, originally, the sacrificial meal, made up of the common contributions; then a sacrificial banquet in general; and lastly, a society. When, in latter times, Christianity spread itself in the North, the sacrificial banquets, with all their customs and ceremonies, remained in existence, and

Christ, the Virgin Mary, and other saints, stepped into the place of Odin and the rest of the gods" (pp. lxvii, and next page).

That feasting was not perpetuated by the Masonic fraternity only, may be proved from the following quotation, viz.:

"The Gild Brethren were fond of their feast days of rejoicings, in various processions," &c. (p. xxxiv).

Again:

"The very soul of the Craft Gild was its meetings, which brought all the Gild Brothers together every week or quarter. These meetings were always held with certain ceremonies of greater solemnity. The box having several locks, * * * and containing the charters of the Gild, statutes, the money, and other valuable articles was opened on such occasions, and all present had to uncover their heads," (p. cxxv).

Having shown that an old landmark of feasting was the cause of the origin of the Gilds, and I may add that the said old landmark has always been strictly observed by the Gilds, including the Masonic fraternity, the next question is, which is the oldest handicraft Gild? and which handicraft Gild was most honoured in olden times by kings, lords, &c.? A Masonic luminary will doubtless say that the Masonic fraternity was oldest and more highly esteemed than all other Gilds put together. Mr. Brentano will not, however, have it so. He says:

"Foremost among the free handicraftsmen were the weavers. They formed a kind of middle-class between the patrician and plebian, and to supply the local demands the weavers' manufacturers found markets in the most distant countries [which] naturally invested them with greater importance. They were distinguished above all others by wealth and self-respect, and a sense of freedom. Their unions enjoyed of old the greatest independence. In all towns they stood at the head of the Craftsmen; and the contests of the handicraft class with the patricians for political emancipation and its victories, were, above all, the struggles of the victorious weavers.

"Accordingly, in all manufacturing countries of that time, in England, Flanders, and Brabant, as well as in the Rhenish towns, the most ancient Gilds were those of the weavers. The Gild of the London weavers was chartered by Henry I., and so was that of Oxford weavers. In the reign of Henry II., weaver Gilds, confirmed by the king, existed in Northampton, York, Huntingdon, Lincoln, and Winchester."

After giving a number of towns in Germany, Flanders, Brabant, &c., he winds up as follows:

"We may infer that here, among these extremely industrious and stubborn weavers of Flanders and Brabant, did the first Craft Gild originate," (pp. cxvi., &c.).

Again, says our author:

"In London the Craft Gilds appear in full possession of the mastery in the reign of Edward III. The privileges which they had till then exercised only on suffrance, or on payment of their permas (meaning a certain sum of money due to the crown), were now, for the first time, generally confirmed to them by charters by Edward III.; the authorities of the city of London, who had in former times contended with all their might against the Craft Gilds, now approved of their statutes, and in the fourteenth century a large majority of the trades appeared before the Mayor and Aldermen to get their ordinances enrolled, at the same time they adopted particular livery, and were thence called Livery Companies. Edward III. himself actually became a member of one of them, that of the Linen Armories, or Tailor's Gild, and his example found numerous imitators amongst his successors and nobility of London," (p. cxxii).

From the above extracts we learn that the weavers were chartered as Gilds, both on the Continent and in England, before any other handicraft organisation received such privileges, that the scheme of giving liberty to common people was opposed by the nobility, and must add that the trading Gilds were bitterly opposed to granting Guild privileges to handicraft organisations. These struggles continued in England until the reign of Edward III., when the Guild system gave satisfaction to all parties. Now, the question is, when and how have the Masons obtained the Guild privileges in England? and where the earliest laws of the first Mason's Gild? Mr. Brentano's statement, on the above, is rather brief, but as he refers in footnotes to a book called "Memorials of London and London Life," by Henry Thomas Riley, as his authority, I shall, therefore, give the next extract from Mr. Riley's book, or rather say, an extract from the London record of the fourteenth century, viz:

"At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen on the Monday next before the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2nd Feb.), in the thirtieth year of the reign of King Edward the Third, &c. There being present Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, John Lovekyn, and other Aldermen, the Sheriffs, and John Little, Simon de Benyngtone and William de Holbeche, Commoners, certain articles were ordained touching the trade of Masons, in these words. *

"Whereas, Simon Fraunceys, Mayor of the City of London, has been given to understand that divers dissensions and disputes have been moved in the said city between the masons who are hewers, on the one hand, and the light masons and setters on the other, because of their trade has not been regulated in due manner by the government of folks of their trade in such form as other trades are! Therefore, the said Mayor, for maintaining the peace of our Lord the King, and for allaying such manner of dissensions and

* The old London record was written in Norman-French or Latin, which Mr. Riley translated into English, hence the last words in the above paragraph, namely, "in these words," must be understood in a qualified sense.

disputes, and for nurturing love among all manner of folks in honour of the said city, and for the profit of the common people, by assent of the Council of the Aldermen and the Sheriffs, caused all the good folks of the said trade to be summoned before him, to have from them good and true information how their trade might be best ordered and ruled for the profit of the common people.

"Whereupon, the good folks of said trade chose from among themselves of the most skillful men of their trade to inform the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs, as to the facts and articles touching their said trade: that is to say, Walter de Sallynge (and five others), in behalf of the mason hewers, and Richard Jove (and six others), in behalf of the light masons and setters; the which folks were sworn before the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, in manner as follows:

"In the first place—that every man of the trade may work at any work touching the trade, if he be perfectly skilled and knowing the trade.

"Also—that good folks of the said trade shall be chosen and sworne every time that need shall be to oversee that no one of the trade takes work to complete, if he does not well and perfectly know how to perform such work, on pain of losing, to the use of the Commonalty; the first time that he shall by the persons so sworn be convicted thereof one mark; and the second time, two marks, and the third time he shall forswear the trade forever.

"Also—that no one shall take work in gross, if he be not of ability in a proper manner to complete such work; and he who wishes to undertake such work in gross, shall come to the good man of whom he has taken such work to do and complete, and shall bring with him six or four ancient men of his trade, sworn thereunto, if they are prepared to testify unto the good man of whom he has taken such work to do, that he is skillful and of ability to perform such work, and that if he shall fail to complete such work in due manner, or not of ability to do the same, they themselves who so testify that he is skillful and of ability to finish the work, are bound to complete the same work well and properly at their own charges, in such manner as he undertook; in case the employer who owns the work shall have fully paid the workman. And if the employer shall then owe him anything, let him pay it to the persons who have so undertaken for him to complete the work.

"Also—that no one shall set an apprentice or journeyman to work, except in presence of his master, before he has been perfectly instructed in his calling, and he who shall do the contrary, and by the person so sworn be convicted thereof, let him pay, the first time to the use of the Commonalty, half a mark, and the second time, one mark, and third time twenty shillings, and so let him pay twenty shillings every time that he shall be convicted thereof.

"Also—that no one of the said trade shall take an apprentice for a less time than seven years, according to the usage of the city; and he who shall do to the contrary thereof, shall be punished in the same manner.

"Also—that the said Masters so chosen, shall oversee that all those who work by the day shall take for their hire according as they are skilled, and may deserve for their work, and not outrageously.

"Also—if anyone of the said trade will not be ruled or directed in due manner by the persons of his trade sworn thereunto, such sworn persons are to make known his name unto the Mayor, and the Mayor, by assent of the Aldermen and Sheriffs, shall cause him to be chastised by imprisonment and other punishment; that so, other rebels may take example by him, to be ruled by the good folks of their trade.

"Also—that no one of the said trade shall take the apprentice or journeyman of another, to the prejudice or damage of his master, until his term shall have fully expired; on pain of paying to the use of the Commonalty half a mark each time that he shall be convicted thereof."

The above extracts from the London record of 1356 show (until otherwise proved), the true beginning of the first Mason's organisation, namely, 1356. Second, the above code of laws, the first code Masons ever had, show that what our Masonic luminaries called "ancient landmarks," was unknown to the Masons of 1356. Now, after reading the above extracts, can anyone discover that Masons were more highly honored than other Gilds? I hope, therefore, that our American Grand Masters, our Rev. St. Johns' Day orators, and above all, our high degree luminaries at their "Councils of Deliberation," will take due notice of the above hints, "and act accordingly."

AMEN!—"So mote it be."

Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the year 1896, corrected from the books of the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. London: George Kenning.

The Calendar for 1896 has just been issued by Brother Kenning, and provides further evidence of the steady progress of Freemasonry in our midst, the last Lodge in this year's issue being numbered 2533, as against 2590 in that for 1896. The general appearance of the Calendar is much the same as those of previous years, and in view of the matter-of-fact contents of the work there is little of novelty to be referred to, but this does not preclude a word of well deserved praise in regard to the printing of the book, which is in every way satisfactory, and stands out as practical testimony of the high capabilities of the establishment where it is produced.

Parkhurst.—The grand Christmas pantomime entitled "Dick Whittington" will be produced at the Parkhurst Theatre, Holloway, on Christmas Eve, Tuesday next. The powerful company includes Misses Jennie Richards, Jessie Wildey, Florence Estelle, Phillis Marlowe, Florence Trevelion, &c.; Messrs. Alec Derwent, J. W. Brabourne, W. Lancey, Forge and Redman, Fred Lefranc, and James Young. Libretto by Leslie Moreton, music by T. P. Fish, dresses by Mons. Alias and others, scenery by Fred Storey. The Pantomime is produced by Mr. James Young.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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COMBERMERE LODGE OF UNION, No. 295.

THE election meeting was held at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, on Thursday, 5th inst., Bro. J. I. Brunt W.M.

Bro. Walter Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and his installation will take place at the Festival of St. John, in January. Bro. Brown is one of the most efficient and popular members of the Lodge, and the congratulations on his elevation to the chair were as numerous as they were cordial.

Brother R. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S. proposed the following resolution:—
“That Bro. Thomas Lockitt be re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, for the ensuing twelve months, and that the Lodge places upon record its high sense of appreciation of his services as Treasurer for the long period of a quarter of a century, and expresses the hope that he will be spared for many years to give the Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general, the benefit of his ripe experience and sound judgment, not only in the control of its finances, but in the various useful capacities in which he has so frequently rendered the most signal service.” Bro. Brown said their meeting that night was of unusual interest to Masonry, and he believed quite unique in the long history of the Lodge—they would shortly make a presentation to a venerable Brother who had been sixty years a member of the Lodge, and he had the felicity of proposing the re-election of an official who had had the unanimous confidence of the Brethren for the long period of a quarter of a century. Such events were historic and highly creditable landmarks, of which they as Masons were justly proud.

“As from the wind no scar the sky retains,

The parted wave no furrow from the ship's keel shows,”

so their ordinary Masonic life, when happily conducted, was uneventful. Still there were times and epochs which left their mark, their something worthy of record; that evening was one of those, and would stand prominently forward in the annals of the Lodge. It was very difficult always to speak of a man in his presence, but he could not help saying that in Bro. Lockitt the Lodge had had no ordinary official—his was no ordinary service, but a most faithful and acceptable discharge of a very onerous duty for the past twenty-five years. That exceptional service had involved much personal sacrifice, but it had always been most willingly rendered, for Bro. Lockitt was second to none in his love for the Craft and admiration of its tenets. Had Brother Lockitt consulted his own feelings, he (Bro. Brown) would now be proposing a very different resolution, but at a meeting of the Past Masters the other night they strongly urged Bro. Lockitt to retain the position, at all events for another year, and in doing so he knew they had echoed the sentiments of the whole of the Brethren, who had unanimously elected him for twenty-five years, a compliment which few men could boast of, and which in Brother Lockitt's case was thoroughly well deserved. The year they were just entering upon promised to be a busy one in the Craft—they would be visited by Provincial Grand Lodge in the autumn, and it was very necessary they should have at the head of affairs experienced Officers; none were more experienced, in none was greater confidence more deservedly placed than in Bro. Lockitt, who, he was glad to say, had consented to take office for another year. And as to the future, well, “Sufficient unto the day is the evil (in this case the good) thereof.”

Bro. Whiston seconded, in a brief speech, most cordially endorsing all that Bro. Brown had said, as also did the Secretary Bro. Brookes, after which the proposition was put and carried unanimously.

Brother Lockitt made a suitable acknowledgment. He was very sensible of the high honour the Lodge had conferred upon him, but felt that after twenty-five years' service he ought to make way for someone else. However, as it was the wish of the Lodge that he should continue in office for another year, in view of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he once again accepted the compliment, and would as faithfully discharge the duties in the future as he had done in the past.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to Bro. J. J. Mason of a beautifully illuminated address, in a pretty oak frame, as follows:—

Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295 (Macclesfield).

Presented to

Bro. J. J. MASON,

In celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of his initiation.

7th November 1895.

Proposed by Bro. R. Brown P.M. P.P.G.S., seconded by Bro. Thomas Lockitt P.M. Treasurer P.P.S.G.D., and supported by Bro. Walter Brown S.W. P.P.G.S., and Bro. Needham P.M. P.P.S.G.D., the W.M. Bro. Brunt, and carried unanimously:—

That this Lodge offers to Bro. J. J. Mason its sincere congratulations on attaining his sixtieth year as a Free and Accepted Mason, and having attained the ripe age of eighty-three years, in good health and spirits; it begs to offer its testimony to his uniform consistency in a long and well-spent life, in observing and upholding the excellent principles of the Craft, and trusts that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him for many years to enjoy the privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and to continue an ornament to the Craft, of which he is one of the oldest and most genial members; and that the Lodge Secretary send to Bro. Mason a copy of this resolution duly signed, on behalf of the Lodge, by the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer, and Secretary.

(Signed on behalf of the Lodge),

J. I. BRUNT W.M.

W. BROWN S.W. P.P.G.S.

E. MORRISON J.W. P.G.S.

T. LOCKITT P.M. Treas. P.P.S.G.D.

J. H. BROOKES P.M. Sec. P.P.A.G.Sec.

Bro. R. Brown briefly explained to the Lodge how the idea of the presentation originated, observing that Bro. Mason was undoubtedly the oldest Mason in the Province of Cheshire, and he might venture to say there were very few, if any, older in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then made the presentation in a few appropriate remarks.

Bro. Mason, in acknowledging the gift, gave an interesting resumé of his early connection with Masonry, and said he hoped that when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call him to the Grand Lodge above, as he had no Mason to whom he could hand down the Lodge's valuable gift, they would hang it on the walls of his mother-Lodge.

The ordinary business of the Lodge was then proceeded with.

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LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

AT the monthly meeting, held on Friday, 6th inst., at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, the Senior Warden Bro. Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Park, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Belcher was re-elected Treasurer.

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LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

AT the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, the 7th inst., amidst surroundings which perhaps were unparalleled in the annals of this Lodge, the annual meeting took place, and the Festival of St. John was celebrated. That their might be no hitch in the proceedings, Brother Wm. Hy. Worsley S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was on the scene of labour at an early hour of the morning, in conjunction with other prominent Officers of the Lodge, and their zeal was as indefatigable as that of a Knight of the Round Table in his pursuit of the Holy Grail. No wonder then that with such a combination of energy we are enabled to record the fact that this function passed off without hitch of any description.

If it is our duty to praise that which is excellent, it certainly must be pleasing to extol that which has been the means of furnishing gratification and also opened to us vistas of mental profit and delight. Members of the Lodge and Visitors also were charmed with the admirable arrangements which furnished a day of real and perfect enjoyment.

The proceedings were opened shortly after the hour of 2 p.m., and as a passing was due, that ceremony was undertaken by Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Dir. of Cer., who went through it in his usual careful style. The candidate was Bro. R. B. Welch.

Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Worsley was presented by Bro. J. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C. to receive the benefits of installation; Brother John Chadwick P.G.Swd.Br. (Eng.) Prov. Grand Secretary put the usual constitutional questions; a Board of Installed Masters (consisting of Brother Fred Hilton P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer as Installing Master, Robert Caldwell P.P.G.S.B. as S.W., Hebden as J.W., Buckley Carr P.M. as I.G.) was formed, and the ceremony of installation began with a nearly Hypernestran audience of forty-six, these, however, being Past and Installed Masters.

The Working Tools were presented and explained by Bro. Hebden, who also addressed the Master and Brethren generally, Brother Carr being responsible for the other addresses.

The following Officers were invested, viz., Bros. E. M. Shepherd I.P.M., T. P. Cooper S.W., A. B. Taylor J.W., Buckley Carr P.M. Chaplain, Fred Hilton P.M., &c. Treasurer, T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, Leop. Hirsch S.D., J. J. Dean J.D., Herbert Hellewell I.G., Alfd. Hebden P.M., &c. D.C., S. Muller, A. Leach, and Oswald Whittaker Stewards.

Before the Lodge was closed, a very large and handsome tripod, the gift of the W.M., was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Hebden in his capacity of D.C., who explained that it was a souvenir of Bro. Worsley's advent into the chair of K.S. The presentation was ordered to be duly recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. Heartly good wishes having been expressed by Visitors, the proceedings were brought to a close, and the Brethren, numbering nearly eighty, adjourned to a magnificent banquet, which had been provided under the personal supervision of Brother F. C. Lockstone, manager of the hotel.

Where one can utter with truth of the guests that they were “vino ciboque gravati,” it follows as a natural consequence that the printed menu should be equally as lavish, and Bro. George Kenning, who supplied it, must be congratulated upon producing a work of art of its kind which, within our knowledge, has certainly never been surpassed, if it has even been equalled. It is published in book form, and nearly every page contains the portrait of an Officer of the Lodge, with various toasts and quotations from Shakespeare and other writers. Another special feature is the fact that the songs rendered by a glee party, consisting of Brothers Nelson Stokes 2156 2387, Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 2216, J. Robinson P.M. 1219, and Alexander Marr 1219, under the direction of Bro. G. R. Bishop, are printed in full.

Masonic and other toasts were freely indulged in. Bro. Henry Nall P.M. 1375 W.M. 2363 Prov.Gr.Treas. (West Lanes.), in responding to that of the Provincial Officers, spoke of the high position which the Lodge had attained, adding further that the function of that day had been one of the grandest he had ever attended.

Bro. H. H. Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.G.S.D. congratulated the Lodge upon the handsome donation which it had made at the Festival held in July last, saying that it must be a pleasant incident for the Past Masters to look back upon.

Brother A. H. Duffin P.M. 1134 Prov.G.D.C. in a very excellent speech vibrated a few cords of the notes often struck by Bro. Col. Starkie Provincial Grand Master, as to the desirability of exercising due supervision in the admission of candidates into the ranks of Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. Hy. L. Rocca P.M. 815 2322 P.P.G.J.D. also spoke, testifying to the popularity of the newly-installed W.M.

Brother Worsley W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., took advantage of the occasion to present him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which bore the usual legend as to work performed during his term of office, which Bro. Shepherd gratefully acknowledged.

Bro. Fred Hilton, in proposing the health of the W.M., said that the Lodge of Truth had acquired a name for work done in a passable sort of way, and they were going to try and maintain that character. Of Bro. Worsley he said that the members of the Lodge would not have elected him to the position of Worshipful Master if they had not appreciated him. He had accomplished something which had entitled him to become their leader, and he would undoubtedly do his duty right well whilst occupying that position. He heartily congratulated the Lodge on their choice.

Bro. Worsley W.M. made a vigorous speech in reply, a powerful and lofty emprise. He said:—Worshipful Bro. Hilton, Grand Officers, Provincial Officers, Wardens, and Brethren, in responding to this toast I must first of all express my sincere thanks to Bro. Hilton for his hearty demonstrations of good will, and to you, Brethren, for the overwhelming reception which the toast has received. All toasts are usually received with gusto by the rank and file of the Truth Lodge—the Master's toast especially. The newly-installed Master is received with extraordinary outbursts of tumultuous enthusiasm. You have maintained the tradition of the Lodge by receiving the toast of my health in the usual manner in hailing a new chief to preside

over its destinies for another year. May this new chief prove worthy of following the long line of illustrious and worthy Brethren who have preceded him. I recognise the responsibilities of my exalted office, and, Brethren, you may depend upon it your Master will not shirk his duties. To foster the growth and prosperity of the Truth Lodge will be the chief aim and highest ambition of my year. God grant that my desire to maintain the splendid prestige and lustre which those who have occupied my position have gained for the Lodge may be fulfilled. For several years past, being an ardent Mason, I have longed for the position to which you have elected me, and, without wishing for Bro. Shepherd's deposition by virtue of the natural completion of his office, still I have looked forward with pleasure to this, the greatest festival of our Masonic year. The ambition of every enthusiastic Mason to occupy the chair of King Solomon is most pardonable, in fact is an admirable and worthy qualification for success, as by natural tendency all good Masons are generally splendid workers, regular in their attendance, and proficient in the ancient ritual of the Order. I cannot do better than strongly recommend the younger Brethren to be ambitious, to aspire to fill the highest position which Masonry can bestow, provided that ambition fires them with enthusiasm and energy to diligently study their work, so that they may not accept office without the ability to acquit themselves with credit, and add dignity to the Lodge.

When Cardinal Wolsey bade his patron "fling away ambition, for by it the angels fell," he referred to the gratification of ambition by scheming, to the forgetfulness of God our Creator, to the suppression of the interests of our neighbours, in order to exalt our own. The ambition which is to be admired in every phase of life is the ambition born of the ardent desire to rise above the slough of despond, idleness and indifference, into something which shall make man more worthy of the gifts with which the Great Architect of the Universe has endowed him.

Brethren, never neglect your duties, be regular in your attendance, studious is your ritual, kindly and courteous to all your Brethren, obedient to your superior Officers, and, above all, support your Master. Remember that one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry is to do all you can for the Order, for charity, and for your Brethren, without neglecting the ordinary duties of your avocations, or the personal interests of yourself and family, more especially the latter. Never be generous at the expense of those who are near and dear to you; be careful to cherish, to love and honour them, for this is your duty. The Mason who neglects this, the primary law of God, is not a Mason in heart. For a correct guide to what Masonry teaches, carefully read over the Charge in the first degree, adopt those precepts, and you cannot materially err; let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions. Appreciate the value of truth, of honour, and of virtue. If by the providence of the G.A.O.T.U. you are spared to enjoy commercial prosperity, always have a kindly corner in your heart for your less fortunate Brethren; support the charities of the Order, which have done the noblest work possible in this world by succouring the fatherless and distressed, by educating and fitting for the battle of life those who have been bereft of the protecting care of a father; by a loving brotherly care for the aged and infirm, who are unable to provide for themselves. All honour to Masonry for recognising the cause of charity in its highest and noblest sense, all honour to the memory of the departed Brethren who laid the foundation of those charities, and all honour to those living Brethren who worthily emulate the departed by fostering those charities.

Freemasonry as practised in Great Britain cannot be charged with teaching anything ignoble. Many outside the Order seem suspicious of its having a tendency to intemperance. So far as my observations go I am convinced this is altogether an unworthy suspicion. I have never seen anything up to the present which could lend the slightest colour to the suggestion. No man can hope to be a good Mason who cannot control his passions and prejudices, this being one of the commands of Masonry.

How pleasing are the friendships formed in Masonry; I look back with delight upon the many friends made. One of the greatest pleasures of life is the social intercourse with our Brethren, to meet month by month, to rub off a little of the rust of life. I trust that upon the threshold of this Masonic year we may all make a vow to promote the interests of the Truth Lodge, to form a pleasant, happy, social union of Brotherhood, thereby forming a united gathering whose recollections shall be pleasant and harmonious, striving to uphold the best traditions of the Lodge by doing our work as perfectly as our attainments render possible.

Bro. Hebden having proposed the health of the Installing Master in very pertinent terms, to which Bro. Fred Hilton replied, the Worshipful Master rose, saying that he had another very important toast to introduce to the notice of his auditors, namely that connected with the Director of Ceremonies. He spoke of Bro. Hebden's abilities in ceremonial, and also of his long connection with the Instruction Lodge, No. 581, of which he had been a zealous supporter. In the exercise of his arduous duties as Preceptor of the Lodge of Truth he had displayed such kindness and geniality as to become endeared to its members, and so great was their appreciation of him, that they had thought it only right to recognise their indebtedness by making him a suitable presentation. Bro. Worsley then pinned upon his breast a splendid D.C.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. ALFRED HEBDEN P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C.,

by the Brethren of the Truth Lodge, No. 1458,

as a mark of high respect and affectionate esteem for his zealous services as Director of Ceremonies.

W. BRO. W. H. WORSLEY W.M. 1895.

Bro. Worsley concluded by hoping that the recipient would live long and wear it, with the assurance that the members of the Lodge entertained the most sincere affection for him, and considered that he was the greatest friend they possessed.

Brother Hebden, in reply, thanked the Brethren for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. In a cursory review of the past he stated he was the first Initiate of the Lodge, an honour he was proud to acknowledge. Whatever successes he had achieved were due to the many kindnesses received at their hands, which had spurred him on in his work. He assured them that he should ever appreciate the jewel just presented to him, and promised to further the interests of the Lodge, as directed by the W.M., in every possible way.

Other toasts followed.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present in Lodge and at the banquet, Bros. H. L. Burgess P.M., Jas. Archdale P.M., Moses Davies P.M., George T. Lenard P.M., Joseph Hilton, S. Drew. Visitors:—Bros. Arthur Middleton 645 P.S.G.D., Wm. Bee 1459 P.P.A.D.C., George R. Lloyd 1730 P.P.G.Tr. (W.L.), G. Higham 1083 P.P.G.D.D.C., W. B. Russell 1219 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Alf. Hepworth W.M. 163, George Proudman W.M. 1013 and J.W. 2496, G. B. Goodfellow W.M. 1030, Robert Lingard W.M. 1083,

John Orme W.M. 1459, Seth Wrigley P.M. 2363, W. W. Lofthouse P.M. 1052, Cyril H. Beever P.M. 1375 and 2363, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Chas. B. Grocock 473, Wm. B. Gleave 581, Dr. J. J. K. Fairclough 1219, and others.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on the 9th inst., Bro. Ramsey Knight W.M. There were also present Bros. P. Land I.P.M., C. Preston S.W., Wm. Yeadon J.W., G. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., J. S. Done S.D., H. Russell J.D., Walter Lees I.G., Fras. Long P.M. Org., Jno. Rathbone P.M., Joseph Kershaw P.M., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R., Charles F. Davies, S. Wollam, A. H. Norbury, Jos. Kennelly, T. W. Hampson, and C. H. Moss. Visitors:—Bros. Joseph Young W.M. 1009, C. H. Clubb 1633. W. Chesshyre Tyler.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. at 6-20 p.m., and, after the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. A. H. Norbury answered the questions leading to the 3rd, and the Brethren adjourned for tea.

On re-assembling, Bro. Norbury was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Brother Burslem P.M. who also gave the traditional history, the Working Tools being presented by the S.W. The usual questions having been put, and hearty good wishes tendered, the Lodge was closed.

At the festive board which followed Brother Land I.P.M. proposed the health of the newly raised Brother, which was heartily received.

Bro. Norbury, in reply, thanked the Brethren for having admitted him into the Lodge. He also said how impressed he had been with the ceremonies he had gone through, and that he would try and be a worthy Mason.

Bro. Land proposed the health of the W.M. and, in doing so, said this was the first meeting after his installation, and from the manner in which he had done his work, it spoke well for the future. He hoped he would have a prosperous year.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Land for his flattering remarks, and hoped there would be plenty of work to do, which he would carry out to the best of his ability.

Bro. Kershaw next proposed the health of the Visitors, and Bros. Young and Clubb, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the hospitality and reception they had received, and said the manner in which the Officers had done their work spoke volumes for the future of the Trafford Lodge.

The toasts to the Officers and Past Masters were duly responded to, the whole being relieved by songs and recitations, given by Bros. Lees, Davies, Long, Young, Yeadon and Russell.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

MORECAMBE LODGE, No. 1561.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 6th inst., at Morecambe, when Bro. Thomas Baxter, Oakfield, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The annual banquet followed.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John were held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., Bro. Walter Powden W.M. The attendance numbered about thirty, among whom we noticed Bros. J. Gershon J.W., W. Marshall J.D., B. Steel I.G., Louis Frankenstein P.M., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P.

Visitors:—Bros. H. Stevens P.M. 999 P.P.G.O., S. Searle W.M. 633, Peter Bratt W.M. 2482, Robert Fox I.P.M. 2482, A. Ashworth P.M. 999, J. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Leon E. Levy S.W. W.M.-elect was installed into the chair by Bro. S. Mamelok P.M.

The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Gershon S.W., B. Steel J.W., S. Mamelok Treas., A. Smith Sec., L. Frankenstein S.D., M. Goldman J.D., G. Board P.P.J.G.D. D.C., H. Frankenstein I.G., H. Wollerton, B. Markers, and J. Fletcher Stewards.

At the Festival of St. John, which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

EASTERFORD LODGE, No. 2342.

AT the monthly meeting, held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Kelvedon, the business included the initiation of Mr. A. C. Freeman, of Maldon, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Sir Wm. N. Abdy, Bart.

Bro. F. H. Crittall, of Braintree, and Brother Harry Jones, of Ipswich, were elected joining members. Bro. R. W. Hayne was passed to the second degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

A MEETING was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fred Warburton W.M. the control of the Lodge was undertaken by Brother William Boden I.P.M.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of an emergency meeting, had been read and confirmed, Bro. James Park was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Brother William T. Schofield P.M. 1219, 2449 P.P.G.D., who not only performed the ceremony in extenso, but also explained the Tracing Board of the degree.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being interspersed by songs, &c., and a pleasant evening being spent. The reply to the toast of the Officers was entrusted to the capable Brothers T. T. Hardicker S.W. and C. J. Hall J.W., who acquitted themselves in their usual creditable manner.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club Rooms, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. Gadd W.M. There was a good attendance, among whom we noticed Bros. Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom S.W.,

Henry Sheard J.W., W. H. Wilson S.D., E. H. Ritson J.D., Henry Wood I.G., Thomas Glynn Std., Henry Grimshaw I.P.M., Frederick Berry P.M., John Adamson, C. Coatman.

Visitors:—Bros. W. O. O. Wilkinson I.P.M. 1219, B. Whitwam S.W. 1219, C. H. Adolphe Bodé 1459 S.D. 533, S. H. Stubbs 2363, and others.

Three ceremonies had been announced. In the first place Mr. Ralph Weaver, Traveller, Madeley, Staffordshire, was successfully balloted for, and initiated by Bro. Council. Thomas Uttley P.P.G.A.D.C., the address from the N.E. being given by the W.M., and the charge by the S.W. Then came the passing of Bro. Thomas Hesketh Meade, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., this being followed by the raising to the sublime degree of M.M. of Bro. Thomas Archer. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. The tools in each case were presented and explained by the J.W.

The usual festive board followed.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

ON the 16th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, E.C., Bro. Jeffery W.M., Carroll S.W., Rowberry J.W., Free P.M. Treas., Peters Sec., Smith P.M. Preceptor, Schmidt P.M., Hyde S.D., Myles J.D., and Butcher I.G.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. Isaac worked the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Carroll was elected W.M. for next meeting.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

AT the Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, on Saturday, 14th, Bros. F. Islip W.M., J. B. Frost S.W., R. Jeffray J.W., G. Keblell S.D., Crisp J.D., Harry Willsmer I.G., R. E. Fairclough Preceptor, G. Edwards Asst. Preceptor, Felthensal Organist, F. Keblell Secretary, J. Bunker P.M. Treas., Caton, Pearse, Price, Harding, Rusby, Swift, and E. Johnson.

The ceremonies of Initiation and Passing were rehearsed. Bros. Pearse, and Swift being the candidates.

Bro. A. Rusby then worked the 3rd section of the Lecture.

A Committee will be appointed this evening (Saturday) to arrange for the annual supper.

ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, 13th inst., when a substantial repast was tastefully and well served by Bro. T. Johnson, to which thirty-two sat down, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Preceptor Allen.

After the Loyal toasts, Bro. Raymond P.M. proposed prosperity and success to the All Saints Lodge of Instruction, coupling with it the name of Bro. Preceptor Allen, who held the reputation of being a thorough good Mason, and one who had the best interests of the Lodge at heart, always endeavouring that the work in the Lodge should be above reproach. It was always a pleasure to take part in the weekly meetings; brethren generally were cordially invited to attend and support Bro. Allen, for he was a jolly good fellow.

In reply, Bro. Allen thanked the Brethren heartily for the kind terms in which the toast was proposed, and for the reception accorded him. He considered it a great honour to have his name coupled with the toast. Adverting to a remark which fell from the lips of Bro. P.M. Raymond, he would like to say that what slight alteration in the work had been made from time to time had not been introduced as an innovation, but as true Emulation ritual. As a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it had always been his earnest desire that the work in the Lodge should be strictly in accordance with that ritual, and no other. He was pleased to find the Brethren appreciated his efforts, and assured them that whilst uniformity of work existed and the spirit of emulation was abroad, forward progress would result.

Bro. Allen in a cordial manner proposed the health of the Visitors—Bros. Rich W.M. 2409, Slater J.W. 2409, Thornton J.D. 1805, Reader 781, Cranston 1716, and With 1716.

Bros. Rich, Slater, and Thornton, in appreciative terms acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Allen then proposed the health of the Past Masters, and the Officers of the Mother Lodge. He deplored the small muster of Past Masters, but he had been informed that pressure of other business had alone prevented more from attending. However, he was pleased to find himself supported by Bro. P.M. Raymond Secretary of the Charitable Association, and Bro. I.P.M. Waterson, both of whom were most regular in their attendances at the Lodge of Instruction, as were also the Officers who were present that evening.

The toast was suitably replied to by Brothers Raymond P.M., Waterson I.P.M., Jones J.W., Mosey Sec., and Bland S.W.

A special toast was next proposed by Bro. Allen, who said as W.M. of the All Saints Lodge he had much pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. John Bennett, the recently installed W.M. of the Trinity College Lodge, and who was a regular attendant and an assiduous worker at the Lodge of Instruction. He hoped their Bro. Bennett would have a successful year of office.

Bro. J. Bennett, in a few well chosen words, thanked the Brethren for the compliment paid him.

The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and the Steward brought a very successful evening to a close.

The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by same capital songs and recitations, given by Bros. G. Anderson, Bussey, E. Jones, J. Bennett, T. B. Folkes, Bland, and Mosey.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

THE annual supper of this successful Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bro. Ben Johnson P.M. 1805 presiding over a company of well-known members of the Craft.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, the able services of the Preceptor Bro. J. De Casseres P.M. and the Secretary Bro. F. Thornton being especially acknowledged in the course of the properly-observed toasts, says the "East London Observer."

The toasts were duly replied to.

Bro. De Casseres, as Preceptor, said he was gratified at the progress

made by the members of the Lodge, and he hoped before long to be able to announce a festival at which the fifteen sections would be worked entirely by the members of the Lodge, of which he was proud to be the Preceptor.

On Wednesday, 18th inst., Bros. Goulston W.M., F. A. Slater S.W., Napthali J.W., W. Joss S.D., J. Holland J.D., A. Marks I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Secretary, Kemp, Alberg, Boyce P.M.

After opening, Bro. Alberg answered the questions leading to the 2nd Degree. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of Passing rehearsed, Bro. Alberg candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree and the Brethren assisted Bro. Goulston to work the 5th section of the lecture, Bro. Goulston assisted Bro. De Casseres to work the 6th, and Bro. Slater assisted Bro. Goulston to work the 7th.

Bro. F. A. Slater was appointed to the chair for 8th January, to which date the Lodge adjourned, when Bro. P.M. De Casseres will be invited to rehearse the ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

AT the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., on Friday, 13th inst., Bros. S. Crane P.M. W.M., O. J. Von Holtorp P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Middx. S.W., F. Keblell J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, M. Siegenberg S.D., Barnes J.D., Fiestel I.G., and Bros. Matthews, Witte, Capt. Schlosshauer, Fred. Small, Bishop, Mason, Calley, Geo. Clark P.M.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mason candidate. Brother Preceptor, assisted by Bro. G. Clark P.M. and the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Keblell the second.

Bro. Bishop was admitted a member. Bro. O. J. von Holtorp P.M. S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. J. R. Cordell P.M. and Treasurer of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813 P.Z. &c., one of the founders of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction. A wreath was also subscribed for by the members present.

It was decided to hold the Lodge of Instruction supper on Friday, 21st February, at the Holborn Restaurant, ladies being admitted. All arrangements were left in the hands of Bros. Dunstan, Wyatt and Willsmer.

WOODGRANGE LODGE, No. 2409.

THE second annual ball under the auspices of members of this Lodge will take place at the Stratford Town Hall, on Wednesday, 5th February 1896. The object is to aid the funds of the West Ham Hospital, and it is hoped the success of last year will be repeated in so good a cause.

MARK MASONRY.

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ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 34.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, Bro. Arthur Kemp Boothroyd W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Joseph T. Richardson P.M., J. M. Sinclair P.P.G.M.O., J. Arensberg P.P.G.Swd.Br., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.Swd.B., Clare Edgar Towell P.M., S. Searle J.D., and others.

The principal business was that of electing Officers, the choice falling upon Bros. Jas. M. Veal as Master, Boothroyd as Treasurer, and Boothroyd and Richardson as Auditors.

A resolution was passed that an Instruction Lodge be re-formed under the St. Andrew Warrant, and we sincerely hope this will prove to be an excellent institution.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 173.

THE regular meeting was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Monday, 16th inst.

The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. W. H. Toyé W.M., with Bros. Barrow S.W., Jennings J.W., Jupson M.O., and other Officers.

The Sec. Bro. G. W. Verry Grand Deacon read the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, which were confirmed. Two Brethren were elected as candidates for the Ark Mariner's degree. The election for W.M. was unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. Barrow. A Past Master's jewel was voted for the W.M., and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The Ark Mariner's degree was on the summons to be worked, and Bro. Vincent Grand Officer was invited to work it. The two Brethren previously elected took the degree, which Bro. Vincent gave in a perfect manner, although he was very unwell, and had to leave directly after he had installed the W.M. as Worshipful Commander Noah, in the presence of the M.W. Pro Grand Master Bro. Lord Euston, and the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Cook, who came expressly to see this degree worked. As the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Cook stated at the festive board, this Lodge is the only one in his Province that has an Ark Mariner's Lodge attached to it.

This was the first time the Temple Mark Lodge had had the great honour of being visited by the Pro Grand Master, but not the first time that the Provincial Grand Master had attended, he having been present on several occasions, while he has certainly been very kind in bestowing honours upon the Brethren of the Lodge. At the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for Middlesex he was pleased to confer no less than three collars on Temple Brethren, including the W.M. as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

The Ark Mariner's Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where a goodly repast was provided by Bro. Start.

After the usual Loyal toasts those of the Pro Grand Master and of the Provincial Grand Master were given and most ably replied to, after which the distinguished Brethren took their departure.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the usual toasting, which was interspersed by some excellent singing by Bro. Chitson, Bro. Smart, Miss L. E. Toyé, and Miss E. Toyé, who were much appreciated by the Brethren.

DEVON LODGE, No. 215.

THE elections for the ensuing year took place at the regular meeting, held on Monday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbot, when Bro. M. Fortescue was chosen W.M. and Bro. W. Vicary Treasurer.

NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

706 Florence Nightingale, W'olwich
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1925 Stanley, Liverpool
1752 Omore, Bridgend
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester

Tuesday.

253 Tyrian, Derby
366 St. David, Milford
564 Stability, Stourbridge
814 Parrott and Axe, Crewkerne
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
990 Neyland, Neyland
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5
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
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
710 Pleiades, Totnes
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
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1184 Eliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fernor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1505 Emulation, Liverpool
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness
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
2387 Manchester Dramatic, Manchester
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.
39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
318 True and Faithful, Helston
445 Fidelity, Towcester
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
566 St. Germain, Selby
602 North York, Middlesboro'
712 Lindsey, Louth

785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
810 Craven, Skipton
951 Prince of Wales, Stow-on-the-Wold
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
303 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone

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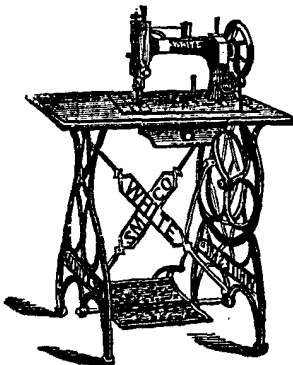
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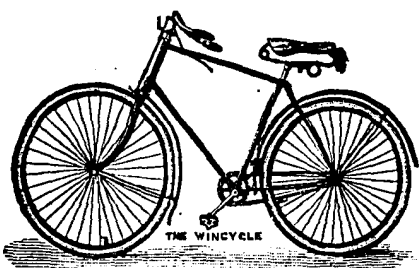
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Court.—8.30, The Rivals. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Princess's.—7.45, A Dark Secret.

Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales.—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. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8.50, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday.

Garrick.—8, The Interview. 8.20, The Professor's Love Story. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Avenue.—8.15, A Dangerous Ruffian. 8.50, Mrs. Ponderbury's Past. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Daly's.—8.15, Second edition of An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday.

Vaudeville.—8.30, Merrifield's Ghost. 9, The New Boy. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—8, The Benefit of the Doubt. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.

Haymarket.—8.30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Lyric.—8.15, The Bric-a-brac Will. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Savoy.—7.50, After all. 8.30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Opera Comique.—8, Madame. 9.45, A Model Trilby. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Strand.—8, A Handsome Husband. 8.50, Niobe. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Adelphi.—This evening, One of the best.

Shaftesbury.—On Friday, A Woman's reason.

Duke of York's.—On Monday, at 8, Tommy Atkins. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Royalty.—8, Kitty Clive—Actress. 8.40, The Chili Widow. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Olympic.—7.30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.

Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8.4, Lochinvar. 10.20, Blue Beard.

Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 7.54, On Brighton Pier. 10.15, Faust.

Palace.—7.40, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.

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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
 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
 183 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, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Ter. N., Harrow Road
 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
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6.30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill 8

Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7.30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider Street
 72 Royal Jubilee, Crown, Lambeth Road, S.E., 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, 33 Old Compton Street, W., 7.30
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7.30
 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
 167 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, 7.30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8.
 890 Hornsey, Masonic 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
 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
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7.30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, 8.30
 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, 8
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney Church), 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7
 M.M. Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall, W.C., 1 & 3 Friday, 6

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 Ecclestone, 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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