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OURSELVES.

CUSTOM ordains that we should address a few personal observations to our readers on the present occasion—the commencement of a new volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which has now completed the twenty-first year of its existence, and gives promise of increased popularity and utility in the future, thanks to the many new friends who have gathered around us during the past twelve months. But it is not merely as a matter of form that we to-day tender brief words of greeting to our readers; we are sincere in wishing them a prosperous New Year, and we hope we shall be called upon on many similar occasions to perform a like mission. Looking back it seems a very long period since we took a part in the preparation of the first issue of this paper, and very great changes have taken place since then, but we have the satisfaction of numbering among our present subscribers several who commenced their support at that time, and have continued it ever since, so that we feel confident, when we say that we shall endeavour to conduct the paper on similar lines in the future as have governed it in the past, that we shall satisfy our older readers, and, we hope, win a large number of new ones, all of whom we shall endeavour to keep fully posted in the working of the Craft.

MASONIC CHARITY IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE year just closed has been one of continued success for the three central Institutions of English Freemasonry, although the amount received is somewhat short of the previous year, the totals being £65,012 7s 8d and £62,654 13s 11d for 1894 and 1895 respectively. The difference, however, is more than covered under one heading—that of Perpetual and Life Presentations, which are absent from the returns of 1895, while they figured for £3,045 in those of the previous year.

As will be seen from the totals we give below the Benevolent Institution has alone exceeded its total of 1894, the increase last year being close upon £1,000, while the Boys and the Girls have each fallen off, the former about £1,500, and the latter £1,800. This is to be accounted for in the case of the Boys when we remember the special efforts made on behalf of that Institution in 1894, but in the case of the Girls School it must be set down as a natural fluctuation, rather than evidence of any lack of interest in its welfare on the part of the members of the Craft.

The summary of receipts for the years 1894 and 1895 is as follows:—

	1894			1895		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Boys School	24,186	16	8	22,696	18	1
Benevolent Institution	20,782	3	11	21,746	15	6
Girls School	20,043	7	1	18,211	0	4
Board of Benevolence	8,955	0	0	8,765	0	0
	£73,967	7	8	£71,419	13	11

We append the usual details of income, as supplied by the Officials of the respective Institutions, together with a summary of the amounts voted at the different meetings of the Board of Benevolence:—

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	20,508	14	1
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call	1,746	12	3
Legacy	20	0	0
Music Fees	88	2	6
Science and Art Department (Grants earned)	32	14	0
Prize Funds	40	19	0
Sundry Receipts	99	6	3
	£22,696	18	1

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	15,779	17	6
Dividends	4,205	5	5
Grand Lodge	1,600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	11	12	7
	£21,746	15	6

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	15,727	8	0
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends	2,103	15	7
Interest on Deposits	12	17	3
Receipts for Musical Instruction	118	6	6
Science and Art Department (Grant earned)	29	18	0
Window Memorials	44	5	0
Miscellaneous	14	0	0
	£18,211	0	4

The following table shows the number of cases relieved, and total amount voted, month by month, by the Board of Benevolence:

Month	Cases relieved	£	s	d
January	34	575	0	0
February	45	825	0	0
March	46	745	0	0
April	42	745	0	0
May	59	890	0	0
June	30	485	0	0
July	40	870	0	0
August	20	495	0	0
September	22	500	0	0
October	36	805	0	0
November	50	905	0	0
December	43	925	0	0
	467	£8,765	0	0

THE PAST YEAR IN THE WEST.

THE Craft in Devon and Cornwall, and so in the adjoining counties, has been most active during the past year, and on the whole it has proved a most prosperous time, both in what is termed Craft Masonry and the higher degrees. The charities have been well supported for local purposes, and fairly well for the central Institutions, but it is undeniable that the educational funds as raised, managed, and distributed by each separate Province, as in Devon, Cornwall, and Dorset, are increasing in popularity year by year, not only because of their local arrangement, but the costs are practically nil, and the benefits widely distributed through the neighbourhoods from which the subscriptions are obtained. By these means about twenty-five children are being educated and partly maintained in the three counties named, and many are also assisted subsequently for their advancement in life.

The first festival of the year was for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was held under the chairmanship of Lord Dungarvan Prov. G.M. of Somerset, by which the sum of £14,000 was raised. Dorset sent up 100 guineas, and Somerset obtained £246 15s. The second was for the Girls, when the very popular Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe presided. His lordship's Province sent up over £700, over one-half being obtained by Bro. E. D. Anderton Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall, who was one of the Stewards, the others also doing admirably. Somerset forwarded £37 16s. The total for all England was over £16,000. The final festival was for the Boys. Bro. J. Taylor, J.P. (Torquay), as Steward, secured some £150, and Bro. F. B. Westlake (Plymouth) over £50. Dorset was represented by £210 and Somerset by £50. The large amount of £19,000 was raised.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Barnstaple, presided over by Lord Ebrington Prov. G.M. was a successful meeting. After many years of valuable service Bro. W. D. Rogers has retired from the office of Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Major G. C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. of England being appointed to succeed him, and Bro. John Brewer has again become Prov. Grand Secretary. Newton Abbot had the honour of receiving the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge, which was presided over by the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B. (the Prov. G.M.), Captain G. S. Strode-Lowe, of Plymouth, being again the D. Prov. G.M., and Brother Henry Stocker (of Exeter) the Prov. G. Sec. The Prov. Grand R.A. Chapter was held at Exeter, but the degree is not so prosperous just now as it used to be, in proportion to the increase of membership generally. Knight Templary in Devon has taken a new lease under the genial rule of Major G. C. Davie, J.P., who has just been installed as the new Prov. Prior, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Lemon, who resigned that office.

The fraternity in Cornwall has been busy through 1895. The Prov. G. Lodge was convened at Saltash for the first time, and was a great success. The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe presided, and was once more supported by the veteran Craftsman Sir Charles B. G. Sawle P.G.W. of England the D. Prov. G.M. Brother E. D. Anderton again consented to act as Prov. G. Sec. The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe was earlier in the year at

Liskeard to lay the foundation-stone of the Cottage Hospital, with full Masonic honours. The donor, Brother Passmore Edwards, also took part, ably supported by the Mayor, Bro. W. H. Stanton, and other dignitaries. Later on the jubilee of the Lodge at Liskeard was celebrated, fifty years having passed since its inauguration in August 1845. The members wisely determined to free their handsome Masonic Hall from debt as the best form of commemoration, so on the day fixed the deeds were duly presented to the W.M. free from all encumbrance. They likewise presented a handsome gold watch and an illuminated testimonial to Bro. R. A. Courtney Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, so long the indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge. An address on the history of the Craft for the last fifty years was read from Brother W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. of England, thus completing a most enjoyable gathering. Mark Masonry is still as prosperous as ever, with Bro. Sir Charles Sawle as Prov. G.M. and Bro. W. J. Johns as Prov. Grand Secretary. The Cornish Lodge, London, is well supported by Cornish Brethren, and Cornishmen, the present W.M. being Bro. John Leach Barrett (some time since a resident of Truro), Dr. Curnow is the S.W., and the Rev. Canon Shuttleworth the J.W.

Bro. J. B. Gover P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth, in recognition of his great services for over forty years, was presented by the members with his portrait, and Mrs. Gover with a tea and coffee service—honours well deserved.

The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe presided at the annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of England in April (as Deputy Grand Master, in the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), about 600 being present. Brother John Lane, in recognition of his invaluable work, "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," was appointed to the rank of P.A.G.D.C. by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M., and as P.A.G.D.C. in the Grand Chapter. Bro. William Lake P.M. 131, Truro, so long a resident of that city, but during recent years editor of the "Freemason," London, was invested as Assistant Grand Secretary, and is now chief clerk in the office of the Grand Secretary. These compliments are much appreciated by the local Craft.—"Western Morning News."

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts Senior Grand Warden of England, and one of the founders of the National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578, which is to be consecrated at the Criterion, on the 15th inst., will act for the first twelve months as Immediate Past Master to Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Ritchie, R.A., the first Master of the Lodge.

On New Year's eve, at the Victoria Hall, Weston-super-Mare, the members of the St. Kew Lodge gave their annual treat to the aged poor of the town, when upwards of 350 accepted the invitation and thoroughly enjoyed Masonic hospitalities. A "high tea" having been partaken of, with selections by the Grosvenor Quintet Band at intervals, a miscellaneous programme was gone through, including a minstrel entertainment.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, ST. JOHN'S HILL, LONDON, S.W.

OFFICES—5 FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

Chief Patroness—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness—H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

Bankers—LONDON & WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD. (BLOOMSBURY BRANCH), HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

1830 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 269.

The Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards at the 108th Anniversary Festival, which will take place on Wednesday, 13th May 1896, are earnestly solicited.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF YARBOROUGH

R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE IN THE CHAIR.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary, 5 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Friday, 20th ult. The Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Grand Superintendent of the Province presided, supported by Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.Z. 82 and 839 Prov.G.H., and others.

The business of Prov. G. Chapter was, with one exception, purely formal. Comp. Bryan had resigned the elective office of Treasurer, and Comp. J. Bruton the Treasurer of Prov. G. Lodge was unanimously elected in his stead. The following were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.Z. 82 and 839	-	H.
W. R. Felton P.Z. 82	-	J.
James B. Winterbotham P.Z. 82	-	Scribe E.
W. C. Ferris P.Z. 493	-	Scribe N.
J. Bruton P.Z. 839 P.Prov.G.J.	-	Treasurer
William Warman 702	-	Registrar
E. N. Wittchell P.Z. 839	-	Principal Sojourner
E. L. Baylis Z. 82	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
C. G. Clark Z. 493	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Col. Richard Rogers J. 82	-	Sword Bearer
Edwin Lea J. 493	-	Standard Bearer
R. W. Northcott 702	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. A. Matthews 82	-	Organist
Llewellyn Evans 82	-	Assistant Scribe E.
Sergt.-Major M. Carroll	-	Janitor.

Prov. G. Chapter having been closed, the Companions dined together in the banqueting room of the Hall. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach presided. During the evening his health as Grand Superintendent of the Province was proposed by the Baron de Ferrieres. The Baron spoke of the pleasure with which he had undertaken the task entrusted to him. He congratulated the Masons of the Province on the fact that Sir Michael had found time, amid the cares of the high office he held in the State, to come amongst them once more.

Sir Michael, in reply, feelingly acknowledged the cordiality of his reception. The cares to which the Baron had referred added to the pleasure with which he found himself once more surrounded by his Brethren. Remembering the many happy hours he had spent amongst them, it would indeed be strange if he did not keep a warm corner in his heart for his old county and the Masons of Gloucestershire.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was the guest of Comp. Vassar-Smith for the night, at Charlton Park.

The members of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, announce that the second annual Masonic ball in connection with their successful Lodge will be held at the Stratford Town Hall, on Wednesday, 5th February, in aid of the funds of the West Ham Hospital, Brethren of other Lodges and non-Masons being invited. Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark clothing will be worn. The Hon. Secretary Brother Henry Wm. Clarke, of 53 Osborne Road, Forest Gate, will be glad to send further particulars.

On Friday, 27th ult., under the auspices of the Royal St. Edmunds and the Abbey Lodges, a grand ball was held in the Athenæum Hall, Bury St. Edmunds. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the Marquis and Marchioness of Bristol, Lord Henniker Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, the Earl of Euston Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, Viscount Chelsea, M.P. for Bury St. Edmunds, Ian Malcolm, M.P. for the North-Western (Stowmarket) Division of Suffolk, Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Provincial Grand Master (formerly rector of Long Melford), John G. Oliver P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Mayor of Bury St. Edmunds, the Mayoress, and other distinguished ladies and gentlemen and members of the Craft. The Brethren appeared in Masonic costume, and military officers in uniform. The scene was remarkably picturesque as dancing proceeded, many of the dresses of the ladies being much admired.

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The Stockton Freemasons' Hall and Club Co., Limited, has been formed to acquire the buildings known as the Stockton Freemasons' Hall, with its furnishings, &c.; to take over the Freemasons' Club, its fittings, &c., and to let the buildings and devote the profits to the company. The building originally cost, with furnishing, £7,500 odd, and belongs to the Lodge of Philanthropy, who have agreed to transfer the property to the company for £5,100, of which £100 will be taken in shares. The capital of the company is £5,000 in £1 shares. The company is confined to Freemasons, and a great many shares have been subscribed. Eight of the leading Masons of Stockton are the directors, with, as a ninth, and who is chairman of the company, Brother W. J. Watson P.M. P.P.J.G.D., the Town Clerk of Thornaby-on-Tees, Messrs. Backhouse and Co. are the bankers, Messrs. Wilson, Ornsby, and Cadle the solicitors, and Bro. R. Tinkler, Rosebank, Stockton, the secretary.

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The Cardinal Vicar has addressed the following letter to the Central Executive Committee in Italy for the first Anti-Masonic Congress: "The Anti-Masonic Congress which will be held next year is looked forward to by all religious persons. It is unnecessary to demonstrate the errors of Freemasonry or to regret the havoc wrought by it, to you who are so perfectly acquainted with its theoretic and practical character. Nor is there any need to insist upon the fact that the Catholic Church and civilised society are confronted with no more powerful obstacle than Freemasonry, which is the enemy of all their endeavours to procure the temporal and eternal welfare of the nations. Notwithstanding this, nay, in consequence of it, I encourage you to work in the Congress, carrying beyond the Alps, in the name of Rome and of Italy, the treasures of your learning, experience, and virtue. Such enemies can only be overcome by the power of God, Who, in making men the instruments of His designs, would have them aflame with faith and charity." The letter is given: "From the Vicariate on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 1895."—"Tablet."

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Patrons (ex-officio)—{ THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM M.W.PROG.M.
THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF MOUNT-EDGCUMBE R.W.DEP.G.M.

Treasurer—CHARLES E. KEYSER, Esq., P.G. DEACON, PATRON OF INSTITUTION.

Bankers—LONDON & WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD. (BLOOMSBURY BRANCH), HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

2176 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798.

278 Boys are now being Educated, Clothed, and Maintained.

PERMANENT ANNUAL INCOME £1,750 ONLY.

The NINETY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in June 1896, under the distinguished Presidency of

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL,

R.W. PROV.G.M. DERBYSHIRE, VICE-PATRON OF THE INSTITUTION.

The services of Brethren as Stewards (representing Lodges or Provinces) and Ladies, are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

CONTRIBUTIONS EARNESTLY SOLICITED.

Secretary—J. MORRISON MCLEOD, VICE PRESIDENT, 6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

WELL DESERVED PRAISE.

A BAZAAR, under the auspices of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, the Worshipful Master of which is Brother H. L. Burtonshaw, was successfully held on Wednesday, 18th ult., in the Crowle Market Hall.

In the afternoon, several Brethren (including Provincial Officers) supported Bro. Sissons the D.P.G. Master of Lincolnshire, who opened the bazaar with an address, in the course of which he said: No Lodge of its size, and very few larger Lodges, have made such a record of charitable work as yours; you have ever taken a deep interest in the various charitable institutions connected with our ancient Order of Freemasonry, and identified yourselves most earnestly with that noble work of love and charity for which we largely exist. The great difficulty I see before the Isle of Axholme is that you will have to live up to your past traditions. Such loyal support of charities has been given by you in the past, in addition to the local calls and claims, that their might be some difficulty in living up to the high standard of the past. The old idea of Freemasonry amongst a certain class was "much eating and drinking and late hours;" but the most modern and correct idea was, that the Order existed to help forward and augment the work of the church, and to aid every good and charitable work. No man could become a Mason unless he held a good social position, but unfortunately in this keen competitive age adverse circumstances and misfortune overtook many a Brother, through circumstances over which he had not the slightest control. It was then the duty of his Brethren to be true to their principles of Brotherly love and give a helping hand. The succour of the widow and fatherless was a work dear to every true Mason's heart, and the two excellent Institutions in London existed solely for the purpose of educating, feeding, and clothing the children of deceased Masons. Several hundred boys and girls were being fitted and prepared for the battle of life that they might hold situations, and make such a position for themselves in life as they would most likely have held, had misfortune not overtaken them.

Great praise is due to Brother T. Staniforth, the Charity Steward, who had worked with might and main to secure such a large collection of goods, &c.; and which up to the present has resulted in securing for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the sum of £50. This amount will be added to when remainder of goods are sold.—"Doncaster Gazette."

On Thursday next, 9th inst., the Symbols of the Craft degrees in Freemasonry will be expounded by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c., with limelight diagrams by Bro. Walter Clement Tyler S.D. 862, at the regular meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259, at the Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse. The Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., the lecture commencing at 7.30. Master Masons only are eligible to attend, Masonic clothing being ordered. The lecture was first given in the Hornsey Lodge of Instruction, No. 890, and then proved very interesting, as we anticipate will also be the case next week.

Next year being the centenary year of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, at Fareham, the appointment of Officers will be unique in the annals of Hampshire Masonry, as every office will be filled by Brethren who have passed the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Edgar Goble Provincial Grand Secretary and a past Officer of Grand Lodge will be placed in the chair.

The annual ball of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield Street, Maryport, on Friday, 27th ult., there being a large attendance.

SILVER WEDDING PRESENTATION.

A MASSIVE solid silver punch-bowl was presented on Friday, 13th ult., to Dr. and Mrs. Williams-Cock, of Peckham, on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding. The gift, subscribed for at a few days' notice only, and confined to members of the Masonic fraternity connected with the Rye Lodge and Rye Chapter (of both of which Dr. Cock was a founder), is a handsome and valuable evidence of the high regard and hearty affection in which he is deservedly held, not only by his Masonic friends but also by all who have the privilege of his acquaintance. The intrinsic worth of this offering is after all only a slight indication of the degree of admiration and respect entertained for him as "a man and a Mason" by the leading inhabitants of the neighbourhood, while the spontaneous support and cordial spirit with which the presentation was sprung as a total surprise upon the unsuspecting recipient speaks well for the worthy way in which the secrets of the Craft are kept by its votaries. The numerous friends of the doctor and his good lady will doubtless feel highly gratified to learn of this pleasing expressing of warm esteem and hearty good wishes for a long continuance of their united happiness and prosperity. The bowl, which is of a rich, yet chaste Jacobean design, bears an appropriate inscription.—"South London Press."

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.

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' H.
- 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
- 144 St. Luke, Anderton's
- 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
- 1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
- 1321 Emblematic, Criterion
- 2535 Fellowship, Frascati
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
- 53 Royal Sussex, Bath
- 107 Philanthropic, Lynn
- 113 Unanimity, Preston
- 119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
- 135 Perpetual F'dship, Bridgwater
- 154 Unanimity, Wakefield
- 156 Harmony, Plymouth
- 199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
- 251 Loyal, Barnstable
- 328 St. John, Torquay
- 331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
- 338 Vitruvian, Ross
- 395 Guy, Leamington
- 422 Yarborough, Gainsborough
- 428 Sincerity, Northwich
- 431 St. George, N. Shields
- 441 Three G. Principles, Cambridge
- 482 St. James, Handsworth
- 529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
- 622 St. Outhberga, Wimborne
- 827 St. John, Dewsbury
- 839 Royal Glo'stershire, Gloucester
- 850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
- 928 Friendship, Petersfield
- 959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
- 977 Fowey, Fowey
- 1045 Stamford, Altrincham
- 1050 Gundulph, Rochester
- 1051 Rowley, Lancaster
- 1071 Zetland, Saltash
- 1077 Wilton, Blackley
- 1180 Forward, Birmingham
- 1211 Goderich, Leeds
- 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
- 1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
- 1264 Neptune, Liverpool
- 1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
- 1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
- 1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
- 1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
- 1573 Caradoc, Swansea
- 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
- 2163 Jersey, Southall
- 2166 Cotehele, Calstock
- 2240 Arrow, Kingston
- 2520 Prince of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 2525 Thurston, Coniston
- 2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
- 2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons'-hall, 4
- 9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
- 172 Old Concord, Freemasons'-hall
- 765 St. James, Bridge House Hot.
- 1472 Henley, North Woolwich
- 1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
- 2032 Richmond, Richmond
- 52 Union, Norwich
- 70 St. John, Plymouth
- 103 Beaufort, Bristol
- 120 Palladian, Hereford
- 124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
- 158 Adam's, Sheerness
- 209 Etonian, Windsor
- 226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
- 252 Harmonic, Dudley
- 265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
- 315 Royal York, Brighton
- 340 Alfred, Oxford
- 364 Cambrian, Neath
- 393 St. David, Berwick
- 421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
- 457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
- 493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
- 510 St. Martin, Liskeard
- 558 Temple, Folkestone
- 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
- 673 St. John, Liverpool
- 734 Londesborough, Bridlington
- 794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
- 804 Carnarvon, Havant
- 847 Fortescue, Honiton
- 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 974 Pentalpha, Bradford

- 995 Furness, Ulverston
- 1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
- 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
- 1184 Newall, Manchester
- 1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
- 1222 St. Kew, Weston-super-Mare
- 1244 Marwood, Redcar
- 1232 Ancholme, Brigg
- 1336 Square & Compass, Wrexham
- 1488 St. Eleth, Amble
- 1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
- 1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
- 1726 Gordon, Bognor
- 1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
- 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
- 1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
- 1904 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
- 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
- 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Av.
- 2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 2290 Fairfield, Fairfield

Wednesday.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H., at 4
- 11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall
- 13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
- 15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
- 87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel
- 147 Justice, Deptford
- 548 Wellington, Cannon St. Hotel
- 749 Belgrave, Anderton's
- 820 Lily of Richmond, Richmond
- 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant
- 1586 Upper Norwood, Up. Norwood
- 1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
- 1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via Ho.
- 1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
- 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.

- 54 Hope, Rochdale
- 84 Doyle's Fellowship, Guernsey
- 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
- 146 Antiquity, Bolton
- 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
- 204 Caledonian, Manchester
- 225 St. Luke, Ipswich
- 244 Yarborough, Jersey
- 274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
- 277 Friendship, Oldham
- 281 Fortitude, Lancaster
- 288 Harmony, Todmorden
- 323 Concord, Stockport
- 463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon
- 483 Sympathy, Gravesend
- 498 Royal Standard, Dudley
- 654 Pevril of the Peak, New Mills
- 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
- 666 Benevolence, Princetown
- 679 St. David, Aberdare
- 730 Ellesmere, Chorley
- 731 Arboretum, Derby
- 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
- 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
- 852 Zetland, Salford
- 854 Albert, Shaw
- 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
- 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
- 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
- 1060 Marmion, Tamworth
- 1064 Borough, Burnley
- 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
- 1091 Erme, Ivybridge
- 1094 Temple, Liverpool
- 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
- 1112 Shirley, Shirley
- 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
- 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
- 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
- 1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
- 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
- 1242 Tynwald, Douglas
- 1248 Denison, Scarborough
- 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
- 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
- 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
- 1400 Curwen, Workington
- 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
- 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
- 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
- 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
- 1703 Windrush, Witney
- 1715 Arthur John Brogden, Grange-over-Sands
- 1798 Zion, Manchester
- 1848 Ferrum, Middlesbrough
- 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
- 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
- 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
- 1947 Stanford, Hove
- 2046 Robinson, Maidstone
- 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
- 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
- 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
- 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
- 2423 St. Mark, Connah's Quay
- 2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

Quarterly General Court, Girls School
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
181 Universal, Albion
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, F.M.H.
263 Bank of England, Albion
534 Polish National, Freemasons'-h.
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel
879 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern,
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Notting Hill
1708 Plucknett, East Finchley
1820 Sir T. White, Café Royal
1987 Strand, Criterion
2033 University of London, F.M.H.
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland G. Ho.
2417 Bolingbroke, Clapham Junct.
2509 Barnet, New Barnet

35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
191 St. John, Bury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterborough
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd's, Littleborough
945 Abbey, Abingdon
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lytham
1098 St. George, Tredegar, Mon.
1099 Huyshe, Stoke Damerel
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1429 Albert Edward Prince of Wales,
Newport, Mon.
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1515 Bertie, Oxford
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot

1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1863 Priory, Tynemouth
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2016 Shalden, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansworth.
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild,
2428 Gracedieu, Colville [Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

Quarterly Meeting Boys School, Free-
masons'-hall, at 4
157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
1602 Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricul-
tural Hall
1704 Anchor, Café Royal
1997 John Carpenter, Albion
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
680 Sefton, Liverpool
786 Coxteth United Service, Liver-
pool
815 Blair, Hulme, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De La Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-upon-Trent
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-o-Tyne
1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney

Saturday.

176 Caveac, Albion
1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
1686 Paxton, Camberwell
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
2029 King Solomon, Mark M. Hall
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire Emulation, Land-
port
2309 George Gardner, Eton
2326 Wigan, Wigan
2359 Doric, Didsbury

as to have enabled him to do the work in a satisfactory manner, but hoped that others who succeeded him would take up and successfully finish what he had been deficient in. With the assistance of Bro. Marshall they had steered their craft through troubled waters, and it was now in a satisfactory position. He predicted that this Conclave would become a success; it was something to say that this was the first in Manchester, and the father of future Conclaves.

Bro. Plumptre, in proposing the health of the Supreme Ruler-elect, extolled his work, Bro. Carr responding.

The harmony of the evening was sustained by Bros. Kirkland, Carr, Marshall, and E. Roberts.

Palace.—Bro. Charles Morton, the ever-courteous and genial manager of this magnificent Theatre, presents his patrons with a splendid holiday programme, which is nightly received with every demonstration of delight by overflowing houses. It is needless to enumerate all the items, but among the novelties are the Maningos, two very clever boy acrobats, Edwin Barwick as the "Double of Henry Irving," a burlesque on Trilby by Miss St. Cyr and Mr. Raymond, Les Trois Minstrels Parisiens, Lottie Collins in new and taking songs, La Loie Fuller in some wonderful prismatic effects, and another beautiful series of Tableaux Vivants. So successful is the entertainment that morning performances are being given, the next being announced for the 11th inst.

Covent Garden.—No more appropriate occasion than New Year's Day could be found by our worthy Brother Sir Augustus Harris for his third grand Fancy Dress Ball. It is the time for jollity, good humour and holiday Carnival, and the public proved ready enough to profit by the programme provided for them. Never did Covent Garden Theatre look more fit to represent the Temple of the Revels, "blazing with light and breathing with perfume." Garlands of flowers draped the fronts of the galleries and set off the rich gilding of the decorations, while the pretty and kaleidoscopic groupings of the dancers was rendered still more brilliant by the blazing beams of the limelight thrown upon them from above. Dancing commenced soon after eleven o'clock, to the tuneful strains of Brother J. M. Glover's fine orchestra, and was continued almost without intermission until a late hour in the morning. The ladies, as usual, were more suitably attired for the occasion than their male companions, among the most striking costumes being a Watteau Gipsy, Christmas Cards, Illustrated Bits, Joan of Arc, a Queen of the Harem, a dress decorated with ingots of silver, together with shepherdesses, peasants, and merry Swiss Girls galore. The eccentric costumes were A Cripples' Hamper, A Nap Hand, and Street Nuisances. Britannia and Columbia walked hand in hand, and an elaborate dress, entitled The United Kingdom, attracted much attention. Among the men were Svengali, A Lady's Companion, a Mail Guard, and a melancholy looking clown, who was said to be a distinguished gentleman well known to the Brethren of Lodge No. 2265. The award of the valuable prizes must have been a difficult matter, but doubtless the genial manager, who wandered among the throng, taking notes, was able to decide upon the recipients to the satisfaction of those concerned. The next ball is announced for the 15th instant.

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CHAMPION CONCLAVE, No. 26.

A MEETING was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., Bro. T. H. Scholfield Supreme Ruler Grand Councillor. The minutes having been confirmed, and the general communications read, the election of Officers was proceeded with, the result being that Bro. Buckley Carr Councillor was chosen as S.R. for the ensuing year, Bro. Ragdale P.G.C. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Boyer was appointed Grand Steward.

At the festive board which followed, loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

The S.R. proposed the G. Officers, to which Bro. Plumptre responded, saying that the best of things come by surprise, and he was pleased with the recognition they had given him on his appointment. He spoke of the consecration, and of Bro. Philbrick's connection with it, alluding also to the principles of this degree, declaring that the order of David and Jonathan was supreme in Masonry. In conclusion he said that there was every element in the Conclave for future success, regarding with pleasure the fact that he was first Grand Steward.

Bro. Carr proposed the health of the S.R., to which Bro. Scholfield responded, saying it was a great honour his having become Supreme Ruler of the Conclave. He felt sorry he had not had several years of service, so

Prince Scipione Borghese, our Rome correspondent says, is going to rebuy the famous palace of his family, where the Grand Orient of the Italian Freemasons has established its headquarters, and will pay 1,700,000 lire. To the great regret of the Vatican the Grand Orient cannot be expelled from the Palace of Paul V., as their contract lasts until 1899.—"Daily News."

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
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** The 108th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 18th May next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire.

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The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

3rd January 1896.

** The Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival will be held in June 1896, under the distinguished Presidency of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Derbyshire. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces, and of Ladies as Stewards on this important occasion, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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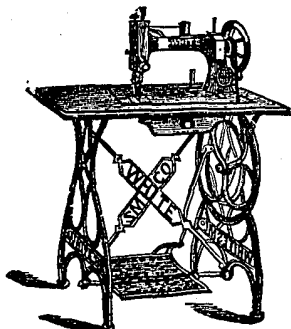
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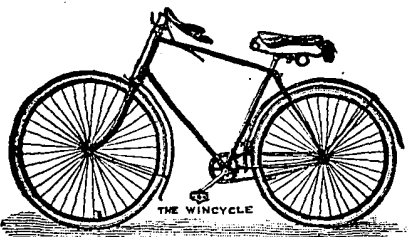
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Prince of Wales.—7:35, A Woman's Caprice. 8:15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8:30, The Squire of Dames. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8:50, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Garrick.—8, The Interview. 8:20, The Professor's Love Story. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Avenue.—8, A Highland Legacy. 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, A Breezy Morning. 8:40, The Late Mr. Castello. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Haymarket.—8:30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Lyric.—The Sign of the Cross.
Savoy.—7:50, After all. 8:30, The Mikado. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Opera Comique.—8, Madame. 9:45, A Model Trilby. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Strand.—8:15, A Happy Pair. 8:50, Niobe. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Adelphi.—8, One of the best. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Shaftesbury.—8, Jeremy Diddler. 8:30, A Woman's reason. Matinée, Saturday, 2:55.
St. James's.—On Tuesday, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Saturday.
Court.—8, Second of All Abroad.
Royalty.—8, Kitty Oive—Actress. 8:40, The Chili Wid. w. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Olympic.—7:30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:30.
Parkhurst.—7:45, Dick Whittington and his Cat.
Alhambra.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8:35, Lochinvar. 10:20, Blue Bca.
Empire.—Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8, On Brighton Pier. 10:25, Faust.

Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, Saturday, 2:15.
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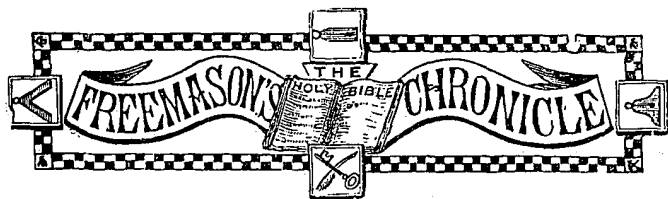
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SATURDAY, 4TH JANUARY 1896.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE regular Monthly Council was held on Friday, 27th December, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve in the chair, and there were also present Brothers Keyser Treasurer, Lefeuvre, Fitzgerald, Glass, Fairchild, Strachan, McQueen, Pulman, Cummings, Stephens, and Mickley.

After the usual routine business, the report of the Petitions Committee was considered. Eleven Petitions were accepted and two deferred. Two cases were rejected, one on the ground that as the boy was born twenty-one years after the Father had ceased to be a subscribing Mason it could not be considered as

coming within the objects of the Institution. It was incidentally mentioned that a Petition on behalf of the sister of the Candidate was similarly rejected by the General Committee of the Girls School on the previous day.

The List for the April election was then closed with fifty-one Candidates, and the Quarterly Court was recommended to elect twenty-eight Boys therefrom.

A grant of £10 was made for an ex-pupil's advancement.

In the report of the proceedings of the Board of Management it was named that a satisfactory report of the Examination of the whole School by the Syndicate of the Cambridge University had been received. This report we shall reproduce next week, it being crowded out from our current issue.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE are particularly pleased to be able to make the very gratifying announcement, thus early in the new year, that the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Past Grand Master Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, has consented to preside at the festival to celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of this Institution, to be held in February of next year. We tender our hearty congratulations to the Secretary and others interested in the work, on the good fortune that appears to be in store for the Fund.

The installation meeting of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, will be held on Friday next, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. Thomas Henry Hobbs being the W.M.-elect. In addition to the installation there is a full agenda of business, one Brother coming forward for the second degree, three gentlemen being candidates for initiation, and one Brother desiring to be admitted as a joining member. We hope to give an account of the meeting in due course.

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The old Prince's Street Hall, thirty years ago one of two rooms which alone could hold concert parties in Penzance, since used as a billiard-room, is now very much changed and improved. The ground floor has light admitted, and will be made available for Masonic banquets. The stairs to the first floor have been widened and improved. These now lead to a Lodge Room for the Mount Sinai Freemasons. It is forty feet long, twenty-six feet wide, and twenty-five feet high, and will make a fine Lodge. The second floor has a hall of less size, with ante-rooms, &c., and will be devoted to Arch Masonry.—"Western Mercury."

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There are a variety of opinions on the law of degrees adopted by Grand Lodge of Scotland at the meeting in November, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," the two principal of which are that the law comes into force at once, and the other that it does not become law until the minutes are confirmed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge. The result is that one finds one Lodge acting on the rule, and another trusting to the more convenient opinion, and, therefore, conducting their work on the old lines. We have only to go back to the time when the fees were increased in proof of the contention that laws come into force from the moment they are passed. So far as the claim that the laws do not come into operation until the minutes of the meeting of Grand Lodge at which they were adopted are confirmed is concerned, a glance at Grand Lodge rule 42 at once disposes of that. "Confirmation of minutes of Grand Lodge implies that the *res gesta* of a previous meeting has been correctly recorded, and not that the questions discussed and disposed of at such former meeting can be opened up at the succeeding one when the minutes are read."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

AT the funeral of Dr. W. L. Pope, at Highweek, the Freemasons were represented by members of Devon Lodge, of which Dr. Pope was Chaplain, and by Bro. Snelling.

THE death occurred on the 30th ult. of Bro. Edward Bath, Town Clerk of Glastonbury, whose loss to the public life of Glastonbury will be almost irreparable, and will be keenly felt in many ways for a long time. The Mayor of Wells, at a meeting of the Council, sympathetically alluded to the loss Glastonbury had suffered.

THE remains of Bro. Henry Thomas Hardy, of Southampton, who occupied a distinguished position in the Albert Edward Chapter, and died on 21st ult., at the comparatively early age of forty-one years, were interred on the 24th, in the Southampton Cemetery, his remains being followed to the grave by a number of Brethren.

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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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday, 9th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. W. Caslake W.M. being supported by Bros. Rushforth S.W., Hine J.W., R. Ayton P.M. Treasurer, A. Calver P.M. Secretary, Past Masters Barnes, John West, James Smith, J. H. Brown, Moss, Scott, and many others.

The business included the initiation of Mr. T. B. Russell, and the raising of Bros. Liddiard and Watkins, both ceremonies being carried through with praiseworthy promptitude and completeness.

The formal duties of the Lodge having been attended to, the Brethren adjourned to an excellently-served supper, after which the customary toasts were honoured, and the proceedings agreeably varied with some capital singing and recitations.

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LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE fifth annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday, 18th ult., at the Angel Hotel, Ilford, under the presidency of Bro. W. R. Simmonds Worshipful Master-elect of the Mother Lodge. There was a large attendance of Brethren. After an excellent dinner the toast of the Mother Lodge was proposed by Bro. Johnson, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. F. Evans the present W.M.

The toast of Worshipful Master was next honoured, with unmistakable warmth and cordiality, and Bro. Simmonds responded.

Bro. Gilson proposed the Lodge of Instruction, and spoke of the very gratifying results attending the election of Bro. Johnson to the office of Preceptor. Some two or three years ago, he said, the Lodge was almost in a condition of collapse, and the attendance was often insufficient to form a Lodge, but under the able and energetic direction of Bro. Johnson a vast improvement had been brought about, not only in the number of Brethren who attended the weekly meetings, but also in the character of the work done, and at the present time the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction was in a most flourishing condition. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Johnson, who briefly replied, and who obviously enjoys the esteem and goodwill of the members in a very full degree.

In the course of the evening several excellent songs were very successfully rendered by Bros. Goddard, Evans, Gould, and others, and the gathering proved an undoubted success in every particular, says the "Essex Times."

The meetings are held at the Angel Hotel, every Wednesday evening, and a Masonic Benevolent Association formed in connection with the Lodge has been the means of collecting a very considerable amount for the three Institutions.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1996.

THE members of this Lodge of Instruction held their annual supper at the Berrymead Priory, on Thursday, 19th ult. Bro. Fred Botley P.M. Preceptor presided, and was supported by Bro. Bayman as S.W., and Bro. Bardrick as J.W.

After the usual Loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Brother Sutton proposed success to the Priory Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of the Preceptor.

The toast was received with acclamation, and Bro. Botley, in replying, said he was glad to be supported by so many Brethren. He was proud to say that, like a schoolmaster who issues his prospectus showing how many good men he had turned out, he could look round the table and find several who had studied and grasped the tenets of the Craft, and by their own attention reflected credit on him.

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RELIEF LODGE, No. 42.

THE St. John's Festival meeting of this old and distinguished Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th ult. (by dispensation from the Prov.G.M. of East Lancashire), at the Philip's Hall, Garden Street, Bury.

The Lodge was opened at 2.45 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Douglas, who being unanimously elected, was duly initiated into Masonry, by Bro. P. Allen W.M., the Working Tools being explained by Bro. V. Brown J.W.

The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, and according to ancient usage and established custom, Bro. Vincent Brown J.W. W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Thomas Rigby P.M. P.G.S.B. E.L. for installation, and having assented to the ancient charges, was duly obligated by Bro. P. Allen W.M.

The chair was then taken by Bro. John Redfern P.M. P.P.G.P. E.L., who rendered the installation ceremony in a very masterly and impressive manner, and Bro. Brown was duly installed into the chair of K.S. with great dignity, and saluted by twenty-four Past Masters present.

After the usual formulæ the Brethren were admitted, and Bro. Vincent Brown W.M. was proclaimed Master, and due honour was done him under the direction of Bro. Redfern, who also presented the working tools, and gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren respectively.

The W.M. then invested the I.P.M., who, in response, said it gave him very great pleasure to hand over the Centenary Jewel of the Lodge to the new W.M., which he did very gracefully.

Bro. Thomas Rigby P.M. P.G.S.B. E.L. then invested (and also explained the jewels and duties in a most efficient manner) the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Oswald Wild S.W., John Booth J.W., Henry Pollard Chaplain, Thomas H. Sleight P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Carter P.M. P.P.G.O. E.L. Secretary, Fred B. Barlow S.D., Walter Spencer J.D., Thomas

Rigby P.M. P.G.S.B. E.L. D.C., Chas. R. Scholes Org., Wm. E. Hall I.G., Henry Matthews and William Nabb Stewards, Daniel Rowland Tyler, and Sam Cox P.M. Almoner.

The installation ceremony being concluded, the remaining Lodge business was conducted under the gavel of the W.M.

Hearty good wishes were expressed from the numerous Visitors present, which included:—Bros. M. Stansfield J.D. 78; Thomas Pye W.M., James Nuttall P.M. 128; James Frost W.M. P.G.A.D.C. E.L., John Bullivant I.P.M., William Barritt P.M. P.G.J.D. E.L., Oliver Crompton P.M., Walter Bell Organist, William Dickson Steward, Harry Hall, Roger Wood 191; James Lord I.P.M., James Mawdsley P.M. 286; J. H. Mills W.M. 854; B. Hopkinson P.M. 1140; Fred. Renshaw P.M. 1387; T. J. Hutchinson W.M., Robert Hall P.M. 1392; Samuel Porritt P.M. P.P.G.D.C. E.L., William Hardman J.D. 1634; William Cranshaw 1948; Thomas Hamnett S.D. 2363; Oswald Dearden S.D. 2482; Thomas Mellor W.M., William Noar Chaplain, Robert Bridge J.D. 2560, &c.

A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next Lodge meeting, and as there will be three Craftings and one Raising due in addition, it augurs well for a busy and successful year for the new Master.

The Lodge being duly closed, the Brethren, who numbered about eighty, proceeded to the Grey Mare Hotel, and partook of a superb banquet, which was served in Bro. L. R. and Mrs. Duckworth's best style.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured and responded to during the evening, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The following contributed to the evening's enjoyment:—Bros. T. Carter, J. Chadwick, H. Matthews, R. Gregson, W. R. Buxton, W. Dickson, W. Bell, E. Royle, R. Blackburn, Dr. T. Mellor, Roger Wood, T. Hamnett (Manchester), and M. Stansfield (Middleton).

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HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

ON the 27th ult. the Brethren, according to ancient custom, assembled at their Masonic Hall, Hull, on the Festivity of St. John the Evangelist, to instal their Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Brethren had accorded their votes in favour of Bro. Thomas Morrill (eldest son of the present Sheriff), and the extremely beautiful ritual of the Craft was rendered in an impressive manner by Bro. George Wilson P.M. P.P.G.D., who was ably assisted by other Past Masters.

Bro. T. Morrill W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, who, he said, was a tower of strength to the members; they trusted he might long be spared to continue his invaluable services to the Lodge. Bro. Martensen having seconded the motion, it was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Councillor Atkinson S.W., in graceful terms, presented to the Immediate Past Master Bro. Martensen, on behalf of the members, a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their sincerity and respect and esteem, expressing the hope that he might long be spared to wear it.

Bro. Martensen, in reply, sincerely thanked the Brethren, and assured them that so long as he had health and strength he would continue his best services to his Mother Lodge.

The Brethren then adjourned to the magnificent banquet hall for the celebration of the annual banquet, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on St. John's day, the 27th ult., when Bro. Mark Jacobs was installed W.M. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bros. G. R. Stanlake W.M., J. Gaud, C. G. Withell, J. Hicks, and T. B. Gover. The Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year.

Brother W. J. HUGHAN P.G.D. England said he was glad to have the opportunity of addressing the members of the old Lodge of St. John, of which he was a member, but could so seldom visit. He was glad to know that it was prosperous, and so generously supported the noble charities of the Order, and the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer, and Secretary had done their duty faithfully and well. He suggested that as in Scotland they had an old Lodge called Mother Kilwinning, they might well call this Lodge Mother St. John, as she was the undoubted parent of several prosperous Lodges in the neighbourhood, notably the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247. In these days of political excitement it was well to know there were at present over a million of Freemasons owning allegiance to the British Crown. Since the advent of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master their numbers had rapidly advanced. Numbers, however, did not always mean success, and therefore great caution should be exercised in admitting candidates, but when he called to mind that many noble and talented men, the best in every rank of society, had joined the Order, he felt confident that all Lodges would continue to be as faithful to their duty of strict supervision as they had hitherto been. In the United States of America there were also over a million Freemasons, good men and true, and he hoped that this bond of Brotherhood would do much to smooth over any apparent present difficulties. In the event of war, which he earnestly prayed would be averted, it would be expected that each would do his duty for his native land, but even then the principles of their noble Order would soften asperities and lead to that peace which every true Brother wished for.

The Secretary Bro. Gover, by request of the other Officers of the Lodge, announced that in appreciation of the admirable manner in which Bro. G. R. Stanlake had conducted its affairs during the year, the Brethren had decided that a group of the Officers, with himself, would prove an acceptable memorial of his year of office. It was an unusual departure, but the conduct of affairs was also unusual, for in every case of importance the W.M. had invited for consultation every Officer of the Lodge, and the result was a year of unanimity, improvement in working, and prosperity. It was a thank-offering which they hoped would long adorn Bro. Stanlake's home, and that Mrs. Stanlake, who did so much to help in any good work, would be pleased to know how much their help was appreciated.

Bro. G. R. Stanlake, in reply, said the many kindnesses he had received from the Brethren during the past year had placed him under a deep debt of gratitude. The present occasion had added one more debt to that list, which he could only hope to be partially able to repay, and this he would endeavour to do by actions rather than words. But the credit for a successful year really belonged to the Officers of the Lodge, who had worked together with a unanimity, harmony, and concord which he believed would justify them in claiming to be second to no other Lodge in the Province.

During the evening Bro. J. Jacobs presented 100 copies of the new musical setting of the hymns and chants used in the ceremonies, artistically printed and bound by Bro. Westcott. All the music has been composed by Bro. J. Hicks, and in some cases the words are also his own.

Bro. J. Jacobs was thanked for his generous gift, and Bro. Hicks for the time and talent he had devoted to the work.

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

ON the 9th ult. the members unanimously elected Bro. R. Robinson Rodd jun. S.W. as W.M., and in the course of the evening gave expression to the regret felt that Bro. Roberts, superintendent of Devon Constabulary, for some years stationed at Stonehouse, was about to leave the township. Bro. Rodd bore testimony to the sterling worth of Bro. Roberts under varying and trying circumstances. Four years ago he came to Stonehouse a complete stranger, and took over the charge of the district under conditions that made it no light task; but now he was leaving with the esteem of one and all, having won their confidence by his able administration, and greatly endeared himself to the whole community by his consideration and courtesy. Torquay was to be congratulated upon having secured the services of so efficient and urbane an Officer, and they wished him a long and happy service there. These remarks were heartily endorsed, and Bro. Roberts expressed his thanks.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

AT the regular meeting, held at Penzance, on Wednesday, 18th, Bro. R. Pearce Crouch was elected W.M., and Bro. G. H. Small was re-elected Treasurer.

LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE annual installation took place at Richmond, Yorks, on the 27th ult., when Brother Frederick Gilling S.W. was installed by Brother William Hutchinson P.M., assisted by Bro. Anderson I.P.M. 1418 P.G.S.D.

The Brethren and visitors afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel.

PRINCE EDWIN LODGE, No. 125.

BRO. G. S. Wilks was installed W.M. on Thursday, 12th ult., at Hythe. A banquet was subsequently given at the Swan Hotel, where the catering of Bro. Elliott gave every satisfaction.

ALL SOULS LODGE, No. 170.

ON Friday, 27th ult., Bro. Hetley S.W. was installed Worshipful Master at Weymouth. The ceremony was performed by Brother J. Howard Bowen W.M. of the past year.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, when Bro. Martin Axworthy was installed W.M., the ceremony being ably conducted by Bro. W. Allsford P.P.G.T.

The annual supper was afterwards served in the dining hall, the usual toasts being honoured.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the 19th ult., when Bro. R. H. Gardner was installed W.M. by Bros. Bromley, Cawsey, Pike, and Littleton, the ceremony being very ably conducted.

After the Lodge business, the Brethren adjourned to the Granby Hall, where over 100 were hospitably entertained by the W.M. The usual toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations. The popularity of the W.M. secured one of the largest gatherings that has ever attended an installation in the Province of Devon.

TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

AT a regular meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, on Monday, 16th ult., Bro. W. J. Sanders S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Brother W. C. Gregory P.M. was, for the tenth successive year, elected Treasurer, and J. Scivill Tyler.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

THE annual installation took place on the 27th ult., at Barnstaple, when Bro. H. Brooks was installed by Brother G. C. Davie P.A.G.D. Cers. Eng. D.P.G.M. Devon.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Fortescue Hotel.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

ON Thursday, 19th ult., the Earl of Warwick the Provincial Grand Master of Essex visited Chelmsford for the purpose of being present at the 108th anniversary meeting of this Lodge. His lordship, who travelled direct from Warwick Castle, reached Chelmsford at 3.23, and was met at the Railway Station by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling and the W.M.-elect of the Good Fellowship Lodge, Bro. Robert Cook, and was by them conducted to Brother Spalding's handsome assembly rooms at Crane Court, where the meeting had been arranged to take place.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. G. W. Pascall, and on the Prov. Grand Master entering, accompanied by his Officers, his lordship was received with the honours due to his rank in the Craft.

After the transaction of some preliminary business, Bros. Ernest West and Sidney A. Mugford were raised to the degree of M.M., the work being jointly performed by the W.M. and Bro. F. H. Meggy P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C.

The more immediate object of the meeting, the installation of Brother Robert Cook, was then proceeded with. The ceremony had been undertaken by the D.P.G.M. His Honour Judge Philbrick, but almost at the last moment he was obliged to communicate his inability to carry out his promise. In this emergency, the W.M.-elect invited Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis P.M. of the Lodge and P.P.G.D. to perform the ceremony, which he did in a manner that called forth the encomiums of all present—twenty-eight of whom were Past Masters. At the close of the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

On the motion of the I.P.M. the Worshipful Master was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The W.M. said his first and most pleasing duty was to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, both for his kindness in undertaking at practically a moment's notice the important ceremony of installation, and for the great ability with which he had carried it out. As they all knew, it had been the intention of their respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master to perform the ceremony, but he had written to say that unfortunately he had an appointment to keep, which, to his great regret, would prevent his attendance. They were therefore all the more indebted to Brother Jarvis for discharging the duties.

The Senior Warden Bro. Tomlinson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Jarvis.

The motion had scarcely been passed when the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was announced. Upon entering the Lodge his Honour was loudly applauded, and subsequently saluted according to ancient form.

The Worshipful Master then rose and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Master for the honour his lordship had paid him and the members of the Lodge by attending their installation meeting. They were glad to have the privilege and pleasure of seeing the noble earl amongst them, and when he added that his lordship had travelled from Warwick that morning in order to be present, they would, he was sure, thank him the more heartily.

The Immediate Past Master seconded the motion in a few appropriate words, and it was carried amidst renewed applause.

The Prov. Grand Master, upon rising to reply, was most cordially received. His lordship said: I thank you very much indeed for this hearty vote of thanks, which you have just carried so unanimously, especially as it gives me the pleasure of offering you, Sir, my most hearty congratulations on this occasion. I know you so well, and I appreciate so very fully, as everyone who lives in Essex does, your ability, energy and great organising capacity, that I have no doubt whatever that your year of office will be most pleasant to yourself and a credit to your Lodge. You have the privilege of presiding over one of the oldest Lodges in this Province, and I am sure you will carry out to the fullest extent, not only the ancient traditions of our Order, but also the ancient traditions of this Lodge in particular. I must congratulate you upon the admirable manner in which the work has been performed to-night. It would be invidious to mention anyone for especial commendation, as no fault could be found with the work of anyone. I must also congratulate you on the large attendance of Brethren, and particularly of Past Masters, there being nearly thirty Past Masters, I believe, in the room. It is only an honour you deserve—that you should have such a large attendance on this occasion. With regard to my coming from Warwickshire, I sometimes have to wear a collar different to this one (the noble Earl is Mayor of Warwick) and that occasionally keeps me busily occupied. But the facilities for railway travelling are now so great, and the charge for the carriage of luggage is so small, that there was nothing to deter me from coming from the Midland counties. I assure you I am very glad indeed to be present; and I also look forward with very great pleasure to drinking your health, Sir, at the banquet a little later on.

The Worshipful Master proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, telling Bro. Philbrick how much they regretted he was not able to be there in time to perform the installation ceremony, but assuring him that the duties had been carried out most satisfactorily by Bro. Jarvis.

The Immediate Past Master seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was warmly received, in reply said: You overwhelm me almost by your kindness in passing the vote that you have kindly received with so much good feeling. I am, perhaps, an instance, not of "The Woman who did" but of "The Deputy who didn't," according to the modern phase of things. Had it been possible I should have been here; yet I am in one sense glad I was not here, for, as an old Freemason, I always think it is the very best form when the Lodge itself, within its own members, performs all the rites, including the greatest—the ceremony of installation—which pertains to our Order. And I am quite sure—and scarcely wanted the testimony of our esteemed Provincial Grand Master—when I heard that Bro. Jarvis had undertaken the task, I knew that the work had been done in a true Masonic spirit, and with absolute fidelity to the great ritual of our Order. I may be permitted to add what infinite pleasure it gives me to come and see the faces of my Essex Brethren in Freemasonry.

Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. St. Chad Boscawen.

The W.M. presided, supported by the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Secretary and about fifty other Brethren.

The usual preliminary toasts having been drunk, the Prov. G.M., who met with a most flattering reception, responded to the toast of his health, and alluded in most complimentary terms to his good friend the Worshipful Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, responding on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, said that since the Earl of Warwick had been at their head, the number of Lodges in the Province had increased from 19 to 38, and the number of individual members had also, he believed, doubled; and a great deal of that success had been achieved under the banners of "Brooke" and "Warwick." Alluding to his appointment in Dorsetshire, he said he believed that under the orders of the Lord Chancellor he was to go "towards the West." And, if they asked him, did not they think that they could supply him with an answer to the question, "Where did the wise men come from?" But they must not be too self-satisfied, because the sharp West countrymen might reply, "How did they prove their knowledge? They didn't stop in the East!" But no such double edgedness could be applied to the spirit in which they met round the Masonic board. As to himself, he hoped that every Essex Mason would believe that his labour amongst them had been a labour of love, encouraged, as he had been, by the confidence, kindness, and truly Masonic feeling of the Brethren. No one on earth would regret more deeply than himself if that tie were ever to be severed or weakened, and he hoped he might live long to see the Province continue its progress under their beloved Provincial Grand Master.

The Immediate Past Master, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the Worshipful Master, whose health was warmly drunk, he responding in a practical speech.

The Installing Master was also cordially honoured.

The toast of the Visitors was coupled with the names of Bros. Orttewell, John Taylor, H. Cousens, and H. N. Crozier.

The Prov. Grand Secretary proposed the Masonic Charities, mentioning that they supported between 200 and 300 girls, between 200 and 300 boys, and about the same number of old men and women. Incidentally he expressed the pleasure it gave him to see Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd amongst them again.

Bro. E. Shedd, in responding, expressed the hope that more members in

the Province would send their votes to the Essex Charity Committee, especially the unattached members.

The W.M. proposed the Past Masters, coupled with the name of the I.P.M., Bro. G. W. Pascall, who, he said, had, during the past year, discharged his duties in a most able manner.

During the evening some humorous songs were sung by Bro. H. W. Schartau, and Bro. Sidney Tower contributed to the musical programme most successfully.

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SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 286.

THE annual festival was held at the house of Bro. W. Jackson, Green Man Hotel, Bacup, on the 19th ult., there being a large attendance of Brethren.

After the installation and the subsequent dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a presentation of a handsome illuminated autograph album was made to Bro. Henry Taylor P.M. P.P.G.St.B., for his valuable services to the Lodge and the Order generally. The presentation was made by Bro. James Shuttleworth P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. Taylor suitably replied.

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UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 287.

THE Brethren held their annual festival at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, on Wednesday, 4th ult.

Bro. Charles Dawson Treasurer submitted his accounts for the year, which, on the motion of Bro. A. J. Hewett, seconded by Bro. D. Walmsley, the Auditors, were unanimously adopted.

Brother James Cookson P.M. P.P.G.Tr. and Sec. took the chair, and, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, installed Brother James Alfred Cookson, the recent S.W. of the Lodge, Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressive throughout.

Bro. Dawson gave notice of motions to vote ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and five guineas to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, both of which were duly seconded. In the course of business letters were read from Bro. Lord Egerton, from Brother Alan de Tatton Egerton, and from other distinguished Brethren, regretting their inability to attend.

Later the usual banquet was held, the newly-installed W.M. presiding, and there was a large attendance of visiting Brethren.

A most interesting, instructive, and enjoyable evening was spent, not the least pleasing part of which was that devoted to the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, with suitable inscription, to Bro. Jervis R. Hudson, a ceremony which the W.M. discharged with due dignity and brotherly feeling, expressing the hope that Bro. Hudson might very long be spared to wear it.

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PRINCE FREDERICK LODGE, No. 307.

ON Monday, 2nd ult., Bro. Ethelbert Harwood, of Foster Clough, was installed W.M., at the rooms in Hope Street, Hebden Bridge.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 327.

THE annual gathering took place at the Lodge Room, Lion and Lamb Inn, Wigton, on the 27th ult., when Bro. A. J. Livesey was installed by Bro. E. J. Burgess P.M. P.P.G.D.C. as W.M., and the Officers were invested.

The Deputy Prov.G.M. Bro. Col. Sewell was present, and a number of visitors from Lodges in the district.

A capital repast was afterwards partaken of, and a long list of toasts honoured.

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PHENIX LODGE OF HONOUR AND PRUDENCE, No. 331

AT the regular meeting, held at Truro, Bro. F. J. Mountford S.W. P.P.G.O. was elected Worshipful Master, and Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 345.

THE festival of St. John was held at the Lodge Room, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, on Thursday, 19th ult. The installation of Brother J. B. Margerison was performed by Brother F. Thomas P.M. P.P.S.G.W. East Lancashire, and the investiture of the Officers was gone through by Bro. R. Gornall P.M.

There was an unusually large attendance of Brethren from the different Lodges in the town and district, as well as Brethren of the Perseverance Lodge itself.

A sumptuous banquet was afterwards served by Mrs. Mitchell, in the large room of the Hotel, being presided over by the W.M.

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DORIC LODGE, No. 362.

AT the regular meeting, held at Grantham, Brother Rayner S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Brother Rayner is superintendent of the Great Northern Railway at Nottingham.

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MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, on Tuesday, 17th ult., when Bro. John Allerton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large and influential gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors, among them the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel J. A. Bindley P.G.D. England.

After the Lodge proceedings the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall to dinner, for which excellent preparation had been made by Bro. Monro and his efficient staff.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and songs were given by various Brethren, accompanied by Bro. Edwards. The comfort of the visitors was secured by the courteous Stewards, Bros. Elphinstone and Hall.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 439.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John in the Masonic Rooms, Bingley, on the 27th ult. There was a good attendance of Brethren, including visitors from the various Lodges in the district. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire Bro. Henry Smith was also present.

The installation of Bro. Walter Slicer as Worshipful Master was performed by the retiring Master Bro. A. Platts, and Past Master Wilkinson Greenwood.

Afterwards the Brethren sat down to a repast prepared by Mr. Edwin Pattison, of the Fleece Hotel.

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CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 464.

ON Tuesday, 24th ult., the members held their election meeting in the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest. Bro. Charles Mathias, of Lamphey Court, presided. Dr. Brigstocke was chosen as Master. The installation will take place on the 29th inst.

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ST. PETER LODGE, No. 476.

ON Tuesday, 17th ult., Bro. A. Ll. Lewis P.P.G.P., was installed as W.M., at Carmarthen.

Visitors attended from the Prince of Wales Lodge, Llanelly; the Caradoc Lodge, Swansea; the Albert Edward Lodge, Newport, Mon.; and the Aberystwith Lodge.

The Brethren afterwards repaired to the Ivy Bush Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of and the usual toasts honoured.

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LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557.

THE annual festival took place, at Callington, on the 30th ult., when Bro. W. Symons was installed, the ceremony being ably and impressively carried out by Bro. C. T. Pearce P.P.J.D., and Bro. Major Shanks P.P.J.W. Devon.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Lakeman's, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., there being present:—Bros. H. J. Harrison W.M., Hy. B. Brown I.P.M., Joseph Lever S.W., W. Jones J.W., Robert Adsheed S.D., George H. Scott J.D., John Chadderton I.G., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost Secretary, Joseph Richardson P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Samuel Whittaker P.M., John Greenup P.M., G. H. Barnes P.M., Edward Roberts P.M., Dr. E. E. Jones, W. H. Wagstaff, Charles H. Griffiths, William B. Gleave, and J. T. Moorhouse.

Visitors:—Bros. William Bee P.M. 1459 P.G.A.D.C., George T. Lenard W.M. 1077, Robert Lingard W.M. 1083, James Henry Walker S.W. 361, H. G. Walker J.D. 2185, T. W. Downs Organist 1459, George W. Davies I.P.M. 1459, E. Southern P.M. 1219, F. Robinson 361, W. M. B. Boyd 968, and A. Walker 654.

As two ceremonies had been announced on the summons, the Lodge was called for 1.30, and shortly after that hour proceedings commenced. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Messrs. James Hutchison, provision merchant, Cheetham Hill, and Thomas Edward Watson, foreman, Retford, were successfully balloted for, and duly initiated, the former by Bro. H. B. Brown I.P.M., and the latter by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Jones J.W.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Joseph Lever S.W. Worshipful Master-elect was then performed by Bro. Harrison, after which the company adjourned to an excellent banquet, where various toasts were proposed and responded to, these being relieved by songs, &c., contributed by Bros. E. E. Jones, T. Downs, C. H. Griffiths, H. J. Harrison I.P.M., George Mellor, E. Roberts P.M., and J. T. Moorhouse.

The following is a list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Jones S.W., R. Adsheed J.W., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost P.M. Secretary, G. H. Scott S.D., J. Chadderton J.D., S. Whittaker P.M. D.C., C. H. Griffiths I.G., E. E. Jones, S. Andrews, W. H. Wagstaff, and W. B. Gleave Stewards.

During the evening Bro. J. C. Brown Treasurer presented, on behalf of the Lodge, two very handsome clocks to Bros. Harrison I.P.M. and J. M. Frost P.M., both bearing similar inscriptions. They were tokens of esteem for services as W.M. and Secretary respectively.

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INVICTA LODGE, No. 709.

THE installation meeting was held at Ashford, on Friday, 6th ult., when Bro. H. J. Bracher was installed as Master. Among the Officers appointed was Bro. C. Igglesden, who received the collar of Senior Warden.

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HAULEY LODGE, No. 797.

BRO. E. Sanders has been unanimously chosen as Worshipful Master of this Dartmouth Lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. H. Goodridge has been selected as Treasurer.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 827.

THE annual installation took place on Monday, 9th ult., at Dewsbury. Bro. W. L. Fewster was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. Herbert Fitton.

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ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993.

THE Brethren held their festival of St. John at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, on Saturday, 21st ult., when, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. W. H. Peak P.M. P.P.G.D.C. duly installed Bro. Dr. Looker as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Looker subsequently appointed and invested his Officers.

In the evening a banquet was held, at which the W.M. presided. A beautiful gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. Lord, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the Brethren. There was a large gathering of members and visitors.

TREGULLOW LODGE, No. 1006.

AT their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17th ult., at St. Day, the Brethren unanimously elected Bro. William R. Cannon as W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected Bro. Geo. Timmins P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, and Bro. John Leverton Tyler.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 1042.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, when a large and representative gathering of Brethren assembled to witness the installation as Worshipful Master of Bro. R. J. Smith S.W. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Flockton P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Bingham P.M. Prov.G.Pur., and amongst the Brethren present were Bros. Henry Smith P.G.D.Eng. Deputy Prov.G.M., W. F. Smithson P.G.D.Eng., Canon Bullock P.G.Chap.Eng., &c. Bro. W. Flockton was elected Provincial Charity Representative in the room of Bro. Cowbrough P.P.G.D., who had resigned that position.

A Past Master's jewel was presented by the Lodge to Bro. H. Banks, on retiring from the chair, in recognition of his successful conduct of the Lodge during the past year, and as a token of the esteem of the Brethren.

The festival of the Lodge was afterwards celebrated, when nearly ninety Brethren sat down to the banquet, which was followed by the customary Loyal and Craft toasts.

ANGLESEA LODGE, No. 1113.

THE annual installation took place on Monday, 16th ult., at Menai Bridge, Brother Frank Barlow being installed into the chair. The installing Officer was Bro. J. Lloyd Griffiths, Holyhead, P.M. P.G.D.Eng.

The banquet was served at the Victoria Hotel, under the excellent catering of Bro. R. G. Thomas, and the musical programme was furnished by a quartet party from Bangor Cathedral, under the conductorship of Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan J.D.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Torpoint, when Bro. J. T. G. Greet was installed W.M.

ELIOT LODGE, No. 1164.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Thursday, 19th ult., at St. Germans, when Bro. W. Easton was installed by Brother John White retiring W.M.

After the installation the annual banquet was held at the Eliot Arms. The usual toasts were given, and some capital songs were rendered by the members and visitors.

SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

THE annual meeting took place on Thursday, 5th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Elland. Bro. J. Bairstow was installed by Bro. Dr. Hoyle.

STANLEY LODGE, No. 1325.

THE Christmas meeting of the Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 23rd ult. The Worshipful Master Bro. J. Barrett presided, and there was a large attendance.

The chief business was the initiation of Messrs. E. Murphy, J. Elliott, and F. Cargill, the ceremonies being impressively performed by the W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was served, the host being the Worshipful Master, who had generously defrayed the entire cost. After the removal of the cloth an excellent musical programme was gone through, among those who contributed songs, duets, and recitations being Brothers W. Hudson Organist, G. Grocott, O. Williams, G. J. Clough P.M., Jones Fargher, J. E. Gill, F. Cargill, and others.

Opportunity was taken by P.M. Jarman, during an interval, to pay a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Barrett W.M. for the way in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the six months he had held office. It may be said that the first half of the present year of the Stanley Lodge has been most successful, no fewer than twelve candidates having been initiated, while there are four others still due. The Lodge has undoubtedly a prosperous future before it.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE regular meeting was held at Northallerton, when Dr. John Stamford Walton P.M. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge will celebrate its silver anniversary with Dr. Watson's installation.

BROWNRIGG LODGE OF UNITY, No. 1424.

THERE was a full attendance of Brethren at the King's Arms, Old Brompton, on Tuesday, 17th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. George Alfred Burrell S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, among those present being several eminent Provincial Officers of Kent, and a visiting Grand Officer from Cornwall.

The installation ceremony was ably carried out by Brother Stephen E. Morgan P.P.G.A.D.C.

During the proceedings a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. Munro, in acknowledgment of the excellent manner in which he had ruled over the Lodge during the past year.

At the subsequent annual banquet an excellent selection of music was performed by a portion of the Royal Engineer band.

WHARNCLIFFE LODGE, No. 1462.

THE annual installation was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, on Saturday, 28th ult. There was a large attendance to witness the installation of Bro. Joseph Normansell, of Barnsley, by Bro. E. Billington.

NARBERTH LODGE, No. 2001.

ON Friday, 27th ult., Brother William Edward Jenkins was installed Worshipful Master in the presence of a goodly number of Brethren at Narberth.

The usual banquet subsequently took place at the Angel Hotel.

BEAUMONT LODGE, No. 2035.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkburton, on Saturday, 21st ult., when Bro. the Rev. T. M. Turnbull, B.A., P.P.G.C. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Joe Kaye I.P.M., in a most able manner, Brother Alderman W. H. Jessop P.M. P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire acting as D.C. with equal success. Bro. the Rev. R. Collins, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. delivered the three charges.

There was a large number of visiting Brethren present.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet in the hall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

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FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 241.

THE election meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Monday, 23rd ult., when Comp. P. Blackburn was chosen as M.E.Z. for the year. Other business included the exaltation of Bros. W. Taylor 2514 and Richard Brown 241.

CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

THE annual meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on the 5th ult. There was an attendance of about thirty members and visitors, many of them having obtained distinction in Royal Arch Masonry.

The more important business of the evening was that of Installing Comps. James Hayes, H. B. Brown, and J. C. Wilson as First, Second, and Third Principals respectively, the ceremony being in the capable hands of Comp. James Dawson P.Z. P.P. 1st. Assist. Soj.

The usual festive board followed.

CLIFTON CHAPTER, No. 703.

ON Thursday, 19th ult., the members assembled at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, when the Principals were installed: Comps. S. Hill Z., S. Fisher H., and T. Lofthouse J.

A banquet was afterwards served, and the usual Loyal and Arch toasts submitted.

YARBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 811.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, 13th ult. Comp. H. Pearce was installed M.E.Z., T. Wickham H., and C. Baguley J.

The customary banquet followed.

MARK MASONRY.

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BECTIVE LODGE, No. 452.

THE annual meeting was held at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, on Tuesday, 17th ult., when a goodly number of Brethren assembled, both local and visiting, for the imposing ceremony of installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers for the ensuing year. Bro. G. P. Abraham P.M. P.P.G.O. had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master, and was regularly installed.

The Bective Lodge is in a most flourishing state, and additions to membership are continually taking place.

At the close of the Lodge the annual banquet took place, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

A Masonic Message from Massachusetts.

To the Editor of the "Yorkshire Post."

SIR,—At the present moment the enclosed cablegram from Liberty Lodge, Beverley, Massachusetts, to Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, Yorkshire, is of great interest.

The Liberty is one of the most prominent and flourishing Lodges in America, and we may therefore take the sentiments contained in the message as representing the feelings of that most important body—the Freemasons of the United States.

Yours very truly,

LONDESBOROUGH.

29 Grosvenor Square, London, W., 26th December.

(Copy).

Londesborough, London.

Your greeting received with cheers by the Brethren assembled. Sentiment heartily reciprocated. Extend to Constitutional our fraternal love.—WOODBERRY.

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
 1920 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6-30
 1949 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
 188 Joppa, City Boundary, 109 Aldersgate Street, E.C., 7-30
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6-30
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7-30
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7-30
 733 Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Ter. N., Harrow Road
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 7
 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 Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7-30
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6-30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.
 East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd. 8
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6-30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7-30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street
 72 Royal Jubilee, 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, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7-30
 R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
 R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7-30
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Amherst 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 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
 R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

We shall be glad if Secretaries and others interested in Lodges of Instruction will inform us of any error or omissions in the above list. We shall also be pleased to receive Reports of the different meetings, forms for same will be forwarded on application.