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RESTRICTING THE INSTITUTIONS.

DURING the last few days a peculiar question has arisen in connection with the regulations of the two Educational Institutions of the Craft, and although at first blush it appears perfectly easy of solution, we think it will prove to be a very difficult matter to deal with to the satisfaction of all, while it is all but certain to open up side issues that will have a material effect on the future of those funds, and through them on the Charity of the Order as a whole.

The boast of Freemasonry has always been that in all matters concerning the Craft its members are equal with each other. All meet upon the same level, and prince or peasant must leave, for the time being, social rank outside the door of the Lodge, in order to work on equal terms within it. To attempt to upset this feature would be to attack the very foundation of Freemasonry, and although the question of equality may sometimes require to be a trifle elastic in actual practice, no one can say that Freemasons are not true to this, the chief of the principles they profess, and that within the portals of the Lodge the Craft becomes a powerful leveller of mankind, putting all its members on an actual equality, and conferring equal rights and privileges upon them.

While we recognise this feature in Freemasonry proper it is perhaps too much to expect that it shall be also adopted in all that concerns the work of the Order, for although perfect equality is very desirable it does not seem capable of being carried out in connection with undertakings that have to be carried on on purely business lines, as is the case with the three great Institutions of England, although even with them there has always been a desire to adopt the equality characteristic of Freemasonry, and make their benefits equally attainable by all who through calamity or misfortune are compelled to appeal for assistance.

From time to time amendments in the Rules have been introduced, many of them having a tendency to restrict the working of the different Funds, and make their benefits more difficult of acquisition to those without numerous influential friends, and although these restrictions may be excused on the plea of necessity they are none the less open to question, and in many cases have led to strenuous opposition—opposition that in some quarters has led to the establishment of independent Funds which, rightly or wrongly, we regard as a growing menace to the central Institutions, and the rock on which they will ultimately come to grief, or suffer considerable modification in position compared with that they at present occupy.

The question at issue at the moment has been taken up in connection with both the Girls and the Boys Institutions, the Petitions Committees of which have rejected candidates on the ground that the father had ceased to be a subscribing member of his Lodge for many years before the birth of the would-be candidates. At first blush this appears a fair and equitable decision to arrive at, but we fail to see anything in the rules of the Institutions giving such discretion to the Committees,

and probably it is on that ground the whole matter is to be re-opened and further considered; but in any case the theory here set up is a most dangerous one to deal with, and if it is ultimately adopted it will probably open the way to other restrictive measures that will virtually aim the death blow at the principle of equality in connection with this particular adjunct of Freemasonry.

It would be very interesting to analyse who it is finds the money year by year for the great Charities of the Order. We are aware that a large number of members subscribe time after time, but we believe a thorough analysis would prove that the younger members of the Craft do more than those who have been associated with it for a longer period. More often than not it is the initiate who is strongly urged to support the different funds, and we believe that in a large proportion of cases the appeal is successful during the first year or two of a Brother's career in Freemasonry. Then again, if we analyse the source from which Lodges provide the grants they are enabled to make it must be admitted it is the Initiate again that does the lion's share of the work, for there are very few Lodges that would have much to give away in the cause of charity if they relied on subscriptions alone, as the current expenses are seldom less than the receipts under that head.

And how do the Institutions repay this generosity on the part of the younger members of the Order? By making, or seeking to make, restrictions which debar the juniors from seeking the assistance of the different Funds, and thereby placing their benefits almost out of the reach of those who did so much to provide them. We are aware that restrictive measures can be justified on different grounds, not the least important being the absolute necessity of placing some check on the flow of candidates, so as to allow all a fair prospect of ultimate success, but the more restrictive the rules of the Institutions are made the more difficult will it become to secure support for them—even if it is not absolutely unfair to ask a Brother to support a Masonic Institution which he ultimately discovers is hampered with all manner of restrictions, and instead of being founded on the Masonic principle of equality, is really intended to only benefit a section of the Brotherhood.

It must not be supposed we are disagreeing with what has been done in this matter; what we desire rather to do is to direct public attention to it, and help to secure the attention it seems to require at the hands of the Craft. We should be very sorry to see more restrictive measures adopted than at present govern the Institutions, and as of necessity any action in the direction referred to would tend to such a restriction it may be inferred we are opposed to the whole principle of the change which it has been sought to bring about. But in saying this we wish it to be distinctly understood we want to hear the arguments that can be adduced on the two sides of the question, and we imagine there are very many others who are equally anxious on this point.

MASONRY AMONG THE NEGROES.

THE mere fact that more than 30,000 of our fellow-citizens, unknown to us as members of the Fraternity, claim to be affiliated Masons in good standing, regularly study our mysteries in 1,300 Lodges which we never visit, is alone sufficient to justify a brief reference to Masonry among the coloured men of America. The fact that the Grand Lodge of Florida has recently accepted from the State a charter which expressly limits her authority to Masonry among "men of the white race," as well as some other circumstances, alluded to in earlier parts of this report, tend to call attention to what have been termed "the minor Grand Lodges," and to raise the question of the legitimacy.

Bent upon avoiding unnecessary controversy, we propose to express no opinion upon the latter subject, but confine ourselves to a brief statement of their history and statistics.

On 6th March 1775 an Army Lodge, warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, and attached to one of the regiments stationed, under General Gage, in Boston, initiated Prince Hall and fourteen other coloured men of Boston into the mysteries of Freemasonry. From that beginning, with small additions from foreign countries, sprang the Masonry among the negroes of America. These fifteen Brethren were properly authorised by the Lodge which made them—according to the custom of the day—to assemble as a Lodge. At least they did so, but it does not appear that they did "work" until after they were regularly warranted. They applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant 2nd March 1784. It was issued to them as African Lodge, No. 459, with Prince Hall as Master, 29th September 1784, but not received until 2nd May 1787. The Lodge was organised under the warrant four days later. It remained upon the English register—occasionally contributing to the Grand Charity Fund—until, upon the amalgamation of the rival Grand Lodges of the "Moderns" and the "Ancients" into the present United Grand Lodge of England, in 1813, it and the other English Lodges in the United States were erased.

Bro. Prince Hall, a man of exceptional ability and energy, worked zealously in the cause of Masonry, and from 1792 until his death in 1807, exercised all the functions of a Provincial Grand Master. In 1797 he issued a license to thirteen black men, who had been made Masons in England, to "assemble and work" as a Lodge in Philadelphia. Another Lodge was organised by his authority, in Providence, R.I. In 1808 these three Lodges joined in forming the "African Grand Lodge" of Boston—now the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" and Masonry gradually spread over the land.

In 1847 the negro Masons made a mistake (?), which their white Brethren narrowly avoided at times, of forming a National Grand Lodge. This body, when at its zenith in 1867, had twenty Grand Lodges under it, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, we understand, remaining independent; but it fell into decay; its constituent Grand Lodges one by one withdrew, so that now, we are informed, its existence is but nominal. Captain W. D. Matthews, of Leavenworth, Kansas, has, we understand, been its head for many years.

The legitimacy of the Masonry among these negroes is acknowledged by the leading Masonic historians, but has been vigorously and bitterly attacked by many eminent writers, some of whom have, in their zeal, even gone to the extent of mis-quoting documentary evidence. A candid review of the controversy would seem to disclose that the motives which inspired the attack were, named in the order of their influence: race feeling; a desire to bolster the dogma of "exclusive territorial jurisdiction"; Scottish Rite quarrels; real doubt of their legitimacy; and fear of discord among white Masons. Of the arguments put forth against the Masonry of the coloured men, probably the only ones which would receive any consideration at this day were: (1) That Prince Hall was only a Master, not a Provincial Grand Master, and consequently could not warrant Lodges; (2) that negro Masons read "free" where we read "free-born;" and (3) that their existence violates the "American doctrine of 'exclusive territorial jurisdiction.'"

To the first of these objections, the coloured men remind us that the usages of the nineteenth century are not those of the eighteenth; that all over Europe Lodges were formed by men with no higher authority than Prince Hall's, assuming that he was not a Provincial Grand Master. They point to numerous examples, from that of Kilwinning Mother Lodge to the Lodge in which Washington was made a Mason, to show that the approval of any known Masonic authority was then generally considered a sufficient credential to justify Masons in working as a Lodge. They quote the statement of Bro. Albert Pike in 1875 that:

"Prince Hall Lodge * * * had a perfect right (as other Lodges in Europe did) to establish other Lodges, making itself a Mother Lodge. That's the way the Berlin Lodges—Three Globes and Royal York—became Grand Lodges."

And the opinion of Brother Theodore S. Parvin, a little later:

"My opinion is, that the negroes can make as good a show for the legality of their Grand Lodges as the whites can."

Answering the second objection, they contend that "free-born" is not a land-mark, but a Grand Lodge regulation; and that "free" not "free-born"—is the reading of the Grand Lodge of England. The third objection takes two forms: First, "that more than one Grand Lodge cannot exist in the same territory;" second, "that more that one ought not to exist." To the whole objection they reply that the dogma is no part of the Masonic Institution, but is simply and admittedly an "American doctrine." In addition, that, in its first form, it is contradicted by all Masonic history in nearly every country on the globe. Against it in its second form some of them do not strenuously object, but plead "necessity," and the fact that no real conflict has been occasioned by their existence in practically an unoccupied field (among coloured men), and that the spirit of the regulation has not been violated. Of course, this brief summary does not do justice to the arguments on either side. One of the striking things about the controversy is the amount of ability shown by some of the coloured men. For instance, we do not recall, in all Masonic literature, an abler paper than that entitled "The Negro Mason in Equity," by M.W. Samuel W. Clark Grand Master of the Coloured Masons in Ohio, 1886.

In 1875 or 1876 a committee of the (white) Grand Lodge of Ohio, consisting of Bros. L. V. Bierce, E. T. Carson, F. Willmer, C. A. Woodward, and L. H. Pike, reported that they were satisfied, "beyond all question," that coloured Freemasonry had a legitimate beginning, and that it had been transmitted to the coloured Lodges of Ohio. Also, that they had "most satisfactory and conclusive evidence" that the coloured Masons have our rites, ceremonies, and esotery. The committee also recommended that the Coloured Grand Lodge of Ohio be recognised as "a legitimate and independent Grand Lodge," on the sole condition that it change its name to "The African Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of the State of Ohio." This recommendation was defeated in the white Grand Lodge by a vote of only 390 to 332.

Upon the question whether they exercise care in guarding the Fraternity from the admission of unworthy persons, it is to their credit that, while among the whites of the United States one in every eighty-five is an affiliated Mason, the affiliated negroes are but one in each 273 of their race.

The Masonic Library of Walla Walla possesses a nearly complete set of the "Transactions of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the M.A. and Honourable Fraternity of F. & A. Masons for the State of Ohio and its Jurisdiction," of which body M.W. J. A. Brown, of Columbus, is (or was in 1893) Grand Master, and M.W. William T. Boyd P.G.M., of Cleveland, an able and remarkably well-informed Masonic scholar, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The statistics of the Ohio body for 1893 were: Lodges, 50; initiated, 93; passed, 70; raised, 76; admitted, 9; re-instated, 60; died, 17; dimitted, 18; suspended, 126; expelled, 3; members, 1,195.

From the Transactions for 1893 we compile the following table, showing the present status of African Masonry to date:

State.	Lodges.	Members.
Alabama -	54	1125
Arkansas -	114	1913
California -	14	138
Colorado -	8	125
Delaware -	14	297
District of Columbia -	10	381
Florida -	102	1954
Georgia -	86	2326
Illinois -	44	1156
Indiana -	23	392
Iowa -	17	322
Kansas -	28	646
Kentucky -	32	775
Louisiana -	19	483
Maryland -	22	556
Massachusetts -	10	360
Mississippi -	153	1718
Michigan -	14	268
Missouri -	93	2864
New Jersey -	29	410
New York -	17	433
Ohio -	50	1193
Pennsylvania -	54	1500
Rhode Island -	8	400
South Carolina -	18	960
Tennessee -	88	1311
Texas -	42	903
Virginia -	56	1338
West Virginia -	17	281
Foreign Liberia -	6	600
Ontario -	6	165

They have bodies of all the "high degrees," including the A. & A. S. Rite, and are enjoying—what no Masonic body would be complete without, in these days—a first-rate Scottish Rite controversy.

It is known to a certainty that they possess our secrets and practice our rites. It is, therefore, not for the purpose of showing

this, but to show how much foundation there is for the claim that ciphers and keys when printed by Grand Lodge are carefully guarded, that we print the following extract from a private letter, dated March 1895, from one of their prominent members, a (coloured) P.G.M. of Ohio, and a man of unquestionable veracity.

"We work all of the rituals of the (white) Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, and Grand Commanderies of the United States. The revised rituals (the printed secret work) of the (white) Grand Lodge of Ohio were in our hands before they were received by many of their own Lodges. The revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter, as revised and promulgated at Denver, has been in our Chapters for over eighteen months. We have also the entire new rituals of the Templar Orders, which, as you know, only went into operation in January 1894."—Bro. Wm. H. Upton, of Wash., in "Canadian Craftsman."

CASTE IN MASONRY.

A MASON is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He of all men should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. (Antient Constitutions).

We believe that the time has now come for a very serious enquiry into the question,—Are caste Hindus really eligible for admission into our Order? And in the second place, if they are strictly speaking eligible, is it advisable that they should be admitted into our Order, and permitted to rise even to the chair of first Principal in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch? The whole question is an extremely difficult one, and we will endeavour to discuss the question without wounding the delicate susceptibilities of those who are already enrolled in our Order.

The whole question lies in a nutshell. Can a Polytheistic Caste Hindu, one who worships a variety of idols, one who looks down with scorn and contempt upon all those beneath him in caste, one who will not even eat or drink with his Brethren in Masonry, be a true and consistent Mason?

Let us discuss the question of Polytheism first. What is the Hindu religion? Can it be said to inculcate that fundamental principle of Masonry, the Unity of God? On the contrary, Hinduism is a complicated system of idolatry. It is Polytheistic, that is, its devotees worship an innumerable host of gods. An educated native may profess in general terms that he believes in a Single First Cause, but in practice what is he? He must be either a sincere believer in the particular swami whose mark he places upon his face; or he must be a mere formalist, performing religious rites and ceremonies which in his heart he despises.

At the commencement of the ceremony of initiation, a Hindu candidate is asked a certain question. He replies (prompted by the Deacon, for otherwise he would never guess the answer), "In God." To whom does he refer? His faith gives him no glimpse of an All Father, a Single First Cause, an Almighty God. To whom does he refer? To Rama? Vishnu? Shiva? Hanuman? How can he solemnly profess a belief in a God whom he does not know, and to whom he gives no worship? A Jew can unhesitatingly affirm his belief in One God, Jehovah. The Mussalman and the Parsi can do the same. Christians, whether European or Native, can assert a belief in a "Unity in Trinity." But for a Vedic Hindu to do this is contrary to all the teachings of his sacred books.

We have no hesitation in affirming that the admission of Polytheistic Idolaters was never dreamed of as possible by our Brethren until a very short time ago. And next with reference to caste. We will here quote the words of Wor. Bro. E. G. Papell P.M. of Lodge Social Friendship, No. 326, who wrote an article on this very subject to a Madras Masonic paper nearly fifty years ago. At that date the admission of a Caste Hindu was almost unheard of. He says: "Again putting aside their soul-destroying religion, look at that other mind debasing blot upon them,—Caste! It may be objected by a few who would gladly see Masonry receive into its bosom these sons of India, that enlightened Hindus do not believe in this monstrous array of false deities, but simply in One Supreme Creator and Preserver of Heaven and Earth; that, in fact, they treat the dogmas of Brahminical religion with sovereign contempt, regarding their falsely called sacred books, the Vedas, Puranas and Shasters, as a heap of cunningly devised fables, as—less than dirt. Perhaps they do; but do they not run to the other more reprehensible extreme of Atheism? And whilst their mouths profess a belief in One Supreme; their hearts loathe the doctrine, cleaving to that

of Voltaire, Payne, Carlile—the demoniac revolutionists of the French Revolution at the close of the last century, and the degraded self-insulting, young alumni of Bengal of the present hour!"

"With all their enlightenment, have they thrown off Caste? Have the streams of western knowledge so liberally poured into their minds enabled them to stand forward, one and all, and in the face of day, regardless of the impotent malice of those whose interest it is to keep alive this incubus, 'Caste,' declare the 'Natural equality of man,' and boldly denounce and renounce their bigotry? NO. And why? Because it suits them, the alumni of this peninsula, to keep up any meretricious distinction, or false superiority they may happen to have by virtue of caste, over the mass of their countrymen; because it is their interest to ride it rough shod over their poor contemned contemporaries."

"Masonry is a system of rational equality, and teaches us that 'all men by nature are equal!' that distinctions are worldly but not inherent; all brought about by the force of circumstances, not by their existence in our bone, blood and flesh, that one man is as good in the sight of God as another, for He is the maker of all; His spirit is breathed into their nostrils; they are all of the dust formed by Him, and to the dust, the same common destined dust, will all return by this decree. Now, neither the Hindu nor Caste Christian holds this doctrine.

"From what has been said, this conclusion may be naturally arrived at with regard to natives; that is, Hindus, viz., Polytheistic Hindus are not admissible into Masonry; neither are Deistic Hindus so long as they uphold 'Caste'—which is inimical to 'natural equality,' so that of all the Hindus none can be permitted to a participation of the glorious mysteries and privileges of the noblest of all human societies but Anti-Caste Christians, or true Deists."—E. G. Papell P.M. 326.

These are strong words, but who shall say that Bro. Papell was not right. What has been the result of opening our doors to Caste Hindus? Can anyone say that Masonry has benefited by it? Do our Hindu Brethren treat us as Brethren? They flock into Masonry in large numbers. Some out of mere curiosity, some with the motive of obtaining social distinction, or the approval of Masons in high places. Here and there a Hindu Brother has risen to comparative eminence in the Craft. But take them as a body, what have they done for the good of Masonry? It is not possible for them to practice at home what they profess in Lodge. High-sounding words about Brotherly love, equality, &c., &c., are easily uttered with the lips. But their practical realisation in every-day life is not possible to the Caste Hindu. Should such men be admitted? And if admitted ought they to be advanced to that most sacred and mysterious degree, the Holy Royal Arch? In anticipation of the torrent of fluent English which will be poured upon us in answer to this article, we will ask our Hindu Brethren to answer two plain questions: 1st, Do you believe in one Supreme Being, and if so, how do you prove your belief from your sacred writings, and make it square with your polytheistic practice? 2ndly, Do you believe in the Brotherhood of man? And if so, why do you consider yourself polluted by receiving food at the hands of a Brother Mason? Answer these two plain questions, native Brethren, and do not waste words in beating about the bush, and in raising up a host of side issues.

ICONOCLAST, in "Indian Masonic Review."

Are they Freemasons? The Vienna correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," writing on the subject of "Life in Macedonia" says there is a curious custom existing among the Macedonians which is called *Pobratimstvo*, or Act of Fraternisation. It is not quite the same as *bessabess*, which may be concluded by a Mohammedan with a Christian, and is of Shkipetar or Albanian origin. *Pobratimstvo* is a relic of old heathenism now characteristic of Christians only. Two intimate friends resolve to love and defend each other as if they were genuine brothers. They eat bread and salt together, drink from the same glass wine (or *rakiya*), into which a few drops of the blood of each has been infused; then they kiss, embrace, and rise up as Brethren for ever after. The friends of the one are friends of the other, and if one be assassinated the other is bound by all laws to take the life of his murderer. There are other usages that are likewise religiously preserved by the Christian Slavs there, most of them relics of the curious, gay, poetic Paganism which formed the basis of their religion before the introduction of Christianity. More than once the Serbs, many of whose customs and folk-songs are identical with those of the Macedonians, undertook to prove that the latter must be Serbs, because of the ceremony of *Krsno ime*, which is, they say, a characteristic of the Servian people only. But the argument is worth nothing, for all the southern Slavs had one language and one religion when they first became known to history.

CONSECRATION.

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BALIOL CHAPTER.

THE consecration of this Chapter, No. 1230, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle, on Friday, the 17th inst., at four o'clock. The ceremony of consecration will be conducted by the Grand Superintendent Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.

The Founders of the new Chapter are:—Comps. Richard Luck, M.A., P.Z. P.P.G.J. Z., W. C. Barron H., B. S. Beckwith J., J. W. B. Heslop E., J. R. Thompson N., J. Atkinson P.S., E. D. Walrond 1st A.S., J. M. Moore Treasurer, T. Dunn P.Z. P.G.D.C. D.C., and G. C. Lee.

It is stated that the Duke of Connaught and Lord Wolseley are expected to be present at the consecration of the National Artillery Lodge on Wednesday next, at the Criterion.

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The members of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, held their annual ball at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, 2nd inst., the company numbering between 200 and 300.

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An enjoyable ball, under the auspices of the local Lodge of Instruction, No. 441, was held at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on New Year's Day.

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The third annual ball under the auspices of the Etruscan Lodge of Freemasons, No. 546, was held in the Town Hall, Longton, on Thursday, 2nd inst., a large and distinguished company, numbering upwards of a hundred, being present.

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The annual ball of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, is always a popular assembly, and the one which took place at the Town Hall, Hull, on the 7th inst., was no exception to the rule, under the control of Bro. Charles Maddison Worshipful Master.

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The forty-seventh West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution festival and ball is fixed to take place on the night of Tuesday next, the 14th inst. The Brethren will appear in full Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office in the Craft, and the event is likely to be a very brilliant one. It is patronised by, among others, Lord and Lady Derby, Lord and Lady Lathom, Lady Alice Stanley, Lady Hamilton, &c.

THE LESSONS OF MASONRY.

WE teach morality, we teach temperance, and charity is the foundation-stone of all our work. Yet too often we neglect and forget all this when leaving the Lodge Room. When it shall be known and acceded that for a man to be a Mason is equivalent to his being an honest, upright man and a true gentleman, then it will be that our beloved Order will take her proper place in the world of thought, and in the world of everyday life, and all the efforts of our enemies to injure our good name or blight our good influence will fall as dead and fruitless as a "cannonade of rosebuds against the rock of Gibraltar." And to accomplish this should be the effort of every Brother. By their fruits you shall know them, and by our works and by our conduct shall we be judged.—"New York Tribune."

MASONIC DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

IN accordance with long-established custom, the members of the Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society have, during the holidays, organised a New Year's Hydro. party, the destination this year being the Harrogate Hydro. Thither a large party journeyed on Saturday, 28th ult., and the visit, which terminated on the 2nd inst., proved an unqualified success. Greeted with extreme cordiality by the Hydro. officials and visitors, the party immediately made themselves at home in the handsome, well-managed establishment. Dancing took place each evening, excepting Sunday, and New Year's night was observed in the novel and enjoyable manner peculiar to the Masonic party. As is customary on these occasions, dramatic representations formed a leading feature of the programme. A sacred concert and an interesting lecture on "A Trip to Madeira," illustrated by lantern slides, and given by Bro. David Flather, were much appreciated. The general arrangements were in the hands of Bro. C. F. Lawton.—"Sheffield Telegraph."

FURNITURE wanted (second-hand) for Royal Arch Chapter.—Address, "Furniture," care of "Freemason's Chronicle," New Barnet.

MASONRY IN AND OUT OF THE LODGE.

THAT Masonry consists of something more than the forms and ceremonies of its ritual every member should know, and that its adherents have practical duties resting upon them every Mason does know.

That these duties are faithfully performed we often have good, substantial proof, though, in the reticent spirit of the institution, we seldom refer to them. Let those who visit our Lodges and see the silent charity speak; we need no open avowal of our good deeds; we desire no public acknowledgment of whatever good we do—the silent, thankful glance of the widow, the grateful look of the orphan, and the hearty pressure of the hand of a Brother in distress relieved should be reward enough for every good Mason. And let every good Mason earn all these; it is not sufficient to visit your Lodge or learn the ritual; learn the moral lessons which are taught in the ceremonies; learn them by heart, and then take them home with you to your family. Take them to your counting-house, to your shop, to your stores; practise them in your every-day life, keep not your Masonry locked up in the secret vaults or behind closely tiled Lodge Rooms; air it, show it to your neighbours, to your employer, to your family; do not fear its exposure—show the world that you are a Mason, and that you practise what you preach—that you practise true, every-day Masonry. Do not be afraid to let the world know that you are a Mason, not by hanging out the signs by way of emblems or charms and ring, but by your conduct, by your dealings in your every-day affairs. That is true Masonry, and will redound to your credit and to the glory of the great Brotherhood.—"New York Tribune."

MASONIC SYMBOLISM.

The light of the Craft and its uses in the ceremony.

HOW beautiful is this mysterious symbol that leads the novice, wandering in darkness, to recognise that his first need, his first trust, is a merciful, a loving, a helping God. He is right, because his heart spoke its need, and he is rightly told that his faith is well founded. Therefore, when the darkness disappears, when his eyes salute the light, he beholds no further mystery; he merely beholds that which his heart has already conceived. This point, Brethren, must always remain the most significant phrase of Speculative Masonry. No matter how much philosophy may be crowded in the upper degrees, the great central thought of Masonry is illustrated in the initiatory degree, when the candidate, by the force of circumstances, and in the stress of his necessity, promptly verifies the experience of mankind, that the fundamental principle of society is God, and likewise our own experience that Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to teach us the rational worship of Deity. Amplify this thought, my Brethren, whenever opportunity presents itself. In that central truth lies the germ of our whole system of moral and Masonic philosophy. God means government, order, harmony; God means life, death, and immortality. Teach your young Brethren that the foundations of civil society lie in God. Teach them that order without God is chaos, peace without Him anarchy. Teach them, and you will indeed teach them truly, that we, who without these sacred precincts are divided into sects, castes and classes, are here on the level even as the humble apprentices in the north-east before the Master, recognising the generous influence that cometh from the East, as a bridegroom cometh forth from his chamber, rejoicing even like the war-steed to fly on his course. We recognise as the fundamental principle of Speculative Masonry the great need of man, God, the all-Father, the Supreme Architect, the all-wise Disposer of life and death. We have felt the need of this guide. We never saw him, for we are not privileged to penetrate the mystery of all mysteries. But like the Entered Apprentice at the moment of his need, our hearts have found Him, and such is the divine revelation that comes to all men. When we were tempest tossed; when the whirlwind passed over us; when the storm-clouds fought in the heavens; when the sails of our frail ship were torn into shreds; when we floated like the driftwood on the sea of life, helpless, powerless, spiritless, then we found the Grand Master of the heavens and the earth. When darkness surrounded us; when our feet trembled; when hands, felt, not seen, led us on uncertain ways; when we imagined an abyss where we found refuge; when we knelt on thorns and cried out in pain—then, my Brethren, we found the Architect who inspired the widow's son to draw his moral designs on the trestle-board of religion and philosophy. Then, like Moses and the workmen of King Solomon, we brooked no priestly supererogation, no sacerdotal ceremonialism; we pierced the mysteries with our spirit, and we saw the Presence between the wings of angels overshadowing the covenant!—"Voorsanger," in "New York Tribune."

That very successful publication of Messrs. Cassell and Company, entitled "Work," an illustrated journal for mechanics, begins a new volume on the 18th inst. Another of the celebrated supplements in which mechanics testify to the benefits derived from this publication, will be issued free of charge in the first number of the new volume.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE following is copy of the report of the Second Examination, by the Examiner to the Cambridge University Syndicate, of the whole School, issued by order of the Board of Management, 20th December 1895.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, N.

To the Secretary of the Syndicate appointed by the University of Cambridge to provide for the Examination of Schools.

SIR,

I have now the honour to send you my report on this School, which I have visited and examined in accordance with your instructions.

The number of boys in the School and the course of study were much the same as when I made my last report in June 1894. The curriculum included, in addition to the subjects commented on below, others which were not examined by me, e.g.; Shorthand, taken by a large proportion of the boys in the upper forms; Vocal and Instrumental Music, which had recently been examined by an examiner specially appointed by the governing body; Science (Geology and Physiography) and Drawing (Freehand, Model and Geometrical), which were examined on by the Science and Art Department in May last.

Under a rule which has recently come into operation, provision has been made for enabling boys to remain at the School after the age of fifteen, in desirable cases, and there are now fourteen such boys on the books.

Of the buildings, &c. I have little to add to what I stated in my last report. The gymnasium has been refurnished with new apparatus, and space has been found for an additional reading room for the younger boys. A large field of twelve acres has also been taken for football, and will be a great gain.

The organisation of the School appeared to be most satisfactory, and the result of the present examination convinced me that much steady work had been done since my last visit. I was again pleased with the tone and demeanour of the boys, which left nothing to be desired. Everything I saw indicated healthy progress and development.

I will now comment on the actual results of the examination which, taken as a whole, were eminently satisfactory. Beyond doubt a thoroughly sound and practical education is being given at this School.

SCRIPTURE.—In New Testament (St. Luke's Gospel) the general character of the work done was extremely satisfactory; in each class a good standard was reached, and a large proportion of the papers showed a comprehensive acquaintance with that Gospel. Form V. also offered Acts I-XII, and although their answers to this paper were less even than those to the paper on St. Luke, still many boys did excellently. The papers on Old Testament were, perhaps, as a rule, less accurate than those on New Testament, but much good knowledge was displayed of the facts of the portions studied.

ENGLISH HISTORY.—Form V. (upper division) had thoroughly mastered their special period, and several boys also answered the questions on general history very satisfactorily. Forms V. (lower division) and IV. showed excellent knowledge of the period studied (1688-1832 A.D.), while Form IIIA. answered very well on the same period. Form IIIB. did excellently in this subject, and Form IIIC. acquitted themselves very creditably indeed.

GEOGRAPHY.—This subject was satisfactory. The papers of Form V. bore testimony to careful study, and were a very good set. Forms IV. and IIIA. showed considerable knowledge, and Forms IIIB. and IIIC. did very well.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.—Forms V. and IV. reached a capital standard; their papers were sound and accurate, and both parsing and analysis deserved praise. Forms IIIA. and IIIB. took a paper of an easier character, embracing the analysis of simple sentences; the general quality of the answers was highly satisfactory, and proved that careful instruction had been given in the principles of this subject. Form IIIC. also answered intelligently.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.—Form V. sent up an excellent set of papers on "Twelfth Night," which they had studied with great care and thoroughness. Form IV. had mastered two books of "Paradise Lost," with much success, and Form IIIA. possessed a very fair knowledge of Marmion (Cantos 1 and 6).

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.—Forms V. and IV. sent up essays written grammatically, and sensibly expressed.

ARITHMETIC.—Form V. obtained a good average mark; their methods were excellent, and their working accurate. Form IV. were rather lacking in accuracy in working questions on vulgar fractions and decimals. Form III. did fairly as a whole, but were also inaccurate, noticeably in working sums of a straightforward character. The younger classes did very good work indeed. It will thus appear that the subject generally was up to a satisfactory standard, the chief fault being a certain carelessness in working in some Forms, which should be attended to.

EUCLID.—Form V. (upper division) took a paper which included Book VI.; their work was excellent. Form V. (lower division) offered Books I-III., and gained a very fair average mark. Form IV. (Book I.), with a few exceptions, seemed to require more time to grasp the subject.

ALGEBRA.—Some boys in Form V. had read to the Binomial Theorem. Many did very well indeed, and the majority most creditably. The style and methods of working were excellent, and the neatness of the papers deserved praise. Form IV. (to quadratic equations) also deserved credit for their style and neatness, while Form III. (to simple equations) did excellent work.

TRIGONOMETRY.—Eight boys were examined. They had read to the solution of triangles, and had obtained a good grasp of the subject.

FRENCH.—Forms V. and IV. did well in grammar, the questions on the verbs being answered very correctly; they also rendered English sentences in French with a fair measure of success, and translated passages from their prepared books (Le Misanthrope, Le Serf, and Le Chevrier de Lorraine) in a highly satisfactory manner. Form IIIA. passed a most creditable examination, both in translation and grammar, and the majority of the boys in Forms IIIB. and IIIC. answered well.

LATIN.—Form V. possessed a less accurate knowledge of accidence than I could have wished. Form IV. did much better, the greater number obtaining good marks, and answering very satisfactorily. Form IIIA. were sound so far as they had gone. Forms V. and IV. had read some Caesar: the former did creditable papers, and the latter had studied the work most carefully, their translations being admirable, and their parsing accurate.

The **HANDWRITING** and **SPELLING** were generally good, and the papers neatly written and carefully arranged.

ORAL EXAMINATION.

Form IB. (consisting mostly of young boys) were found to be in excellent order, and many of them answered intelligently.

Form IA.—A large class, but in good order and well taught. They answered well in several subjects.

Form IIB.—A very good class indeed. They answered well in all subjects, and passed a most satisfactory examination.

Form IIA. contained a rather large proportion of dull and backward boys. Some answered well, especially in history and geography.

Form IIIC. did very well in the subjects in which they were examined orally. This was a good class, containing several very bright boys.

Form IIIB. answered to my satisfaction.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Head Master and his staff for the efficient help which they rendered me in the conduct of the examination.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) T. H. ATTWATER, M.A.

Pembroke College, Cambridge.

18th December 1895.

Certified as correct.

J. H. FEATHER, M.A.

Assistant Secretary to the Syndicate.

18th December 1895.

Average Ages of Boys in the respective Forms.

Form.	Number of Boys.	Average Age.
5.	23	15
4.	21	13.11
3A.	32	13.3
3B.	32	13.2
3C.	32	12.2
2A.	32	11.10
2B.	19	11
Prep. 1A.	36	10.5
1B.	26	9.7

Another Lodge in North London is contemplated. Some well-known local Masons have the matter in hand, and it is expected that the project will soon be ripe for the application for a Charter. If granted, the meeting place will be Beale's Restaurant. There will then be three Lodges in a direct line, one at Highbury, one at Holloway, and the third at Highgate. The new Crouch End Lodge, whose headquarters are at Highgate, is progressing almost beyond the expectations of the founders.—"Hornsey Journal."

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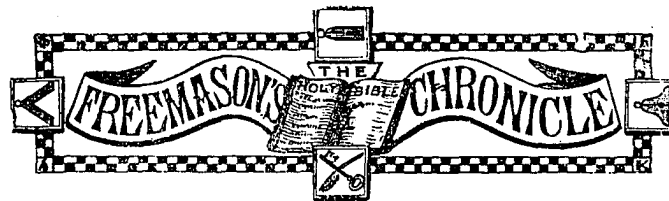
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SATURDAY, 11TH JANUARY 1896.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE January Quarterly Court of the supporters of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C. in the chair, who was supported by Bros. A. C. and W. H. Spaul, J. M. McLeod, H. Massey, S. J. Attenborough, A. W. Duret, C. H. Malcolm, and C. Pullman.

Brother Hedges, the Secretary of the Institution, read the minutes of the Quarterly Court of 10th October, and the summaries of minutes of the General Committee meetings. The list of candidates for the election of 9th April was settled at 31, and the vacancies in the School for that election, 24.

A long discussion, initiated by Bro. Attenborough, arose on the rejection by the Petitions Committee of two girls on the ground that the father of each girl had ceased to be a subscribing member of his Lodge for many years before the birth of the would-be candidate, and on the motion of Bro. Attenborough, seconded by Bro. Duret (although he did not agree with the proposition) it was referred back to the General Committee to reconsider the two cases.

The Chairman informed the Court that the 108th anniversary festival of the Institution would be held on 13th May, and that the Earl of Yarborough Prov.G.M. of Lincolnshire would preside. The total receipts of the Institution from all sources during the year 1895 was stated to be £18,248 17s 4d.

We have previously availed ourselves of opportunities of referring to the liberality of the members of the Rothesay Lodge in their support of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft, their contributions being alike frequent and continuous, a fact that is evident when we mention that for some time the Lodge has been represented at each of the three Festivals of the year, and on all occasions the list of the Steward has been headed with a Lodge grant of ten guineas. It will be remembered that on the night of the installation in October last the Worshipful Master undertook to serve a Stewardship for the Boys, and the Senior Warden offered to represent the Benevolent Institution, upon which twenty guineas was voted from the Lodge—ten guineas for each list—regret being expressed that the Girls School was left out for the time being, although the hope was general that the omission would speedily be rectified, as has since been the case, and the regular grant of ten guineas made from the Lodge. Not content with this splendid record for the current year, however, the members have taken up the cause of the Boys School Scholarship Fund, and have voted twenty guineas in support of it, making their total grants so far for the year up to fifty guineas—an amount which, particularly in view of the past records of the Lodge, can only be regarded as a most brilliant one. As will be seen from our report elsewhere, this latest amount was voted on New Year's Day, and the Brethren of the Lodge separated thereafter with gratification in the knowledge that they had made a splendid start for 1896—one that may well be held up as a pattern for other Lodges to imitate.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THERE was a crowd of some thousands at the funeral, on the 2nd inst., of the late Bro. William Holland, general manager of the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. The cortège was joined by the Mayor and Corporation and a large number of the Masons of the town and district, the ceremony at the graveside being conducted with full Masonic rites. A subscription has been organised in Blackpool with a view to erecting a monument to Bro. Holland's memory.

BRO. WILLIAM BOND PAUL, of Wearne Wych, near Langport, died at noon on Sunday, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. The deceased had been associated with the town of Langport all his life, and with Stuckey's Banking Company from his youth upwards, for many years as secretary to the directors and manager of the head office of the Company, which position he resigned in 1887, and retired into private life. He was a member of the Portcullis Lodge, and for several years filled the office of Treasurer thereof.

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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ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

ON New Year's Day the Brethren met at 4.30 in the Rothesay Room, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, under the presidency of Brother A. E. Clements W.M.

The Lodge being duly opened and the minutes read, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Bulter, Thompson, and Mackenzie. The Lodge being resumed to the second degree, Bros. Duck and Ladle were passed, after which the Lodge was resumed to the first, when Messrs. Muller, Simpson, and Watling were initiated.

Brother J. W. Murrell, of the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, managing director of the Frascati Restaurant, was admitted as a joining member.

The whole of the Officers deserve the highest praise for the very creditable manner in which they performed their respective duties.

On the W.M. rising for the second time, he informed the Brethren that a communication had been received from Bro. McLeod, through Brother P.M. Adams, on the subject of the proposed Scholarship Fund in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and in a brief manner he explained the scheme, and warmly urged the Brethren to give it their most earnest sympathy, stating that he hoped, should the Lodge entertain the appeal that would be made, that they would do so in a manner that would be creditable to the Rothesay Lodge, which already bore such a good name for its warm support of all the Institutions. The W.M. then read the circular, and Bro. P.M. Adams further explained the object. It may be stated that Brother Adams is one of the promoters of the scheme, and having expounded its origin and object, he expressed the hope that the Lodge would contribute the sum of twenty guineas to the Fund.

Bro. Bolton S.W. proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given from the Lodge funds, and Brother P.M. Valeriani the worthy and zealous Secretary seconded, stating that although the Lodge had already voted thirty guineas to the Charities since the W.M. was installed in October last, yet he was proud to be permitted the privilege of seconding this further contribution, making fifty guineas in all.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Brother Adams returned thanks, and the Lodge then adjourned to refreshment, which was much appreciated.

Bros. W. H. Elliott P.M. Tredegar Lodge, Bro. A. E. Solomon J.W. of Lees Lodge, and Bro. Mantell responded to the toast of the visitors.

The Brethren brought their very creditable meeting to a close, trusting that other Lodges might begin the New Year by copying their example in the cause of Charity.

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INSTRUCTION.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

ON the 6th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bro. Jeffery W.M., Peters S.W., H. Hyde J.W., P.M. Free Treas., Carroll Assist. Sec., Past Masters Smith, Schmidt, Gildersleeve, S. Toye; Feistal S.D., Burton J.D., Butcher I.G., and about twenty others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Scharer being candidate. The W.M. gave the antient charge. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Levy candidate.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

AT the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, E.C., on Friday of last week, Bro. H. J. Collier in the chair, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Brother A. Humphreys, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Collier then returned to the chair and, after the transaction of further business, Bro. C. Weeden P.M. Preceptor, in a very eloquent and able manner, on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, presented Bro. Dr. W. J. Hunter P.M. and Treasurer with a very handsome diamond ring, as a mark of respect and esteem for him as a man, and to celebrate his elevation for the second time into the chair of the Mother Lodge.

A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Collier for the efficient manner in which he fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time, the Lodge was adjourned until the 10th inst.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Bros. Fred Kebbell W.M., H. J. Calley S.W., J. Abrahams J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. P.A.G.D.C. Middx. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Sec., T. I. Bird P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, I. P. Cohen P.M. S.D., T. Jackson J.D., Johnson I.G., Witte, Keighley, Davison P.M., Geo. Clark P.M., and Harding P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed and the antient charge delivered by the W.M., Bro. Keighley candidate.

The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Brothers Dunstan, and G. Clark Past Masters.

A meeting of the Masonic Charities Association was afterwards held, the President Brother Dunstan presiding. Four ballots were taken, the successful members being Bros. Smallbones, Clark, Kessler and Ginder.

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PROVINCIAL.

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UNION LODGE, No. 52.

MASONS assembled in strong numbers at the rooms of the Masonic Association, St. Giles's Street, Norwich, on Tuesday, 7th inst., to see Bro. Edmund Reeve installed as W.M. That unusual interest was taken in the proceedings was proved by the fact that no fewer than thirty-one Past Masters put in an appearance, a number that may safely be chronicled as a

record. The ceremony was performed exceedingly well by Brothers T. J. Compton and Hamon le Strange P.G.D. D.P.G.M., Bro. R. P. Noverre carrying out the duties of D.C. in good style.

At eight o'clock the Brethren sat down to a banquet, the menu being a choice and varied one. The loyal toasts were appropriately given, and were met with the enthusiasm usually accorded by Masons.

Replying for the Grand Lodge of Norfolk, Bro. le Strange mentioned that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had consented to attend a meeting intended to be held shortly for a special object.

At the instance of Sir Kenneth Kemp, the health of the newly-installed Master Bro. Reeve was drunk with marked cordiality.

Answering the good wishes expressed on all hands for a successful year of office, Bro. Reeve said it would be his endeavour to maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and to do all in his power to promote that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry.

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ST. MARTIN LODGE, No. 98.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Saunders S.W. took place on the 19th ult., in the Lodge Room, Town Hall, Burslem. There was a very large attendance, amongst the visitors being the Deputy P.G.M. Lieut.-Colonel Bindley P.G.D. England.

The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. Brother Jas. Beech, who conducted the whole of the work in a highly creditable manner, and drew from the D.P.G.M. many complimentary remarks when he addressed the Brethren.

After the business of the Lodge was completed the Brethren adjourned to the Magistrates' Room, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Brother Amson, of the Leopard.

The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast of Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past, expressed his satisfaction at the way the work had been done by all engaged, and stated his intention of paying another visit at an early date so as to have an opportunity of examining with the Secretary the minute books of the oldest Lodge in the Province, which he was convinced would be most interesting.

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LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at Merthyr, Bro. D. A. Thomas, M.P., W.M.

There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting Brethren. Bro. W. R. Harris was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The annual banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, where a recherché dinner was provided by Bro. Sarvis, the host.

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PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

A VERY large number of the members met at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Thursday, 2nd inst., to celebrate the annual festival of the Lodge and to instal Bro. W. Cecil Gethen as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the installation ceremony being performed by the retiring Master Brother E. Stephens, and Past Masters T. Smith and W. Earle.

The Brethren, numbering nearly sixty, subsequently dined together, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE installation took place on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Bro. Supt. Burrell was installed as W.M. for the year, and the Officers were afterwards appointed.

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AMITY LODGE, No. 137.

ON Wednesday, 1st inst., the annual gathering took place at the Masonic Hall, Poole, when Bro. A. C. Chapin was installed W.M., and afterwards invested the Officers for the ensuing year.

The Brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the London Hotel, the catering being entrusted to Bro. Hodges.

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HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, on Monday, 6th inst., when Bro. G. Widger was installed W.M. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by the retiring W.M. Brother C. S. Stebbing, to whom a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted, in recognition of his devoted services to the Lodge during his year of office. The banquet was fixed for 6th February, at the Freemasons' Club.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. R. Alf. Hepworth W.M. Perhaps the fact of this being the night for electing Officers may have accounted for the excellent attendance of members and visitors, prominent among whom were:—Bros. J. M. H. Blamey I.P.M., S. Gaskill S.W., H. A. Owles J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Treas., Fred Walmsley Sec., John Allen S.D., H. R. Yates J.D., J. H. Studd I.G.; Past Masters:—H. H. Warburton P.P.S.G.D., John E. William P.P.G.D.D.C., Bon Williams, E. Webb, R. L. McMillan, Edward Roberts 1459; Bros. Robert Race, William Pearson, J. Grime, H. E. Massie, Geo. Taylor.

Visitors:—Bros. J. W. Millward P.M. 992 P.G.S. of W., J. T. Trotter J.W. 1459, Chas. Moss S.D. 815, W. Harrison J.D. 1588.

After the confirmation of minutes, Bros. A. D. Pixton, Joseph Crookes Grime, and George Russell Jury were questioned as to proficiency, and ultimately raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the three ceremonies being performed in an excellent manner by Bro. Hepworth W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. R. Simister P.M.

In the ballot for W.M., Bro. Samuel Gaskill S.W. was the unanimous choice of the Brethren. Bro. Sinclair was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Warburton still retains the position of Charity Representative.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Stott, Owles, J. H. Greenwood, Nuttall, B. and J. E. Williams, and E. Roberts.

HENGIST LODGE, No. 195.

THE installation took place on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, of Bro. F. Mapp, the ceremony being conducted by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. Humphry who, at the close of the ceremony, was presented with a Past Master's jewel and the thanks of the Lodge for his services.

The Brethren subsequently proceeded to the Grand Hotel, where a high-class banquet was held, and the usual toasts were honoured. Many Past and Provincial Officers and members of neighbouring Lodges were present.

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HARMONIC LODGE, No. 252.

ON Tuesday, 7th inst., the Brethren had their annual festival, when a large number of members of the Lodge and visitors attended. Bro. J. Sidaway was installed W.M. by Bro. Down.

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NELSON OF THE NILE LODGE, No. 264.

ON Monday, 30th ult., the installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Park Road, Batley, in the presence of a large assembly of members and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Charles Newsome P.M., by whom Bro. F. W. Akeroyd was elevated to the chair, in succession to Bro. Thos. Western.

The festival of St. John was celebrated, and the usual Masonic and other toasts honoured.

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BEDFORD LODGE, No. 282.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Tavistock, on Wednesday, 1st inst., when Bro. H. Skinner was installed Worshipful Master.

The banquet was admirably served at the Bedford Hotel by Brother J. Squires. The usual toasts were honoured, and were interspersed with songs. A handsome pair of table spoons were presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valued services during his Mastership.

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AMITY LODGE, No. 283.

THE annual installation was held at the Grey Mare Hotel, Haslingden, on Thursday, 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors.

The installation of Brother Jonas Southerst was efficiently performed by Bro. E. Freeman P.M.

Bro. Hamer P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. E. Schofield the retiring W.M., with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, and in doing so alluded in highly appreciative terms to the valuable services which Bro. Schofield had rendered to the Lodge and the Craft in general, especially during his year of office as W.M. Bro. Schofield, he said, had conducted the affairs of the Lodge in a truly Masonic manner, and the Brethren were greatly indebted to him for what he had done.

Bro. Schofield suitably returned thanks, and said it would always be a pleasure to him to do what he could to promote the interests of Freemasonry in general, and of the Amity Lodge in particular. In conclusion he expressed a fervent hope that his successor in the chair would have a happy and successful year of office.

On the motion of the W.M., a hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Freeman for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and Bro. Freeman briefly acknowledged the compliment.

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CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, 2nd inst., at Beverley, Bro. Robert Pape was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Tom Turner and M. M. Westerby.

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COMBERMERE LODGE OF UNION, No. 295.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Thursday, 2nd inst., at Macclesfield, there being a large attendance.

By special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton the Lodge was held in the Town Hall, the business commencing at 3 o'clock under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. J. I. Brunt.

The installation of Bro. Walter Brown S.W. P.P.G.S. was impressively conducted by Bro. Thomas Lockitt P.M. and Treasurer P.P.S.G.D., and Bro. John H. Brookes P.M. and Secretary P.P.A.G. Secretary.

The newly-installed Worshipful Master having taken the chair, amid the congratulations of the Brethren—for there is no more deservedly popular Brother in the Craft—he appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

The annual banquet took place in the evening in the Lodge Room, at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, the newly-elected W.M. presiding. The menu included, as usual, a fine haunch of venison (kindly sent by Sir William C. Brooks, Bart., from the Forest of Glen Tana).

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TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

AT Helston, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Hugh Stephens was installed as W.M. in a very impressive manner by Bro. A. E. Ratcliffe P.P.G.Reg., assisted by Bro. J. M. Richards P.Prov.G.O., and supported by several installed Masters.

A banquet at the Angel Hotel followed.

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LOYALTY LODGE, No. 320.

THE annual festival of St. John was celebrated at the Junction Inn, Mottram, on Thursday, 26th ult.

In the old days of Freemasonry the annual meeting was held on Christmas Day, when the members of the Craft attended divine worship at church in the morning, met for business in the afternoon, and held a social gathering in the evening. This year they met on Bank Holiday, which resulted in a very large attendance, forty-six members being present.

In the absence of Bro. W. Hampshire W.M., through illness, the Lodge

was opened by the eldest Past Master present Bro. W. S. Hadfield, and the regular Officers.

The usual routine business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. J. E. Steward Prov.G. Officer, with the assistance of the Past Masters, proceeded to instal Bro. F. Cartwright as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. Wagstaffe, it was decided to again present a donation—twenty guineas—to the charities of the Province.

It was intended to present a Past Master's gold jewel to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Hampshire for his services during the year, but owing to his illness the presentation had to be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

The Lodge was closed in the usual manner, when the Brethren sat down and did full justice to a sumptuous banquet, provided in excellent style by the host of the house, Mr. Arthur Wadsworth, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 338.

THE annual festival was celebrated at Ross, on Monday, 6th inst. In consequence of the banquet to be held subsequently at the Royal Hotel, a dispensation was obtained from the P.G.M. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., for the holding of the Lodge in the Town Hall. The ceremony in connection with the installation of Bro. Dr. A. Cutfield as W.M. was performed by Bro. J. E. S. Hewett P.M. P.Z. P.P.S.G.W., in his usual efficient manner.

The usual business of the Lodge having been completed, the Brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet awaited them. The chair was taken by the W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. F. Cooper S.W.

A very pleasing part of the proceedings consisted in the presentation by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge of a P.M. jewel to the Immediate P.M. Bro. W. F. Marvin.

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DORIC LODGE, No. 362.

THE annual installation was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Chambers, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, Brother James Raynor (Nottingham) being installed W.M. by Bro. Captain B. H. Russell P.P.A.D.C. Bro. T. Jackson was invested for the 37th year as Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the George Hotel, when there was a good attendance, guests being present from Lincoln, Sleaford, Peterborough, Bourne, Market Rasen, Nottingham, the Cape of Good Hope, and New Zealand Lodges.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, while songs were interspersed.

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FAITH AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 417.

ON Wednesday, 1st inst., the annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, when Bro. J. Neville S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master Brother Knight, assisted by Bros. Dron and Parsons.

In the evening a banquet was held in the hall, Bro. Bilham, of the King's Arms Hotel, being the caterer, and the usual list of Masonic toasts were gone through.

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ROYAL NAVY LODGE, No. 429.

THE installation took place at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, 1st inst., when a large number of Brethren were present.

The W.M.-elect Bro. A. Page was installed into the chair by Bro. H. J. Sturgeon. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Brother J. Neale.

Afterwards the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was ably served by Bro. Roach. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs by Bros. Fred Everill, Stanley, Dixon, Sturgeon, and Neale.

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THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES LODGE, No. 441.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge, and was largely attended by Brethren of the town and district, a number of visitors from a distance being also present.

The outgoing W.M. Bro. James Catling installed his successor Bro. W. R. Roper, M.D.

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ST. JAMES LODGE, No. 448.

THE Brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax, on Tuesday, 31st ult., when Bro. W. S. Milligan was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Thomas Robertshaw the retiring W.M., Alfred Robertshaw P.M., and C. T. Rhodes P.M. P.P.G.D.

At the close of the ceremony Bro. W. F. Wilkinson P.M. presented to Bro. Thomas Robertshaw a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect from the Brethren, and appreciation for the very efficient way he had discharged the duties of his office as W.M. during the past year.

Bro. T. Robertshaw acknowledged the gift, and returned thanks to the Brethren for such a proof of their recognition of his services.

The Brethren then adjourned to the dining hall, where the usual installation banquet took place, Mr. and Mrs. Hind being the caterers, and providing a first-class menu, which gave every satisfaction.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as also the Mayor and Corporation of Halifax, proposed by ex-Councillor Bro. Jonathan Jessop P.M., and responded to by the Mayor Bro. G. H. Smith S.W. and W.M.-elect of Probity Lodge, No. 61, Alderman Bro. Richard Hodgson P.M., and Councillor J. T. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D.

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LOYAL MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 457.

AT the annual meeting, on Tuesday, 7th inst., Brother H. C. Groves was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Capt. C. C. Powell P.G.S. of W. performing the ceremony.

In the evening a banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, the new W.M. presiding. A subscription towards Masonic charities, amounting to twenty guineas, was collected in the room.

BANK TERRACE LODGE, No. 462.

ON Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, the festival of St. John the Evangelist and installation of Bro. J. Walmsley took place, the installing Officers being Bros. Whittaker Bond P.M. P.G.D.D.C. West Lancashire, Wray P.M. P.P.G.S.W.B. West Lancashire, and Eli Knowles P.M. P.Z. 462. There was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren, about seventy being present.

Lodge was opened by Bro. D. C. Dewhurst W.M., and after disposing of certain business the installation ceremony was proceeded with, the Installing Masters performing their duties in a most efficient manner.

An interesting ceremony then took place, the members of the Lodge presenting valuable gold Past Master's jewels to five Brethren who had occupied the chair with credit to themselves and benefit to the Craft. The jewels were pinned on the breasts of the Past Masters by the newly-installed W.M., the recipients being Bros. D. C. Dewhurst I.P.M., Thomas Cunliffe Treasurer, William Ormerod Secretary (who received a Past Master's collar and jewel), William Roger, and Hartley Goddard. The W.M. alluded in highly appreciative terms to the valuable services which each of these Brethren had rendered to the Lodge and to Freemasonry, and expressed a hope that each of the recipients would live long to wear the beautiful jewels which he had so much pleasure in handing to them.

Each of the jewels bore an inscription bearing the name of the Lodge and of the Brother, and recording the fact that it was presented by the Brethren in recognition of valuable services rendered during the year of office, the date of which was stated.

The Lodge having been closed, the banquet was then served in excellent style by Bro. Wm. Birtwistle.

SILURIAN LODGE, No. 471.

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon., on Wednesday, 1st inst., when the W.M. Bro. James Dixon was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Colonel C. R. Lyne, Officers of the Lodge, and a large number of visiting Brethren.

Bro. Alfred Ernest Jones S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S.

The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel.

LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE, No. 574.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, Brother C. E. Keyser P.M. P.G.D. was installed as Worshipful Master in the presence of a numerous assemblage of members of the Craft, including Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, Edward Letchworth Secretary of Grand Lodge, W. G. Mount, M.P., J. T. Morland Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, J. E. LeFeuvre Deputy P.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Colonel F. C. Keyser, C.B., Grand Steward, J. W. Martin P.G. Secretary, J. M. McLeod Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, &c.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. J. T. Morland P.M. Past Grand Deacon, and acting Provincial Grand Master of the Berkshire Province, who, with several other visitors, had been the guests of the W.M.-elect at Aldermaston Court.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Liddle, Mus. Bac., on retiring from the chair.

The various matters on the agenda having been disposed of, the Brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where a banquet was served in recherché style by Mrs. Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel. The newly-installed Worshipful Master presided, and a long toast list, interspersed with 'cello, glee solos, and song, followed.

The arrangements for this successful gathering mainly devolved upon the energetic and painstaking Secretary of the Lodge Brother Stephen Knight P.M.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

ON Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, Bro. William Albert Wetwan S.W. was installed Worshipful Master by Bro. Francis Creaser P.M. P.P.G.St.B., a large number of visiting Brethren being present.

The banquet was held in the evening at the Station Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

ST. TUDNO LODGE, No. 755.

THE annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, on Wednesday, 8th inst., and was largely attended, there being a strong muster of visiting Brethren. Bro. G. R. Ashley was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively discharged by Brother James Porter I.P.M. P.G. Steward.

The banquet was served at the Imperial Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The customary toasts were honoured, and a musical programme was furnished by Bros. Ellis Jones, Magrath, Griffiths, Farrington, Rowland, and Henderson.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE regular monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, 7th inst. The W.M. Brother Harry N. Price P.M. 177 was supported by all but one of his Officers, who was unavoidably absent.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. A. Robins was passed to the degree of F.C.

A candidate having been proposed and other business disposed of, the Brethren adjourned for supper, after which the usual toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing by members and visitors, a flute and piccolo solo being given by Brother Bazley. Bro. H. J. Fryer 487 kindly presided at the piano.

Among the visitors present were:—Bros. T. H. Hobbs P.M. 2308, C. F. Charge P.M. 38, C. J. Long J.W. 342, J. R. Eyles 170, T. Doyle 145, H. Jago 2074, A. J. Guy 1834, J. W. Wright 548.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

THE Brethren celebrated the festival of St. John, at Boston, on the 3rd, a large number of Brethren and Visitors being present.

The ceremony of installing Bro. W. H. Hopkins Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was impressively performed by Bro. G. H. Gregory P.M. P.P.G.O. The W.M. subsequently invested his Officers.

The customary banquet took place in the evening.

RESTORMEL LODGE, No. 856.

THE annual festival of St. John was celebrated at Lostwithiel, on Thursday, 2nd inst., when Bro. E. V. Bryant was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. Doney P.M. P.P.A.D.C.

Bro. E. R. Brown P.M. was unanimously elected Steward of the Central Association, and Bro. J. Bassett P.M. P.P.G.S.Wks. Steward for the C.M.A. and B. Fund.

The business of the Lodge having been concluded, the Brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Rowe's Monmouth Inn, where an excellent banquet was provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed.

BUTE LODGE, No. 960.

THE annual festival was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Tuesday, 7th inst., when the retiring W.M. Brother Dr. Henry C. Ensor was supported by the D.Prov.G.M. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Officers of the Lodge, and a large number of members and visitors.

The installation of the new W.M. Brother George H. Bedford was impressively performed by Bro. Ensor.

During the meeting Bro. Ensor was presented with a Past Master's jewel, which was in addition to the portrait of himself presented by his Officers at the last meeting.

After the installation a most enjoyable banquet was held at the Queen's Hotel.

ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 970.

THE annual installation was held in the Masonic Hall, East Looe, on the 1st, Bro. H. Shapcott W.M.

After the usual routine business, a gentleman who had been previously balloted for was initiated.

The W.M.-elect Bro. V. J. Maddock was then presented and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. Dunsterville in a most impressive manner.

The Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on the 6th inst., when Bro. W. J. Samble was installed W.M. by Bro. S. Gale I.P.M.

The banquet was held at Bro. Beer's Railway Hotel. Between the speeches were capital songs and music.

SCARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1214.

THE annual installation took place at the Station Hotel, Batley, on Tuesday, 31st ult., when Brother Jas. Davis (Bradford) was installed Worshipful Master, the I.P.M. and Installing Master being the Rev. W. Wilkinson Prov.G.C.

ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

THE annual festival was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Western-super-Mare, when Bro. John Cooper was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. H. Webb I.P.M.

At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the customary banquet was held.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

AN emergency meeting in connection with this Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday last. Among those present we noticed Bros. Surg.-Capt. Arthur H. Smith W.M., Capt. Geo. Kershaw S.W., Col. J. Howarth Clark, J.P., P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas., Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough Secretary, Capt. Peter Nightingale I.G., Capt. S. Brown, Capt. Alan Sykes, Lieut. Geo. Heys, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459. Visitor:—Bro. W. M. Hamilton S.D. 1845.

Four ceremonies had been announced, but two candidates only put in an appearance, in the persons of Major Henry Benjamin Moss, 3rd V.B. Lanc. Fusiliers, and Bro. Lieut. Geo. Heys, the former after a successful ballot being initiated into ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., while the latter was passed into the degree of F.C. by Bro. Col. Clarke, J.P.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being pleasantly varied by songs, &c.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE regular meeting was held at the Club Rooms, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Thursday, 2nd inst., Bro. Wm. Gadd W.M., and the following, among others, being also present:—Bros. Ald. L. Higginbottom S.W., Henry Sheard J.W., G. H. Russell Treas., John Phythian P.M. Treas. P.P.D.D.C., W. H. Wilson S.D., Henry Wood I.G., C. S. Cotton Assist. Sec., F. Grammer, and Thomas Glynn Stewards, H. Grimshaw I.P.M., Council. Thomas Uttley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D., and Frederick Berry P.M.

Visitors:—Bros. John E. Looker W.M. 993, John Boon J.D. 104, and Charles Kay 152.

After the confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Crowther, paper merchant, C.-on-M., Manchester, and being successful, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. This was followed by the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bro. R. Weaver by Bro. Uttley, while the raising of Bro. Thomas Hesketh Meade was undertaken by the W.M. The working tools in each degree were presented and explained by the J.W., the ancient charge after initiation being delivered by the S.W.

The usual festive board followed.

WHITE ROSE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2491.

TWO years ago this Lodge was consecrated by the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and Bro. John Hunt P.M. P.P.G.D., &c., was duly installed as first Worshipful Master and principal Founder. Some time ago the members resolved to show their appreciation of Bro. Hunt's valuable services to the Lodge, and on Friday, 3rd inst., at their regular meeting, presented him with his portrait in oil to be hung in the Lodge Room and a replica in oil for himself.

Brother Joseph Jackman I.P.M. presented the portrait in Lodge, and alluded to the signal services rendered by Brother Hunt in founding and establishing the Lodge, and to his ready and efficient help on all occasions.

The replica was presented by the Worshipful Master Bro. C. F. Brindley in suitable and feeling terms.

Bro. Hunt warmly thanked the Brethren, and took the opportunity of briefly reviewing the history of the Lodge.

MARK MASONRY.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

THE annual election meeting was held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Mayne W.M., when Bro. G. H. Clark was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. John Parker Treasurer (re-elected) for the year 1896.

The only Royal Ark Mariners Lodge existing in the Three Towns is attached to Sincerity, and the same evening the installation was ably performed by Bros. George Dunsterville, F. M. H. Somerville, and A. Trout. Bro. J. Parker is the new W.C.N.

The Auditor's report showed a very satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

It was resolved that the usual joint annual dinner be held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, on the 2nd March next.

DUNCOMBE LODGE, No. 438.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kingsbridge, when Bro. G. Hooper was installed W.M. by Bro. J. R. Lord P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Bros. Rev. T. C. Lewis, J. R. Gill, and H. W. Thomas.

After the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where the banquet was admirably served by Bro. Thomas. The usual toasts was honoured.

Mrs. L. T. Meade, whose novels, "A Medicine Lady," "In an Iron Grip," &c., have been so successful, will contribute a new sensational serial to "Cassell's Saturday Journal," commencing in the issue of 15th inst.

Mr. Gissing's new book, "The Paying Guest," which is a new departure from his usual style, was published on Monday, the 6th inst., as a volume in Cassell's "Pocket Library." Originally intended for publication in December, it was postponed in order that simultaneous publication in the United States might be conveniently arranged.

It is an open secret that Stepniak collaborated with Hesba Stretton in the production of "The Highway of Sorrow." This work, which has met with a very wide welcome in this country, is a novel based on the sufferings of the "Stundists," a religious body in Russia which have suffered greatly from religious persecution. The book has already been reprinted to meet the continuous demand.

At the present crisis it may be of interest to know how Canada, unaided by a British bayonet or a British shilling, mobilised her volunteers, and in an incredibly short time crushed a rising of French half-breeds and Indians in her vast territory. That she would act with similar energy in the event of an unprovoked invasion of her soil by a foreign enemy, is to be expected from her past history in 1775-1812. The story of the last revolt of Riel is told in Cassell's "Battles of the Nineteenth Century," parts XI. and XII., by General Strange, who commanded a column during the campaign.

Wide-spread ignorance seems to prevail on the subject of Private Inquiry Offices. Everyone hears about them, many make use of them; but few know how extensive are their ramifications, how varied the range of matters with which they are concerned. With the object of throwing light on this subject an important series of articles, entitled "Private Inquiry Offices Unmasked: The Revelations of a Professional Spy," is to commence in "Cassell's Saturday Journal" for 15th January. These papers have been specially prepared by a Private Detective of great experience; and, at the writer promises, while doing full justice to honest and skilful inquiry agents, to explain the methods of those who, in the guise of confidential advisers batten on credulous clients, some interesting disclosures may be expected.

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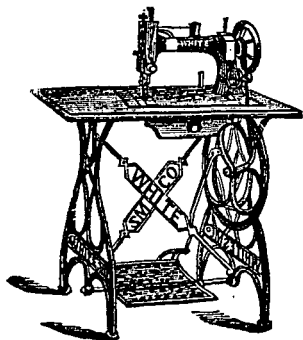
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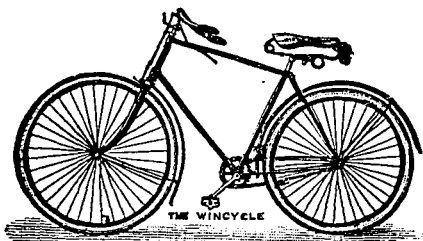
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Prince of Wales.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8.30, The Squire of Dames. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8.50, The Strange Adventures 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. (Last day.)
Comedy.—8, Gaffer Jarge. 9, 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, 2.45.
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Court.—8, Second edition of All Abroad.
Royalty.—8, Kitty Clive—Actress. 8.40, The Chili Widow. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Olympic.—7.30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.
Parkhurst.—7.45, Dick Whittington and his Cat.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8.35, Lochinvar. 10.20, Blue Beard.
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.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30.
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NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 5 St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons'-hall
29 St. Alban, Albion
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand Hot.
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
2012 Chiswick, Kew Bridge
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
379 Honour, Bath
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Filey
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridian, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Liverpool
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, East Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington.
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale

Tuesday.

- 180 St. James's Union, F.M.H.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
211 St. Michael, Albion
781 Merchant Navy, Limchouse
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel
1604 Wanderers, F.M.H.
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1635 Canterbury, 33 Golden Square
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1969 Waldeck, F.M.H.

- 2400 Brentford, Brentford
2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
2546 Rahere, Frascati
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Benevolence, New Brompton

- 241 Merchants, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Halesowen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 Harbour of Refuge, Hartlepool
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 St. Helens Loyalty, St. Helens
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bromley, Kent
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1782 Machen, Colehill
1837 Lullington, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2492 Concordia, Wendover
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons'-hall
7 Royal York of Perseverance
Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tav.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Via. Hotel
1677 Crusaders, Cock Tavern
2241 Cordwainer Ward, City Term.
Hotel
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Com.
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2456 Chancery Bar, Lincoln's Inn
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead

- 581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
683 Isca, Newport, Mon
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
823 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffeld
1086 Walton, Kirkdale
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough
2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

- 6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
55 Constitutional, City Term. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons-h.
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Putney
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1623 West Smithfield, F.M.H.
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich
2310 London Scottish Rifles, Criterion
42 Relief, Bury, Lancashire
56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
280 Worcester, Worcester
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Bolton
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead

- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Alan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1897 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Carshalton
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2390 Exmoor, Minehead
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England's Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

- Board of Management, Boys School, Wood Green, at 2.30.
143 Middlesex, Albion
152 Virtue, Manchester
1118 University, Freemasons'-hall
1591 Studholme, Café Royal
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn
2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

- 715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood
1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1364 Earl Zetland, Gresham
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
1767 Kensington, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderton's
416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1897 Citadel, Harrow Station
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2458 Eton, Eton

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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 7:30
 174 Sincerity, Blackwell Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., 8
 180 St. James's Union, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison Road North, W., 8
 511 Zetland, The Falkland, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 548 Wellington, White Swan, High Street, Deptford, 8
 975 Rose of Denmark, L. and S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth Road, 7:30
 1139 South Norwood, Jolly Sailor Hotel, South Norwood, 8:15
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, 8
 1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Loughborough Junction, 8
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6
 1349 Friars, 94 White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, E., 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, 7:30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Rd., 8
 1489 Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 7:30
 1572 Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldergate Street, E.C., 6:30
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8
 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church Road, Upper Norwood, 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, 8:15
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8:30
 1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, 8
 1743 Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctor's Common, E.C., 7
 1804 Coborn, George Hotel, Woodford, 8
 2029 King Solomon, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., 7:30
 2242 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Rectory Road, Stoke Newington, 7:30
 2319 Scots, Craig's Restaurant, 184 Fleet Street, E.C., 7
 2400 Brentford, Castle Hotel, Brentford, 8
 2472 Walthamstow, Masonic Hall, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N., 8

Tuesday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, W., 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, 7
 79 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich, 8:30
 140 St. George (M.M.), New Cross Hall, 8
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, Westminster, 8
 177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7:30
 188 Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate Street, 7:30
 238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6:30
 263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W., 7:30
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis Street, Woolwich, 8
 706 Florence Nightingale, Roy. Mortar Ho., Beresford Sq., Woolwich, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, Covent Garden, 8
 758 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Vale, 8
 858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., 7:30
 861 Finsbury, Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, E.C., 7
 879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd., 8
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's Schoolroom, Battersea Rise, 8
 1076 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, 6
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle Hotel, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., 8
 1196 Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, 9
 1321 Emblematic, St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, 8
 1420 Earl Spencer, Albert Palace, Battersea, 8
 1446 Mount-Edgcombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington, 7:30
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, High Street, S.E., 8
 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, 8
 1766 St. Leonard, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park Road, South Hackney, 8
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, Kensington, 8
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6:30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cannon Street, 7
 1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, 8
 2032 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8:30
 2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, The Feathers, 116 Lambeth Walk, S.E., 8
 2206 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, Phoenix Street, St. Pancras, 8

Wednesday.

- 3 Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 27 Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate Street, 7
 30 United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7:30
 45 Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164 Fenchurch Street, 6:30
 65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge Street, E.C., 7
 72 Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth Road, 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, 7:30
 186 Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 193 Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14 Lime Street, E.C., 7
 228 United Strength, Hope Tavern, 179 Stanhope Street, Euston Road, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, 8
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, E., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., 8
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, E., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, 8
 871 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wootton Road, Deptford, 8
 898 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow Lane, Poplar, 7:30
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney, 8
 1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, Essex, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, S.E., 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Rest., Victoria St., Westminster, 7:30
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W., 8

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, 8
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, W., 8
 1685 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone Road, E., 8
 1703 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Church End, Finchley, 7:45
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1928 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office Court, E.C., 7
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2090 Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath & Wash-house Co., Hammersmith, 7
 2266 Cator, Railway Hotel, Beckenham
 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria Street, 8:30
 2346 Warrant Officers, 33 Old Compton Street, W.C., 7:30
 2384 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, Amherst Club, Amhurst Road, Hackney, 8

Thursday.

- 13 Union Waterloo (M.M.), Earl of Chatham, Thomas Street, Woolwich, 8
 15 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, 8
 70 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, 8
 144 St. Luke, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude Street, Chelsea, 8
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, 8
 167 St. John, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., 7:30
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, 8
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, 8
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Rooms, White Hart, Lewisham, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348 Clapham Road, S.W., 7:30
 907 Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
 1017 Montefiore, St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington Rd., S.E., 8
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, 7
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, 7:30
 1278 Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Queen Victoria, Exmouth Street, Stepney, 8
 1366 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 1441 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddleton, Star in Garter, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, The Town of Ramsgate Inn, High Street, Wapping, 7:30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., 5:30
 1791 Creation, Shepherd's Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 2
 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, 8
 1816 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Broadway, Stratford, 7:30
 1986 Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, Crystal Palace Rd., E. Dulwich, 8
 1996 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton
 2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 8
 2202 Regent's Park, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, 7
 2467 Pickwick, 134 Kingsland Road, N.E., 6:30
 M.M. Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall, W.C., 1 and 3 Friday, 6

Friday.

- 9 Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 7
 169 Temperance, Railway Tavern, near L. B. Station, New Cross Road, 8
 212 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell Street, Aldgate, 8
 217 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, 6
 256 Unions (Emulation Improvement for M.M.), Freemasons' Hall, 6
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7:30
 704 Camden, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica Road, S.E., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith, 8
 1056 Victoria (Metropolitan Instruction), Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, 8
 1310 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, 50 High Street, Marylebone, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 7
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, 7:30
 1607 Loyalty, 206 Mare Street, Hackney, 8
 1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, 8:30
 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, E., 7:30
 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, S.W., 8
 1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham, 8
 2000 Earl of Mornington, 49 Queen Anne Street, 8:15
 2021 Queen Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, 8
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, 7:30
 2190 Savage Club, Savage Club, 7 Adelphi Terrace, 6
 2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., 8

Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7:30
 179 Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston Road, N.W., 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Islington, 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway, 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1348 Ebury, The Grapes, 123 Borough High Street, 8
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley Hotel, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
 1541 Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 7:30
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W., 7
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, 7:30

Sunday.

- 205 Israel, Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bow, E.