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BOGUS MASONRY.

THE extracts we give elsewhere, from some of our American contemporaries, in regard to the actions of a man who is accused of practising bogus Masonry, and defrauding would-be initiates of fees, &c., comes as a complete change from the dry matter of fact records we are usually called upon to publish, and affords the opportunity of indulging in a hearty laugh when we read of the gullibility of the victims; but we may pause for a moment and ask, how many are there among our own circle of acquaintances who would not avail themselves of the opportunity of being equal with their Masonic friends if a specially cheap and ready means of joining were held out to them by a plausible speaker? It must be borne in mind that the majority of our members are not only averse to anything which approaches soliciting outsiders to join the ranks of the Craft, but more often than not seem to convey to enquirers the impression that Masonry is of little benefit to them. How different the result would be if members were anxious to influence outsiders to join can be imagined from such exposures as that we now refer to.

Two more Lord Mayors! Such is the latest news from the Antipodes. Sir William J. Clarke, the millionaire Australian baronet, and Grand Master of the Freemasons in that section of Greater Britain, has publicly declared that it is the intention of her Majesty in the next birthday "Gazette," on or about 24th May, to confer the title of Lord Mayor on the chief magistrates for Melbourne and Sydney. Well, there is no particular objection; but the Queen will hardly like having her intentions promulgated six months in advance, and, as a result of the premature publicity, their worships of Sydney and Melbourne may have to wait a little longer before they can be legitimately addressed as "My Lord." The Prince of Wales and Sir William Clarke are known to correspond on Masonic matters, and it is assumed that a hint to the foregoing effect was dropped in a recent letter from the Prince.—"St. James's Gazette."

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, the Brethren attending being Brothers Robert Grey President, D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President, C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President, E. Letchworth G.S., W. Lake Assistant G.S., W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, J. H. Matthews, Henry Garrod, T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles Dairy, George B. Chapman, W. Fisher, James Bunker, George Read, Charles J. R. Tijou, William Vincent, George R. Langley, W. Kipps, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Charles E. Keyser, S. H. Goldschmidt, Robert A. Gowan, Walter Martin, A. E. Hubert, Henry A. Tobias, Havelock Collins, Frederick H. King, Joseph Mansfield, A. H. Lilley, Felix Kite, John Dorton, Charles G. Marcus, George Brown, H. Hooper, W. J. Stahlschmidt, W. B. Fendick, H. Massey, A. E. Read, Richard A. Gedny, W. Harris, James George Thomas, J. Joseph Hall, Henry Salter, Thomas Tully, J. Gibson, W. C. Thomas, Frederick A. Lewis, J. Hands, Thomas R. Cass, Hiram Davis, William E. Wigwood, C. H. Webb, A. Watts, S. G. Bonner, E. W. Nightingale, W. J. Christian, G. Booker, and Henry Sadler Grand Tyler.

The President said: Brethren, I feel sure you would wish as members of this Board, this being perhaps the first Masonic

body that has met since the sad news (the death of Prince Henry of Battenberg) reached this country, that we should express our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow with Her Majesty the Queen, our Patroness, with our Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and above all with the widow of the Prince who has just sacrificed his life for this country. I feel that you would wish that some notice should be taken of this, and that it should be recorded that we, loyal Masons, sympathise with our Queen and our Grand Master in their troubles, as we rejoice with them in their joys. I am sure that this Board will endorse what I have said.

These remarks of the President were fully endorsed by all present.

The Brethren then confirmed recommendations to the amount of £320, recommended at the previous meeting. The new cases with which they had to deal were forty-three in number, and in the course of a four hours' sitting they voted or recommended a total of £892 to thirty-eight of these, recommending Grand Lodge to grant £50 in one case, recommending the Grand Master to grant £40 to each of six cases, and £30 each to seven others. Sixteen grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, five of £10 each, one of £5, and one of £2.

NEW HALL AT PENZANCE.

THE new premises recently fitted up for Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, at what was formerly Penzance Billiard Club in Prince's Street, and known as the Prince's Hall, have now been opened. The interior has been entirely re-modelled. On the ground floor there is a fine room, suitable for the social functions of the fraternity, or for an ante-room. The Lodge Room, which is forty-two feet by twenty-six feet, and nineteen feet high, has been very tastefully decorated. There is a frieze filled in with watchwords and emblems of Masonry, that over the Worshipful Master's throne being "Wisdom," the Senior Warden's "Strength," the Junior Warden's "Beauty," and on the north wall "Benevolence." The ceiling is a representation of the constellations, and over the Worshipful Master's seat are the sun, moon, and stars, with the motto, "Sit lux et lux tuit." The walls are divided into large panels, filled with *lincresta walton*. Light is obtained from three windows, in which there is handsome stained glass. The Worshipful Master's throne is very fine, the canopy being supported by massive granite pillars, and the whole beautifully decorated. On the floor above is the Chapter Room of the Arch Masons. The masonry and carpentering have been carried out by Mr. R. Walters, the decorations by Messrs. Colenso and Sons, and the furnishing by Messrs. I. and A. J. Fuzzey. On the occasion of the opening, the W.M. Bro. P. T. Chirgwin presided over a large attendance of Brethren, and congratulatory speeches were made.—"Western Mercury."

PROPOSED HALL AT BEDLINGTON.

THE members of St. Cuthbert Lodge, Bedlington, have for some time held their Lodge meetings in the Mechanics' Institute. The committee of the Institute has, however, decided to extend the usefulness of the Institution, and the rooms occupied by the Freemasons are now required for other purposes. At a meeting of the Lodge the subject was brought up, and it was agreed that the finance committee take the matter in hand. At a subsequent meeting it was resolved that a company be formed for the purpose of building a hall for the use of the Craft. A suitable site has been picked out, and it is stated that £300 worth of shares were taken up at the meeting referred to. Bro. A. E. Burdon P.M. P.P.G.S.W. is interesting himself in the matter. The idea is to build a large hall, which could also be let for public entertainments at the place.—"Newcastle Daily Journal."

SUFFOLK.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, 16th inst. The special object of the Lodge was to make a presentation to the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Lord Henniker, as an indication of the feeling of the members of his Province on his appointment to the Governorship of the Isle of Man.

There was a fair attendance of members, and the presentation was made by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who offered Lord Henniker very hearty congratulations on the appointment.

The gift consisted of a handsomely-illuminated album, containing a suitable inscription, and the signatures of the Masters and other Officers of the Province, a jewel of the office of Provincial Grand Master, and a pair of silver candlesticks for his Lordship's library table.

Lord Henniker made appropriate acknowledgment of the presentation, and the kind spirit which prompted it. His appointment to the Governorship of the Isle of Man would not, he said, necessitate the giving up of his office, and he hoped he should be able to continue his connection with the Province for many years.

CONSECRATIONS.

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PRINCE LLEWELLYN LODGE.

A VERY imposing ceremony was performed at the new Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when the attendance, though not so large as expected, was a fully representative one, and included many Masons from the various Lodges comprising the Masonic Province of South Wales Eastern Division. Masonry, like the commercial prosperity of the Metropolitan town of South Wales, has made rapid progress in the town of Cardiff; and while some years ago the Craft held a seemingly stationary position with its two Lodges, the Glamorgan and the Bute, yet it was soon found that the large accession of members to those Lodges rendered it necessary that other branches should be founded. Then followed the constitution of the Tennant and the Llangattock, and in a short lapse of time the Brethren of the Lodges named joined in the erection of a new Masonic Temple, which was opened in September last by the Provincial Grand Master Lord Llangattock, when there was one of the largest gatherings of Welsh Masons to greet their chief. On that occasion the Duke of York Lodge was consecrated, and remembering that there were already four Lodges, with branches at Penarth and Barry, not to reckon the other degrees in Masonry exercised in the larger town, it might have been expected that for a long time to come Cardiff had reached the culminating point in Masonry. But the celebration of Thursday points to the contrary, when a goodly number of prominent Craftsmen assembled, and the Prince Llewellyn Lodge, No. 2570, was consecrated in due form. This new Masonic branch is more especially intended for professional Brethren, and its first Worshipful Master is Bro. Col. Rees Lewis, of Merthyr, P.Prov.G.J.W. P.M. 110, in whose capable hands, with the aid of his Officers, the new Lodge may be expected to form an important branch of the Order. The foregoing brief notice will convey the fact that Masonry has made a rapid and important progress in the eastern town of Glamorgan, and we now pass on to notice the interesting function of last week.

The business of the meeting was entirely conducted by Provincial Grand Lodge, and shortly before 3 o'clock the inner doors of the Temple were thrown open, and Lord Llangattock was escorted to the dais by members of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Craftsmen having previously taken their seats in the body of the Lodge Room.

The Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Marmaduke Tennant P.A.G.D.C. of England. Prior to the consecration Lord Llangattock took the chair, his Lordship being assisted in the interesting ceremonial by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. Rev. D. Phillips and Brother Rev. T. B. Nicholls, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain Northumberland. The Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. Simons P.M., of Swansea, Prov. Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. C. Carey Thomas, of Cardiff, Prov. Junior Grand Warden, the Master of Ceremonies being Bro. J. B. Sheridan.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the institution. He said two questions were often asked, "What is Freemasonry?" and "What was its value?" These were answered and known to those admitted to Masonry in a way which must be satisfactory, as embodying the highest principles for the acceptance of the Craft. In the course of the address our Rev. Brother expressed

a hope that this new branch of Masonry would not be cut off like its great Welsh namesake, "Prince Llewellyn," but that it would stand for those principles which it would be the duty of the members to uphold and defend. At the conclusion of the address a hymn was sung, the benediction was pronounced by the P.G. Chaplain, and the National Anthem closed this part of the proceedings.

The installation of the new Master was then proceeded with, this ceremony being ably conducted by Brother Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Bro. H. Naunton Davies presented the W.M.-designate Bro. Rees Lewis, who was duly installed, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers.

There were several propositions for initiates and joining members.

Lord Llangattock was obliged to leave before the close of the Lodge, but before doing so he addressed a few words to those present. He said he had no intention of making a speech on that occasion, because he felt that would be out of place after the touching address of the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the solemn ceremony they had witnessed. He, however, did desire to offer his congratulations to the promoters of the new Lodge; and the splendid assemblage which had come forward to greet them. Those who had assisted on that occasion could not look upon Freemasonry in any light manner, and the beautiful ceremony just concluded must tend to lead them to a better life. He congratulated all who had taken part in it. He tendered hearty good wishes to the Master appointed, and wished him and his Officers every success. For himself, he could only say that he felt the great responsibility of his position as Provincial Grand Master, and having since his accession to the office opened three new Lodges in the Province he felt most anxious as to the welfare of the Craft under his care and rule. But he was encouraged by the zeal for Masonry which was displayed when he came amongst them, and greatly helped by the valuable aid he at all times received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Tennant. Under such conditions he could not but feel that the future prospects of the Province were most propitious, and must tend to encouraging results. He congratulated the Brethren on having such an excellent and worthy Mason as Master of the new Lodge, and he hoped that success and happiness would be with them all; finally, that, in the words of the beautiful hymn sung that day, they would with "love unite our hearts in one."

Brother Lewis W.M., in responding to the kind words of his lordship, thanked him most warmly on behalf of the Brethren of the Prince Llewellyn Lodge and himself, and also Brethren who had come from all parts to support and give encouragement to the new institution.

The Lodge was then closed, and a very large number repaired to the Park Hotel to dine, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

The health of the Worshipful Master was given by Brother Tennant, and the former, replying, emphasised the point that the Brethren of the Prince Llewellyn had no desire to isolate themselves from other Lodges, but invited visits, criticism, and sympathy.—"South Wales Daily News."

BALIOI CHAPTER.

ON Friday, 17th inst., there was a large gathering of Companions at Barnard Castle, when the consecration of the Baliol Chapter, No. 1230, took place at the Masonic Hall, the ceremony being performed by the P.G. Superintendent Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Rev. J. J. Brown Prov.G.H., Rev. R. Coulton Prov.G.J., and others.

The Prov.G.S.E. Comp. R. Hudson read the petition and warrant for the new Chapter, the founders of which and first Officers 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 S.E., J. R. Thompson S.N., J. Atkinson P.S., E. D. Walrond 1st A.S., J. W. Moore Treas., T. Dunn P.Z. P.G.D.C. D. of C., G. C. Lee. The ceremony was impressively performed, Comp. Thos. Dunn acting as D. of C., and F. Tovey as Organist. The Principals were installed by Comp. Hudson, and the Chapter was duly constituted.

In the evening a dinner was held at the King's Head Inn, when Comp. Rd. Luck, M.A., presided, and there was a large attendance.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. W. M. Stiles G. Treasurer was among those unanimously elected to honorary membership of the National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578, the consecration of which was noticed in our last issue.

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Brother Sir Augustus Harris will preside at the fortieth annual banquet in aid of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Fund, to be held on the 26th March, at the Whitehall Rooms.

INSTRUCTION.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

AT the New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., on Monday, the 20th inst., Bro. Greigs W.M., Saunton S.W., Grieves J.W., J. G. Milbourn Preceptor, Stonor Sec., Rattenbury S.D., Groves J.D., Whiting I.G., G. Brown P.M., J. J. West P.M., E. H. Hathersick P.M., Hall, Berryman, Rimington, Tait, James, and Richards.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Richards was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richards candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees.

Bro. Saunton S.W. was elected W.M. for the first meeting in February, and appointed his Officers.

Bro. Milbourn announced his intention of working the fifteen sections in this Lodge on the third Monday in February.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

AT Brother Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, the chair of W.M. was filled by Brother Faircloth P.M., with W. M. Roberts S.W., F. W. Mogford J.W., F. Wortham S.D., G. Weaver J.D., J. Stroud I.G., R. J. Rogers P.M. Deputy Sec., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, also Brothers Bosby, Bagnell, Jones, Hearden, Wynman, Butcher, &c.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Brother Jones was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being afterwards rehearsed, with Brother Jones candidate.

The W.M. next gave the second ceremony, with Bro. Busby candidate.

The ceremonies were impressively given by the W.M. Brother F. W. Mogford will occupy the chair at next meeting.

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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

ON the 20th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Brother Hyde W.M., Isaac S.W., Sherry J.W., Smith P.M. Preceptor, G. A. Peters Secretary, also Bros. Cohn, W. H. Toye P.M., S. Toye P.M., Levy, Carroll, Platt, Schmidt P.M., Kellar, Freeman, F. Ede, and others.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Isaac, and the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Freeman candidate. Bro. Hyde resumed the chair. Bro. Freeman answered questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted and passed.

Bros. D. M. Kellar, F. W. Freeman, E. Sherry, and Frederick Ede were unanimously elected members.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 22nd inst., Bros. N. R. Moffatt W.M., J. Holland S.W., Alberg J.W., P.M. Boyce S.D., J. A. Bettinson J.D., Leapman I.G., P.M. De Casseres Preceptor, F. Thorntor Sec., also Bros. F. A. Slater, J. West, A. Marks, and S. H. Weeks.

Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Bro. Weeks answered questions leading to superior degree, and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Weeks candidate. Bro. F. A. Slater worked the first section of the first degree.

Bro. J. Holland was elected to occupy the chair on Wednesday next, 29th, to which date the Lodge adjourned.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

AT Bro. Witte's, the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., the usual meetings were held on 10th and 17th inst.

On the first named date Brother Harry Willsmer acted as W.M., and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bishop candidate. The antient charge of the first degree was delivered, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bishop again acting as candidate.

Brother George Clark P.M., in the absence of Bro. F. Dunstan, acted as Preceptor, and Bro. F. Matthews as Secretary.

On the 17th inst., Bro. D. J. Witte W.M., Mason S.W., Ginder J.W., Jackson S.D., Johnson J.D., Barnes I.G., Dunstan Preceptor, Willsmer Secretary, Feistel, Calley, Bishop, Goatley, Captain Schlosshauer, and Geo. Clark P.M.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Schlosshauer candidate, and the Worshipful Master delivered the traditional history. The third section of the lecture of the third degree was worked, and afterwards the second section of the first degree.

Bro. Erbach was admitted a member, and Bro. Mason elected Worshipful Master.

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PYTHAGOREAN CHAPTER, No. 79.

A LARGE and influential gathering of Royal Arch Masons assembled at this Chapter of Instruction on Tuesday, 14th inst., on the occasion of its first meeting at its new home, the New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., under the Preceptorship of Companion J. G. Milbourn P.Z. and M.E.Z. of the Pythagorean Chapter, a well-known worker in Craft and Royal Arch Freemasonry in the South Eastern District. Comp. T. Prior acted as M.E.Z., T. Grummant H., T. D. Long J., E. C. Talbot P.S., W. P. M. Penrose S.E., F. J. Eedle S.N., while amongst others present were Companions G. Brown P.Z., J. J. West P.Z., R. Trill P.Z., A. Holmes P.Z., J. Rosenstock P.Z., A. B. Mearing, R. Barrett, W. Fielder, R. Salter, C. W. Belchamber, Abbott, F. Cozens, C. Jones, A. Hart, W. Jorgensen, and Graf, &c.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. R. H. Gundry candidate. The ceremony throughout, together with the addresses from the chairs, was rendered in the most efficient and impressive manner.

Comp. Grummant H. was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and hearty thanks were accorded to Comp. Prior M.E.Z., Grummant H., Long J., E. C. Talbot P.S., and F. J. Eedle S.N., for the excellent manner in which they had carried out the duties of their respective Offices.

A letter was read by Companion Milbourn from the Grand Scribe E., expressing his approval of the removal of the Chapter to the New Cross House, and the alteration of the day of meeting from Friday to Tuesday.

The whole of the visitors having expressed their desire to become members of the Chapter, this was unanimously agreed to and the Chapter was closed.

The central position and accessibility of the new place of meeting of this Chapter of Instruction, midway between the New Cross Stations of the L.B. and S.C. and S.E. Railways, will doubtless make it a rallying point for R.A. Freemasons in this part of London.

ROYAL ARCH.

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FAITH AND UNANIMITY CHAPTER, No. 417.

ON the occasion of the annual festival, held at Dorchester, on Wednesday, 15th inst., the following were installed as the Principals: H. A. Huxtable Z., A. H. Lock H., A. Knight J.

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ST. GEORGE CHAPTER, No. 2099.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay, on Thursday, 16th, when Bro. W. J. Hellyar W.M. of the Ethelbert Lodge was received into the Degree.

We shall be pleased to receive brief reports week by week from those interested in Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WITH mournful feelings we approach the task that now devolves upon us, in having to record the death of Bro. James Stevens, one of our oldest companions on the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who was suddenly called away on Saturday last, very much to the regret of ourselves and the many other members of the Craft who were acquainted with him. Our late Brother may truly be described as a leading light in the Masonic history of the late quarter of a century, and his efforts in the different matters to which he devoted himself not only interested Brethren for the time being, but will doubtless make their mark on the Order in times to come. Our personal acquaintance with Brother Stevens goes back to the time when he was hard at work on his pet project—Uniformity of working—and many were the arguments we listened to as to "Which is correct?" and many the letters we read over the famous signature "P.M., P.Z." But alas, all this has now passed by, and we are mourning with others the loss of a dear friend, one whom we looked upon as being likely to assist us in extending our paper, and making it more extensively useful to the general body of the Order. For many years it has been our desire to provide a penny paper for the Craft, and Bro. Stevens's ideas being in accord with ours in this direction, many were the discussions that took place between us in regard to it. As an outcome Brother Stevens launched his "Masonic Star," which, unfortunately, had but a brief existence, but he was by no means discouraged, and to the end looked forward to the time when he should be able to resume the editorial pen, either in connection with a revival of his "Star," or as co-operating with us in some other project. Indeed his recent letters and appointments with us have related to this matter, and evinced a revival of all the old enthusiasm with which he used to enlarge upon the possibilities of a penny paper for the English Craft—but here, too, the relentless hand of death has asserted itself. Bro. Stevens had long been famous in yet another sphere—as a Masonic lecturer, and his ability in this direction can be testified to by the many Brethren who have recently enjoyed the privilege of listening to his lecture on the "Symbols of the Craft degrees in Freemasonry," of which we heard glowing accounts in many quarters, but unfortunately we had not had the opportunity of listening to. It was in such work as this that Brother Stevens perhaps showed to the greatest advantage, although his many other claims upon the consideration of his fellow Masons are hardly likely to be forgotten while any Brethren survive who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance. For our own part we cannot close this very poor tribute to our old friend's memory without again expressing our regret at his decease, and at the same time we tender our sincerest sympathy with his widow and the other members of his family who survive him.

FREEMASONRY has lost an ardent disciple in Brother Frederick Henry Meggy, who died very suddenly at the Chelmsford Club, on the evening of the 16th inst. He was proprietor of the "Essex County Chronicle," a Past Master of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, held at Chelmsford, and a Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Province of Essex.

THE death occurred at his residence, 4 Ward Terrace, Sunderland, on the 20th inst., of Bro. David P. Huntley a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 80, and Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon of Durham.

A BOGUS MASON.

JACQUES OCHS, the boss of all that portion of the Oriental Rite of Ibená of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States, and the head of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Migrain, has been captured in Chicago and put in a cell. He is accused of operating a bogus Masonic organisation and swindling hundreds of persons out of various sums on the pretence that he was initiating them as regular Masons. A great many Lodges of the order have been formed in different parts of the country, and from all of them Ochs is said to have collected revenue.

The prisoner, who is described as about fifty years of age, is a native of Roumania. He can talk smoothly in six languages, but when he meets a man of whose intentions he is not quite sure, he cannot converse in any tongue that the man knows. When Ochs landed in New York he made his way to the Masonic Temple in Twenty-third Street, and announcing himself as a Mason, asked for relief. Col. E. M. Ehlers the Grand Sec. looked over his credentials and found them defective, but nevertheless the Board of Relief gave him some assistance. Later, Herman Canter, of No. 41 Murray Street, denounced him as a fraud and kicked him out.

Ochs then went to Coney Island, and got a place as a waiter. His friends say that one day a delegation of members of some secret society, wearing swords and plumes, went to the Island to a clambake. Ochs was very much impressed with the marching men and their regalias, and it occurred to him that there was business to be done in this direction. He soon put his ideas into shape. Accordingly he abandoned the waiting profession and bought a lot of badges and scarlet trousers, and set himself up as a grand delegate and general representative in North America and Canada, of the Oriental Rite of Ibená of Free and Accepted Masons. He claimed to act under a dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Spain, and to have a monopoly of the passwords, signs, grips, uniforms, badges and other articles dealt in by the organisation. This body has a real existence, but it is not looked upon with friendly eyes by Masons. They say it is a fraud. Whether Ochs really has any connection with it remains to be seen.

Those who joined the Oriental Lodge and were initiated into the mysteries of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Migrain, say that Ochs told them he was making real Masons of them, and that if they had not believed it they would never have joined. Secretary Ehler, of the real Masons, appeared before the Grand Jury, and testified that Ochs was a fraud and had no authority to confer degrees of the order. Upon this he was indicted, the specific charge being grand larceny, in obtaining from Marcus Paschkesa, a butcher, of Tuckahoe, New York, the sum of 125 dollars for the title of Grand Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and the right to organise a Masonic Lodge. Paschkesa also had a lot of uniforms and flags, which he bought from Ochs at fancy prices, and some Masonic manuals for which he paid 5 dollars each. He complains further, that believing that he was really a Grand Worshipful Master of a Lodge, he initiated most of his customers into Masonry, collecting dues and turning them over to Ochs. The customers have discovered that they are not Masons, and are greatly incensed, and refuse to buy any more meat from him. He wants redress and a vindication.

Ochs began forming alleged Masonic Lodges on the east side. The first he started was Acacia Lodge, No. 36, of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Migrain. He went among the Hebrews, for he is a member of that race, and told them of the advantages of being Masons. He also pointed out the fact that, owing to his special facilities, he was able to offer cut rates in initiation fees. He received encouragement and he opened a Lodge Room at No. 2 Rivington Street, over the Germania Bank. This place he fitted up with properties calculated to strike terror into the hearts of members. There were skulls and cross-bones on the walls and black crape hangings. One of the appurtenances was the skeleton of a goat, which, he said, was the original animal used at the first meeting of his branch of the order, held by the Moors, in Spain, 400 years ago.

"But you will notice," he said, "that it is now dead. For years it ate out of a gold plate and lived at the house of the Supreme Chief of the whole Order."

The dim religious light and weird performances of Ochs greatly impressed the members. They paid from ten to fifteen dollars initiation fee before they were admitted to the room. Ochs sat on a sort of throne, sometimes wearing a cocked hat, and sometimes a tin helmet and breastplate. He would teach the members to make queer grimaces and signs, which, he told them, were Masonic. Ochs has a sense of humour, and some of the signs were ludicrous.

It is known that in Masonry there are thirty-three degrees. Ochs announced, however, that he had the privilege of conferring sixty, twenty-seven more than anyone else in the country. This struck the members as great. They say he assured them that they could enter any Masonic Lodge in the land, either to sell

goods or for social purposes, simply by waving their arms in a specified way and muttering gibberish which he taught them.

Having collected the dues from about one hundred members of Acacia Lodge, No. 36, and sold them all the badges they would buy, Ochs calmly left them to their own devices. They met every week, and went through the antics they had learned from him, dressing themselves up and drilling and discussing Masonic topics. They might be going through these performances still had not one of their number boasted to a real Mason how high up he was in the Order. Then the real Mason began to ask questions, and finally told the man that the Lodge was a fraud. The members would not believe it at first, but gradually the truth dawned upon them, and they began to disband. Finally their landlord evicted them for non-payment of rent, and that scattered them.

Ochs, meanwhile, was organising Cosmos Lodge, No. 99, and Liberty Lodge, No. 112, in other parts of the town. The District-Attorney says that the three Lodges netted the man several thousand dollars. As there were 500 members in the three, that is easily to be believed.

A favourite scheme of the promoter was to get two rival business men in the same Lodge—Smith and Jones, for instance, both in the same business. Then he would go to Smith and say:

"You have paid fifteen dollars to come in, but you cannot get beyond the Blue Lodge for six months. What will you give me to put you through all the rest of the degrees in ten minutes? Brown has made me a good offer, but I would just as soon sell the thing to you."

If Smith agreed to pay twenty-five dollars down for all the degrees, so as to have them at once, and get the thing off his mind, Ochs would take him to a dark room, rub some phosphorus on his hands, wave them at Smith, mutter some gibberish, and declare him duly initiated.—"New York World."

Referring to this fraud, the "New York Recorder" says the prisoner charged from ten to fifteen dollars for a simple initiation, and considerably more for the thirty-third degree. His scale of prices was on a sliding basis, and he rarely let any one escape because of poverty. The richer the novice the more expensive was initiation. The initiation itself, however, was a very simple affair, soon concluded, and Ochs frequently "put through" as many as a dozen men in a night.

Those wishing to become Masons would meet in a room that Ochs had hired, and which he would rent to them for much more than he paid. Then he would lead them one by one into a dark hall, rub phosphorus over one of his hands, and with that hand make some passes about the novice's face. Then he would utter a few words in a foreign tongue, give a grip, and tell the other man how to act when desirous of entering a strange Lodge, and—collect the initiation fee.

The man's doings first came to the ears of Masons who meet in the Twenty-third Street Temple through the visit there of some recently "initiated" east siders. The latter were delighted at a chance to enter the magnificent structure as those who had a right to be there, and went to the Lodge Room boldly. They rapped as Ochs had bade them to do, and, upon the door being opened, set their hats rakishly across their heads, and then started to enter. The real Mason pushed them back. Then they put their right thumbs against their right ears and moved the hands backward and forward, but even this was no open sesame. The pulling up of the left leg of their trousers produced no better result, and then the visitors tried to force their way in. This necessitated the calling of the police, and for a time trouble was imminent. At last one of the strangers who could speak English explained matters, and then all were told that the hocus-pocus they had gone through had not made Masons of them. More than 100 complaints have been made against Ochs.

The Prince of Wales is to be requested to visit Dundee in May, in order that he may lay the foundation-stone of the new Post Office, which function is to be a Masonic ceremony. It is exceedingly improbable that the Prince will be able to accept this invitation, as his time is always fully occupied during May, and this year he will be absent from England during the greater part of that month if he goes to Moscow for the Imperial Coronation.—"Truth."

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As mentioned in the report of the Independence Lodge, No. 721, Brother Richard Newhouse Provincial Grand Secretary Cheshire advocates the formation of a Commercial Travellers Lodge for the county town. We do not know we view with favour any extension of the prevailing system of class Lodges, but no doubt so high an authority as Brother Newhouse is capable of judging of the requirements of his particular district. As a consequence we shall be pleased to hear the project has taken definite shape, as we are at all times glad to see the usefulness of the Order extended.

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.

- 4 Royal Somerset House & Inverness, Freemasons' Hall
26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Ho.
28 Old Kings Arms, Freemasons'-h
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'olwich
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
1615 Baward, 33 Golden Square
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
1745 Farringdon Without, Via. Hot.
1823 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
61 Probity, Halifax
62 Social, Manchester
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
985 Alexandra, Lincoln
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Lincoln
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1575 Clive, Market Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1757 King Henry the Eighth, Hemel Hempstead
1895 Thames, Henley
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2187 Adur, Henfield
2229 Lathom, Southport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2279 Thornham, Thornham
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester
2429 Research, Leicester
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1158 Southern Star, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1348 Ebury, Criterion
1441 Ivy, Camberwell
2108 Empire, Criterion
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford
253 Tyrian, Derby
255 Harmony, Richmond
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
366 St. David, Milford

- 373 Socrates, Huntingdon
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
599 Cherwell, Banbury
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1052 Callender, Manchester
1067 Royal Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-Severn
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-u-Humber
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2339 Mistle, Manningtree
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2358 Mona, Castletown
2405 Ionic, St. Helens
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2549 Benevolentia, Woodford

Wednesday.

- 898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
76 Economy, Winchester
86 Loyalty, Prescott, Lanc.
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
163 Integrity, Manchester
187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
320 Loyalty, Mottram
321 Unity, Crewe
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstd.
533 Eaton, Congleton
540 Stuart, Bedford
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
606 Segontium, Carnarvon
651 Brecknock, Brecon
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
996 Soudes, East Dereham
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrold
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1544 Mount-Edgcombe, Camborne
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1714 Albert Edward, Surrey
1775 Leopold, Church, nr Accrington
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1934 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1953 Prudence and Industry, Chard
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2288 Euston, St. Neots

- 2355 Chantrey, Dore
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

- General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern
2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
111 Restoration, Darlington
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
129 Union, Kendal
208 Three G. Principles, Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
361 Industry, Hyde
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
475 Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
625 Devonshire, Glossop
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
710 Pleiades, Totnes
761 St. John, Dursley
772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1164 Elliot, St. Germans
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1313 Fernor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors

- 1578 Merlin, Pontypidd
1630 St. Michael, Coventry
1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
2028 Granite, Marlborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2269 Peace, Wigan
2418 Hedworth, S. Shields

Friday.

- Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.
355 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
460 Sutherland Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyme
602 North York, Middlesboro'
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
810 Craven, Skipton
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1622 Rose, Camberwell
1923 Gallery, Anderton's
1949 Brixton, Kennington
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall
149 Peace, Meltham, Yorks.
1388 Canynoges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
2096 George Price, Croydon
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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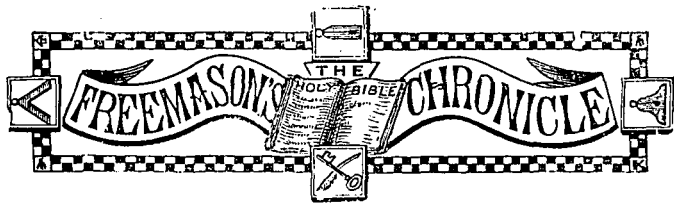
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SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY 1896.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of representatives of the Lodges of the Three Towns has been held to receive the Treasurer's report of the recent concert in Plymouth Guildhall, in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The gross receipts were £136 4s, and expenses £39, leaving the very handsome balance of £97 4s. A life governorship was voted to Lodge 70, under whose banner the concert was held; and also to Miss Willoughby, the little daughter of Bro. Willoughby, Mus. Bac., Oxon, under whose able training the children performers achieved so great a success. The remaining life governorships will be divided amongst the various Lodges *pro rata* according to the value of tickets sold. Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman Bro. Stanlake W.M. 70, Bro. and Mrs. Willoughby (who did so much to make the concert a success), Bro. Hicks P.M. 70, Bro. Fry W.M. 1099; the executive officers of the Fund, Brothers J. R. Lord Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, and W. H. Dillon Assistant Secretary; also to Messrs. Turner and Phillips, George Street, who so admirably arranged the plan, and to the parents who contributed so much to the very pretty appearance of their children on the platform. This is the fourth concert which Bro. Willoughby has undertaken in aid of the Fund, and the four together have realised about £350, says the "Western Morning News."

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE forty-sixth annual ball promoted by the Freemasons of the Province, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 14th, under the banner of the Sefton Lodge, No. 680. Year after year the efforts put forward to make the gathering a success, socially as financially, have become more unstinted, and this last assembly was as large, brilliant, and enjoyable as its most cordial well-wisher could desire. Dispensations having been obtained from the various authorities, most of the Brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing, wearing the jewels and insignia of their rank and office; and as, in addition

to the ordinary Craft Lodges, the Allied Degrees and several Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Master Masons' Lodges were represented, the large variety of aprons, collars, and sashes, and the jewels and Orders, combined with the beautifully designed dresses of the ladies, rendered the ensemble extremely brilliant.

The guests, who numbered about 800, and included upwards of 200 Patrons and Stewards, were received by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby P.D.P.G.M., and Mrs. Dr. Crawford, the wife of the Chairman of Committee, in the Mayor's parlour. Among the principal Patrons, most of whom were present, were the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Prov.G.M. West Lancs., Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov.G.M. East Lancs., Robert Wylie P.G.D. D.P.G.M., the Hon. Lord Stanley P.S.G.W. East Lancashire, the Hon. Claud J. Hamilton, &c., &c.

For a number of years past it has been the custom to admit non-Masons to the gathering, and that this is a privilege highly appreciated was evidenced by the large number of the general public present among the dancers this year.

The West Lancashire Institution, it may be said, now educates, clothes, and in some cases entirely maintains upwards of 200 children of deceased and distressed Freemasons, and it holds a unique position in this respect, in that its management does not involve a single official charge. From the number of tickets sold, and from the large sum received in donations, it is expected that last week's festival will realise a sum larger than has been the case for many years.

As a memento of the occasion, the Chairman of Committee, Bro. Dr. Crawford, generously presented each Patron and Steward with an appropriate jewel, bearing the doctor's crest and motto above the usual square and compasses, the whole being surmounted by the "Liver," and surrounded by the words, "West Lancashire Educational Institution."—"Liverpool Mercury."

Several other Masonic Balls have been held in different parts during the past few days, among them being one at Penzance, jointly organised by the local Lodges, the result of which, it is hoped, will be a nice little addition to the Masonic Charities. At Mold, the annual ball of the Sir Watkin Lodge was likewise a success, and attracted a large assemblage. The Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, arranged a pleasant re-union last week, and had a separate gathering for the juveniles on Monday last. Similar events were arranged by the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, the elders being entertained one evening, and a children's party following the next. At Fleetwood, the annual ball of the Hesketh Lodge was well attended, and the same may be said in regard to a gathering at South Shields, when the Hadrian, St. Hilda and Hedworth Lodges united their forces.

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While it is true the Institutions keep no debtor and creditor account between themselves and the different Provinces, it is well known that some districts succeed in securing more benefits than their contributions appear to warrant, although, as we have pointed out more than once, it is of course necessary they also obtain proxies from their friends, or otherwise they could not secure the benefits. All the same, it is satisfactory to know that different sections recognise their responsibility in this direction, and hence it is we refer with satisfaction to the remarks of the Provincial Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire Bro. M. C. Peck, who is reported as expressing the hope that more might be done in his district on behalf of the Charities, he remarking that there is a considerable sum owing to them from the Province.

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In the diary of a "Man of the World" it is recorded that the Sphinx Club held their annual dinner. "The club is chiefly composed of Freemasons of high degree; but no Masonic term may be used under penalty of a fine. The members, who are all cheery, for goodfellowship is a primary necessity of membership, are not allowed to say good of each other, and in proposing a new member an elaborate indictment is always drawn up against him, giving fancy details of his past villainous career. He is then balloted for, and if unanimously blackballed is elected. The toasts, which are few, are drawn haphazard, and any member or visitor may find himself called upon to speak at a moment's notice, and the lamer his attempts to make a speech are the more they are enjoyed. The dinner took place at the Freemasons' Tavern and was an excellent one.

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The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society have arranged for two performances, under the management of Bro. J. A. Rodgers, on 4th and 6th March next, "Cups and Saucers," "The Parvenu," and "Sweet Lavender" being arranged for.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

THE annual festival was held in the Lodge Room, Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Wednesday, 15th inst., the occasion serving to draw together a full attendance of the members, together with an exceptionally large number of Brethren from metropolitan Lodges, and from all parts of the Province.

The Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity is the oldest Lodge of Freemasons out of the metropolis, of which distinction its members are deservedly proud, while its roll of Brethren has always stood exceptionally high, says the "Rochester Journal."

The ceremony of installing his successor was ably performed by Bro. T. Williams the retiring Master, Bro. Charles D. Levy, who had been unanimously elected W.M., being inducted to the principal chair with the accustomed solemnities.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the Worshipful Master to Bro. T. Williams, which had been voted by the Lodge, in token of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year.

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ANCIENT UNION LODGE, No. 203.

CONSECRATED about the year 1780, the Ancient Union Lodge holds a high position on the records of the Province, not only with regard to its age, but chiefly with respect to the generous spirit which it has always displayed in connection with the charities of the Order, says the "Liverpool Mercury."

The annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 16th, was very largely attended, and the proceedings were of a most successful and enjoyable nature. The chair, at the opening, was occupied by Bro. F. F. Fisher W.M., who was supported by a full complement of Officers.

Bro. John Craig was effectively installed Wor. Master by Bro. Fisher, the second portion of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. N. Hounsell P.G.A.D.C.

In the course of the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Brother Fisher, in recognition of his valuable services as Master during the past year.

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HUDDERSFIELD LODGE, No. 290.

ON Monday, 15th inst., the most important Masonic function that has taken place in Huddersfield since the demonstration made by the members of the Craft on the occasion of the visit to Huddersfield of the late Duke of Albany, in 1883, was held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, says the "Huddersfield Chronicle."

The occasion was that of the presentation by the members of the Huddersfield Lodge of a portrait and address to Bro. William Harrop P.M. P.P.G.W. and chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, in recognition of his eminent services to Freemasonry and as a mark of their esteem and respect.

A banquet was held at six p.m., presided over by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. John H. Hanson, who was supported on his right by the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorks., the Mayor of Huddersfield Bro. John Lee Walker, the Deputy-Mayor Bro. John J. Brook, J.P., Bros. W. O. Clough, M.P., Colonel Day, J.P., Joseph Crowther, J.P.; and on his left by Brothers William Harrop, Henry Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, His Honour Judge Heaton Cadman P.P.G.Reg., W. F. Smithson P.G.D., J. C. Malcolm (Leeds city coroner), and Thomas Mallinson, J.P. Over 100 members and guests sat down to dinner, which was admirably served in the Lodge Room by Messrs. Johnson Bros. A band provided by Brother Joshua Marshall performed musical selections during dinner.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal toasts, followed by that of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, extending to him a cordial welcome to Huddersfield on the occasion of his first visit to the Huddersfield Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master replied, and was afterwards requested to present to Bro. Harrop an address and a portrait of himself on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The address was read by Brother W. L. Wilmshurst Secretary of the Lodge, and was in book form, the pages being of richly illuminated vellum, and the whole bound in crimson Russia leather.

After the presentation and Bro. Harrop's reply, the toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. W. O. Clough, M.P., and responded to by Brother His Honour Judge Cadman, and Bro. Joseph Bottomley P.M. P.P.G.Reg.

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SOUTH SAXON LODGE, No. 311.

THIS Lodge met on the 15th, for the installation of its hundredth Worshipful Master in the person of Bro. James Peters, of Newhaven, the interesting occasion bringing together a larger number of Brethren at the installation ceremony than usual.

The outgoing W.M. Bro. Gerard Lloyd performed the ceremony of installation, and was presented with a Past Master's jewel for his able services during the year.

Bro. Henry Hall was also made the recipient of a most gratifying mark of esteem and respect on his retiring from the office of Tyler after lengthened service. The presentation was made by Bro. Alderman T. R. White on behalf of the Lodge, and consisted of a handsome timepiece and a framed portrait of himself. Accompanying the gift was this inscription:—

This portrait,
together with a timepiece,
was presented to

BROTHER HENRY HALL,

in recognition of his faithful services as Tyler, for 28 years, by the Brethren
of the South Saxon Lodge of Freemasons.

15th January 1896.

ETRUSCAN LODGE, No. 546.

THE festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Longton, on Thursday, 9th inst., when Bro. James Wilkinson Bromley was installed as Worshipful Master. The Lodge, which dates from 1847, is one of the most flourishing and successful in the Province of Staffordshire, and quite sixty Brethren assembled, including a good number of visitors from other Lodges. The retiring Master Bro. G. E. Walters presided.

The banquet which followed was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by Bro. Bennion.

The loyal toasts were drunk with the cordiality characteristic of Masonic gatherings, but it was noticeable as an indication of the feeling existing in England at the present moment that when the words "the rest of the Royal family" occurred there were cries of "bar one," in allusion to the hostile attitude manifested to this country by the Queen's grandson, the German Emperor. The Worshipful Master's comment on this little ebullition of feeling was—"He is no Mason, so far as I know, and he is no good fellow."

The loving cups were passed round—two superb specimens of the finest bone china, of Longton make, which were presented to the Etruscan Lodge in 1857 by the then P.G.M. Lieut.-Col. G. A. Vernon. The name "Hawley" is stamped on the bottom.

Bro. Chapman, in proposing the health of the head of the Staffordshire Province the Earl of Dartmouth, truly remarked that the Provincial Grand Master commands the respect of everybody brought in contact with him, and is the worthy son of a worthy sire.

The health of Lieut.-Col. Bindley D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England and the Officers of P.G. Lodge was proposed by Bro. J. E. Hodson, and also received with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. G. Bennion, in responding, spoke of the great satisfaction felt in the northern portion of the Province at the honour bestowed on Bro. Greatbatch P.G.S.W., whose services to the Masonic charities so justly entitle him to this recognition.

Bro. Webberley, whose name was also coupled with the toast, gave expression to the feeling—of disappointment, not of dissatisfaction he was careful to explain, with true Masonic grasp of the difficulties attending the award of honours—that the Etruscan Lodge for a number of years met with no recognition in the form of Provincial honours. This feeling had been removed by the recognition of Bro. G. Bennion's services to Masonry.

The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the Immediate Past Master, and drunk with musical honours.

Bro. Bromley, in reply, expressed his determination to do his utmost for the Lodge during his year of office, and hoped for the earnest support of all his Officers and—of which he made a special point—for the presence and help of the Past Masters.

The services of Bro. G. E. Walters during the past year were cordially acknowledged, and during the proceedings he was presented with a solid silver christening mug to celebrate the birth of a child to him during his year of office.

Other toasts followed.

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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with this increasingly popular Lodge took place at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 9th inst., Brother Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor.

Lodge was opened at 5.45 p.m. by Bro. Wm. Hy. Worsley W.M. 1458, he being supported by the following Officers:—Brothers Captain E. G. Lingard P.M. 1030 P.P.G.W. as S.W., W. Goodman S.W. 2185 as J.W., H. J. Harrison I.P.M. 581 as S.D., R. Lingard W.M. 1083 as J.D., and George Rideal P.M. 1798 as I.G., George T. Lenard W.M. 1077 Treasurer, Alfred Hebden P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C. Secretary. We also noticed that there were present, among others, Bros. Godfrey Higham P.M. 1083 P.P.G.D.C., George Ben Goodfellow W.M. 1030, John Horsfield P.M. 1077, Eugene Loebell W.M. 1161, Walter Fowden I.P.M. 1798, A. Ashworth P.M. 999, Leonard Jagger 287, Walter Marshall 1798, H. E. Massie 163 and 1459, Wm. Finlay 1459, John Westall, Skilling, Dewhurst, and Nathaniel Jones.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the following Brethren were successfully balloted for as members: J. E. Ridgway 993, Charles Richard Phillips 1459, and Isaac Hurlow 1459. Brother Hebden proposed, and Bro. Lenard seconded, as a member, Bro. John Pearce 1458, who will be balloted for at an early meeting.

Lodge having been closed, the Brethren, numbering fifty-three, sat down to a banquet provided in Mrs. Stopford's sumptuous style. This number was afterwards increased by the arrival of Bros. John Chadwick P.G.Sw.B. Eng. Provincial Grand Secretary, and A. H. Duffin P.M. 1134 Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C. acted as D.C. during the evening.

The balance sheet, which was handed round and testified to by the names of Bros. Wm. Bee P.M. 1459 P.G.A.D.C., and G. R. Berry 1011, was eminently satisfactory, showing, after all payments, including one to the East Lancashire Systematic, Educational and Benevolent Institution of £10, that there is in hand a sum of £25 17s 3d.

During the evening a telegram, containing hearty good wishes, was received from Bro. W. W. Lofthouse P.M. 1052, the former Treasurer.

The toasts were of the usual Loyal and Masonic character, that of the Preceptor being proposed by Bro. Godfrey Higham.

Bro. Abbott, in responding, spoke of the increase made in membership, and also congratulated the Brethren upon their punctuality in attendance, and the general concern evinced by them in the progress of the institution, which was perhaps one of the most popular and successful in the kingdom. He gave some very interesting particulars, and concluded a capital speech by hoping for the further prosperity of the Lodge.

Bro. Rideal proposed the health of the Visitors, who responded. Bro. John Chadwick, after apologising for being late on arrival, having been at an installation out of town, congratulated the members on the satisfactory state of their balance sheet. He said that the Lodge was doing an immense amount of good, and was indeed a desideratum. It had been a source of great pleasure to him that he had been able to be among them that evening, for he saw around him a number of personal friends. He reverted to the onerousness of Provincial Secretarial duties, and the rapid increase of Lodges, adding a sort of valedictory note to the effect that whether his stay among them happened to be of long or of short duration, he would ever remember the many kindnesses extended towards him.

Bro. Roach, a Provincial Officer from Cumberland and Westmoreland, spoke very highly of the work of the Lodge, and contrasted it very favourably with that in his own Province. As he was about to make a long stay in Manchester, he hoped to join them. A St. John's Festival in connection with a Lodge of Instruction was a new feature to him, but he opined that it would have a tendency to bring the members more harmoniously together.

Such an institution as this Lodge must be of very great benefit to this and adjoining Provinces.

Bro. Duffin said this was his first visit, and the loss was undoubtedly his own. He had no idea until recently that there was such an adjunct to the Lodge as a St. John's Festival. He spoke very highly of the admirable results accruing from the institution, adding that Masonry under the Preceptorship of Bro. Abbott would be carried out to the strictest letter.

Bro. Dr. Coates 1077 also spoke favourably of the efforts being made. The Wilton Lodge boasted of its festive board, but he must admit that they had a powerful rival in the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Horsfield proposed the health of the Treasurer, saying that he had worked with him for many years, and no man was better qualified to perform his duty with satisfaction, and look after the finances of the Lodge.

Brother Lenard, in reply, said that he then rose with far more pleasure than he had done twelve months ago, inasmuch as he could show a larger balance in favour of the Lodge, which was very gratifying. Another great feature was the fact that during the twelve months they had given a sum of £10 to the Masonic Institution, and he hoped that they would be able to repeat this gift before long. He had only one fault to find with the balance sheet, and that was the fact of arrears, which if discharged might benefit the charities substantially. With regard to the Lodge, he hoped it would continue to diffuse light and instruction to those who might join it.

Bro. H. H. Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.S.G.D., in proposing the health of Bro. Hebden, thanked the Brethren for providing him with a toast which was so congenial to his heart. The duties of Secretary, though onerous, were placed in right hands, for the subject of his toast had a happy knack of combining the "sauviter in modo" with the "fortiter in re." He gave that quotation for the benefit of a certain Past Master present, whose name he mentioned, he being fond of quotations. The Lodge of Instruction provided every chance for Brethren who were desirous of making headway in their own Lodges, and no one appreciated this institution more than he did. It had been of great benefit in the past, and was calculated to do still more useful work. Bro. Hebden had laboured hard for its success, and they ought one and all to be proud of the privilege of drinking to his health.

Bro. Hebden, replying, said that he felt a difficulty in finding words by which to express his thanks for this ovation. In looking back he could hardly realise that this was his eleventh year of office in the Secretaryship. He had often asked himself the question as to why he retained the position in the Lodge? and his answer seemed invariably to be that he liked it, having formed in connection with it some of the dearest and most cherished acquaintances. He tried to perform his duties faithfully, and endeavoured to neglect them as seldom as possible, and they must give him credit for good intentions. The present membership, for 31st December 1895, was 186; they had held twenty meetings, with an aggregate attendance of 378, not including the St. John's Festival. In 1894 the aggregate attendance was 280, giving, for the year just concluded, a satisfactory advance in numbers. They had had forty-nine new members, and had lost two by death. He considered that they had another prosperous year before them, and he would do his best to render it so. In conclusion he reiterated his thanks for their kindness towards him.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Fred Hilton P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Remus, Taylor, Norris, and others. Bro. Worsley presided at the piano, which he himself had kindly lent for the occasion. He also played several solos in his usual brilliant style, contributing very largely to what was more than once described as the most successful meeting ever held in connection with the Lodge of Instruction. We may mention that Bro. Worsley was honoured with a special toast, on account of his ready acceptance of the position of accompanist, and for many spontaneous acts of kindness towards the Lodge.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday next, 28th inst., when the ceremony of Raising will be rehearsed.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 671.

THE Brethren met on Monday, 13th inst., at Llanelly, for the purpose of installing as Worshipful Master for the year Bro. Thomas Hughes.

The Senior Warden Brother W. Buckley Roderick P.M. P.P.G.J.W. performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of Brethren.

In the course of the evening Bro. J. L. Thomas, the Charity Steward for the West Division of South Wales, announced that he had received nearly £50 from the Brethren present towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 854.

ON Wednesday, 8th inst., the members celebrated the annual festival of St. John at the Duke of York Inn, Shaw, and installed Bro. James Dyson as Worshipful Master for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Wardle P.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

The members, together with invited guests from Oldham and districts, numbering about fifty, afterwards dined at the Inn, the menu being all that could be desired. During the evening the usual toast list was gone through.

ST. BARNABAS LODGE, No. 948.

THE members were honoured on Tuesday, 7th inst., by a visit from the Right Hon. Lord Addington Provincial Grand Master of Bucks. About thirty Brethren met him at the Masonic Hall, Elephant and Castle Hotel, Linslade, at a gathering held under the presidency of the popular W.M. Bro. H. Hobson.

After the business was concluded the Brethren partook of an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. James Sheerman. When the cloth had been removed Lord Addington, in returning thanks for the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, expressed his entire satisfaction with the high tone of the Lodge, and with the excellent work it was doing.

WALTON LODGE, No. 1086.

AN exceedingly successful and pleasant gathering took place on Wednesday, 15th inst., in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Joseph Wild as Worshipful Master. The attendance included about seventy members and visitors, Past Masters Joseph Lawson and John Miller performing the installation ceremony.

After the banquet a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master Bro. Lawson, whose services to the Lodge were highly spoken of.

EQUALITY LODGE, No. 1145.

ON Thursday, 9th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, the installation meeting and festival of St. John the Evangelist was held, and was attended by a large number of visitors and members of the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Hoyle W.M., and after transacting other business Bro. William Henry Dixon was installed in the chair, the Installing Master being Bro. W. Lamb P.P.G.P. East Lancashire, by whom the ceremony was performed in an able and impressive manner.

Lodge being closed, an excellent banquet was served, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being interspersed with songs, which were capitally rendered.

NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 15th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, when Colonel C. Rowlandson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members, as well as visiting Brethren.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Brother R. Hudson Prov.G.Sec. P.G.S.B.

At the conclusion of the installation proceedings the Brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the festival of St. John was celebrated.

A large number sat down to the banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., the celebration of the annual festival and installation of Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Lodge Room at Northallerton, and additional interest was lent to the proceedings by the fact that the Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth or silver anniversary. There was a very large attendance at the celebration under the presidency of Bro. C. R. Waistell W.M.

The installation of Bro. J. S. Walton was ably performed by Brother Joseph Todd Grand Standard Bearer England Prov. Grand Treasurer North and East Yorkshire.

Brother E. Wilkinson was elected Tyler for the twenty-fifth year in succession.

The Lodge having been closed the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room where a splendid repast was served.

MANOR LODGE, No. 1367.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., the members assembled at the Lodge Room, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster, for the purpose of initiating Dr. Pim into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and to instal Bro. W. Oxley as W.M. for the ensuing year. Both ceremonies were ably performed by Bro. W. F. P. Kitson.

A pleasant feature in the proceedings was the presentation of an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. P. Kitson by Bro. J. S. Webb.

Brother P. H. Cox P.D.D.G.M. Canada, son of the late Colonel Cox, was present, and received a warm welcome from the members, to whom his presence added a considerable amount of pleasure. Later in the evening he gave some very interesting particulars as to the working of Lodges in Canada.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 1511.

THE installation of Bro. G. M. Dimpleby took place at the Masonic Hall, Hornsea, on the 15th, in the presence of a large number of members of the Lodge and of visiting brethren from the Sister Lodges at Hull. At the opening of the Lodge Bro. Jas. J. Adamson W.M. was in the chair.

After the opening, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. Bro. Fred Carter P.M. the installing master was assisted by Bros. M. C. Peck P.M., T. B. Redfearn P.M., and J. J. Adamson P.M.

After the banquet Bro. Spink P.M. submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master of the Alexandra Lodge and his Officers. He remarked that he had additional pleasure in proposing this sentiment, as he was the means of bringing the new Master's most respected and esteemed father into the Lodge. He believed that Bro. Dimpleby would make as good a Master as any of his predecessors had done, and he most cordially wished him and his Officers a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Dimpleby W.M., in reply, said he little thought that he should attain to the high position he had amongst them, but having accepted so honourable an office it would be his duty to prove himself worthy of their confidence. He felt he would have the thorough support of his Officers, and he hoped to make the year they had now entered upon one of the most successful they had ever had in the history of the Alexandra.

Proposing the Masonic Charities Bro. M. C. Peck P.M. alluded to the liberal support given, but expressed the hope that more might be done, as there was a considerable sum owing from North and East Yorkshire. In response to the circular sent out the little Alexandra Lodge had, he was happy to say, contributed fifty guineas to the Charities. The appeal made had met with similar success all along the line.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John were held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 13th inst., Bro. John Walton jun. W.M. There was an attendance of about forty.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, the principal Officers being as follow:—Bros. John Walton jun. W.M. Installing Master, John Slyman P.P.G.D. S.W., J. H. Marsh J.W., and R. Swindells I.G. Bro. Walter Bowers S.W. W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. G. A. Myers P.P.G.D.C. D.C. to receive the benefits of installation, the ceremony being afterwards performed by Bro. Walton in so satisfactory a manner as to receive the favourable commendations of members and visitors alike.

There were twenty-eight installed Masters present to welcome the advent of the new Master into the chair of K.S.

The proclamations, addresses, &c., were in the capable hands of Bros. G. A. Myers, T. W. Bone, and J. Slyman, while Bro. John Bowers presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees.

Before the ceremony was concluded the newly-installed Worshipful Master in most felicitous terms presented to the retiring W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, which the recipient suitably acknowledged. The gift bore the following inscription :—

Presented by
the Brethren to
W. Bro. JOHN WALTON JUN. P.M.,
as a mark of their esteem.
13th January 1896.

The Officers for 1896 are :—Bros. G. G. Mends S.W., J. Ormrod J.W., Edward Lewis Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., G. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Secretary, J. S. Whitley S.D., H. H. Jones J.D., John Bowers P.M. Org., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., A. Hawkins I.G., W. Kirk, W. H. Ashworth, E. W. Barratt, and J. F. Mends Stewards.

The festival of St. John was afterwards held, a sumptuous banquet being provided by Bro. Walton sen., and served, with the assistance of a strong bevy of lady attendants, in the best possible style. Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, the contributories being Past Masters John Bowers, Henry Nall 1375 and W.M. 2363 Prov.G.Treas., Geo. Sam Smith P.P.G.Org. East and West Lanc., Ridsdale Bowley 2216, and Edward Roberts 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The health of the Installing and Immediate Past Master was proposed by Bro. Walter Bowers W.M., who said that the subject of his toast had acquitted himself well as W.M., but had to prove what he could do as I.P.M. No doubt, judging from his excellent work of that day, his year as supporter to the chair would be quite satisfactory to everybody.

Bro. Walton jun. said it afforded him great pleasure to respond, on having gained the position of I.P.M. of the Urmston Lodge; this was the proudest moment of his life. In a measure he was sorry to leave the chair of K.S., but this fact could not be helped, all Masters having to do it in their turn. They had kindly commended his work of that day, but he could assure them that it was equally as pleasant for him to have performed the installation, as for them to praise him, and he sincerely hoped it would not be the last time he should attempt the task. In conclusion he expressed a desire that the remainder of the proceedings might pass off harmoniously and well.

Bro. Littler proposed the health of the Visitors, saying that as they had such a goodly array of them around the social board, he would take them *seriatim*. The speaker then went on to point out their various idiosyncrasies, which he did in a mordantly humorous manner.

Bros. Nall, E. Faulkner P.M. 2231, and others responded, all paying a very just tribute to Bro. Walton jun. upon his initial attempt and admirable performance of the ceremony of installation.

Besides those above mentioned we noticed that there were present in Lodge and at the banquet, Bros. W. Goodacre P.M. P.G.S.B. England Prov.G.Secretary, John Walton sen. P.M.

Visitors :—Bros. W. Bowdon P.M. 1814 Prov.G.Reg., Robert Wardle P.M. 2216, Prov.G.Std.B., Worshipful Masters A. Hibbert 325, John Ambler 1345, J. B. Wolstenholme 1387, W. Toombs 1588, J. L. Potter 1814, and J. M. Veal 2359; Past Masters J. Challender 1055, J. Rathbone 1496, Fred Batty 2231, and others.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., Bro. Leon E. Levy W.M. There was a good attendance, owing probably to the fact that a ballot was to be taken for two gentlemen, relatives of prominent members of the Lodge. These were Messrs. Henry Aronsberg, Hotel Proprietor, Empress Drive, Douglas, Isle of Man, and Mark Steel, Wholesale Jeweller, Shudehill, Manchester, who were initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. B. Steel J.W., who presented and explained the working tools, and delivered the antient charge to both candidates.

Bro. A. L. Franks was successfully balloted for as a re-joining member. The usual festive board followed.

FARNBOROUGH AND NORTH CAMP LODGE, No. 2203.

ON Wednesday, 15th inst., the annual installation took place at the Tumble Down Dick Hotel, Farnborough, when Bro. Henry Pidcock Henzell, J.P., was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. James Carswell W.M.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 9th inst.

There was an attendance of about forty members and visitors, prominent among whom were Bros. F. Warburton W.M., Wm. Boden I.P.M., Thomas T. Hardicker S.W., Clement J. Hall J.W., Oates Rushton Treas., R. Meggitt Sec., J. Kinsey Assist. Sec., T. H. Stott J.D., A. G. Bryce I.G., Jas. Andrew P.M. 1219 P.P.S.G.D., W. T. Schofield P.M. 1219 P.P.G.D., B. Hopkinson P.M., E. Roberts P.M. 1459 FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, J. B. Marshall, R. H. Whatham, J. T. Whittle.

There being no special business an early adjournment was made to the festive board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, &c., given by Bros. F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 2216, Kenneth M. Stewart 1140, and Thos. Hesketh Meade 2464 (all of the Manchester Concerts), T. H. Stott, and W. Morton 163, a pleasant evening being spent.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Boden, who referred in graceful terms to the fact that Bro. Warburton had nearly completed his year of office, which had been a very successful one in ceremonial.

Bro. Warburton, in responding, thanked all those Officers and Brethren alike who had contributed a share in making the success mentioned by Bro. Boden. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters, offering a worthy tribute to them for the manner in which they had supported him, even at personal sacrifices. Bros. Schofield, Andrews and Boden responded.

Other toasts followed.

CITY LODGE, No. 2514.

ON Wednesday, 15th, the installation of Bro. Charles Arden P.P.G.S.B. as second Master took place at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, Liverpool, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Dr. John Utting P.P.S.G.D. the retiring W.M.

At the close of the business the members and visitors partook of a banquet, which was served in an excellent manner by Bro. Heard. After the

usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, an enjoyable musical programme was provided.

During the day Bro. Charles Arden the newly-installed W.M. presented to Bro. Dr. John Utting, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a handsome silver punchbowl and spirit frame as a souvenir of his term of office, and a small token of their high appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge as one of its founders, and as its first W.M.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 10th, Brother W. B. Akerman W.M. There were also present :—Bros. Thos. Plumpton S.W., Wm. Charlton, J.P., J.W., Wm. A. Boyer Treas., Arthur C. K. Smith Secretary, Ed. A. Eason J.D., W. Ed. Davies I.G., A. B. Smith D.C., J. A. Thompson Std., Harry Thompson, F. J. Large, S. Dawson Ward, Adam Still, Francis J. Burt, Jno. Thompson, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459 FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Visitors :—Bros. Alf. Jepson 1140, A. H. Jefferis P.P.G.W. 645, B. la Cunha 1502.

A large programme of work confronted the Officers in the shape of four ceremonies, and proceedings accordingly commenced at the early hour of 5 p.m. In the first instance a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. Charles Wroe, Music Dealer, Moss Side, Manchester, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by his principal Officers, the J.W. presenting and explaining the working tools, and the S.W. delivering the charge.

Bros. Samuel Dawson Ward and Harry Thompson were afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W.

Bro. Jefferis having assumed the chair, then raised Bro. John Francis Burt to the sublime degree of M.M. Not a single hitch occurred to mar any portion of the ceremonial, and both the W.M. and Bro. Jefferis must be congratulated upon the smartness of their work, which enabled the Brethren to make an early adjournment to the festive board.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, these being pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c.

Bro. Akerman W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, reverted to the presence of such a distinguished Provincial Officer as Brother Arthur H. Jefferis, hinting that from the interest which he had evinced in the Lodge they were somewhat justified in thinking it was likely he would shortly become more closely allied to it. In welcoming Bro. Cunha he also referred to him as a distinguished visitor, hailing from Portugal, and further said that Freemasonry recognised every nationality when extending the right hand of fellowship to members of the Craft. The visitors responded.

Bro. Charlton J.W. proposed the health of the W.M., wishing him long life and prosperity. He continued that they were fortunate in possessing such an experienced man as Bro. Akerman for first Master, one who had worked indefatigably to place the Lodge in the highest and proudest of positions.

Brother Akerman W.M. thanked the Brethren for their good wishes as expressed through the medium of Bro. Charlton, and repeated what he had said before, that his heart and soul were in "The Manchester Lodge," for he looked upon it with pleasure and pride. The knowledge that his name was attached to the Warrant in association with such a body of good men as the founders, gave him infinite pleasure, and he hoped he would be able to work so that in relinquishing his position he might hand down its traditions with credit to the Craft. He then proposed the health of the Officers, referring with laudable pride to the fact that Bro. Boyer Treasurer, had, by the payment of £50, qualified himself as Patron of the Systematic and Benevolent Institution. It reflected great honour upon himself, and also upon the Lodge, placing the latter in a most creditable position.

Bro. Boyer, in replying, said that his thanks were greatly enhanced by the knowledge that his example was (so he understood) about to be copied by other Officers.

Bro. Smith Secretary promised that he, in conjunction with his Brother Officers, would endeavour to make the Lodge one of the best in the Province.

Bro. Plumpton S.W., in thanking them for their kind words, said that their joy at the act of the Treasurer had come as a surprise. He was pleased and delighted that, unsolicited, and with no pressure at all, Bro. Boyer had put the guinea stamp upon "The Manchester Lodge," setting such an example that he, as his proposer into Freemasonry, felt perfectly delighted with his child. With regard to the W.M., the latter had undertaken a difficult position, for it had fallen to his lot to establish the foundation, and he had done it well. His Officers respected the personal sacrifices which attention to his duties had entailed in loss of time, and in undertaking long railway journeys so as to be present at the meetings. He was the essence of punctuality, and was deservedly admired by all for this trait in his character.

Bros. Charlton J.W. and Davies I.G. also spoke, the former promising all necessary help to make the Lodge what it was called—"The "Manchester Lodge. It deserved success, and so far as he was concerned it should be a success. The latter said that where Lodge work was concerned he was an enthusiast, and he rather liked the stigma. He hoped some day to occupy the proud position of Worshipful Master.

Other toasts followed.

QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2584.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Conservative Club, Cheetham, Manchester, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Bro. Councillor Samuel I. Mills W.M., there being also present :—C. W. Godby I.P.M. and Treas., Wm. B. Midgley P.M. S.W., Thomas Nesbitt J.W., Thos. Syms Secretary, Wm. Richardson S.D., John Foulkes J.D., A. T. McGregor P.M. D.C., R. H. Williams I.G., Wm. Moulton Org., Joseph King Steward, James Parkinson Steward, J. Pollitt P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, H. Whitcombe.

Visitors :—Bros. Robert Leech P.M. 1055 1219, Wm. Connor P.M. 1126, R. Grey 1077.

After the minutes of the consecration had been read and confirmed, ballots, which were successful in each case, were taken for Mr. John Newell, Commercial Traveller, Cheetham; and Bros. William Connor P.M. Oakwood Lodge, Romiley, No. 1126, and John William Greenhalgh, Talbot Lodge, No. 2231, the two latter as joining members. Mr. Newell was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of antient Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by the J.W. The address was given by Bro. Leech, while Bro. Pollitt delivered the antient charge.

As the Lodge Room was required for the yearly meeting of the club, the Brethren of the Lodge were compelled to make an early adjournment, and although the room into which they retired was filled to its utmost capacity this did not prevent them doing justice to several Loyal and Masonic toasts.

METROPOLITAN.

GRAND MASTERS LODGE, No. 1.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 20th inst., when some 100 Brethren were present, including the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Major-General F. Gadsden, Major-General J. C. Hay, and Major Woodall.

The outgoing Master Bro. T. Poultny Griffin installed his successor Bro. Joseph Rock as Master of the Lodge.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Griffin, and a history of the Lodge from 1759 to 1895, compiled by Bro. Charles Belton Secretary, was given to each member of the Lodge.

In the course of the proceedings notice of motion was given by Brother Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer, to vote five guineas from the Lodge funds towards the amount now being raised to found a scholarship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AS briefly recorded in our last issue the installation meeting was held on Monday, 13th inst., at Arderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, the meeting being in every way a success, the new Master receiving a most cordial welcome from this old and popular Lodge.

The Brethren met under the presidency of Brother Francis Haines W.M., who was supported during the meeting by a full attendance of Officers, together with the following Past Masters: S. Webb, B. D. Kershaw (1869), John E. Fells (1882), James Smith (1883), W. A. Cubitt (1885), F. Silvester (1887), S. Smither (1889), E. J. Davey (1890), and W. Belchamber (1893).

The usual formalities having been observed in regard to the opening of the Lodge, Mr. J. Mendoza was initiated into the Order, and then Brother Belchamber assumed the chair and proceeded to instal Bro. F. S. Plowright S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year. Brother Belchamber has won a name for himself as an exponent of Masonic ritual, his ability as Preceptor of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction being well known, and on this occasion he worked so well as to fully maintain his reputation.

Bro. Plowright having been saluted in the three degrees proceeded to the appointment of Officers, conferring the collars on the following Brethren: T. Kingston S.W., E. Pennock J.W., B. D. Kershaw P.M. Treas., E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., G. Spice S.D., J. W. Simeons J.D., Walter Cutting I.G., G. P. Nightingale P.M. D.C., John E. Fells P.M. Steward, E. H. Lough Organist, Sydney W. Fells A.D.C., M. Baillie Assist. Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler.

The different addresses were then given, and the new Master was at once called upon to work one of the ceremonies of the Order, Bro. D. S. Morris presenting himself as a candidate for the second degree, which preferment was conferred upon him in very efficient style by Bro. Plowright.

A grant was made from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for the Festival of which Bro. G. Spice S.D. will act as Steward, and on Bro. Fells P.M. offering to undertake a similar duty for the Benevolent Institution notice was given of a proposition to vote a sum to that Fund also. The appeals of other claimants on the benevolence of the Brethren were considered, and relief granted, after which, all business being completed, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, which was of excellent quality and efficiently served under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow.

The Visitors included the following: Bros. C. T. Orchard 359, J. Hollis 394, W. Wood 2509, R. Cranston W.M. 2509, R. N. Laiter 1791, W. E. Kingston 771, Henry Baber P.M. 1790, Rev. G. E. Gardner 2509, F. W. Jordan W.M. 172, H. S. Tompson 1612, J. K. Pitt 463, J. Moss 141, W. Baddeley 25 1385 2509, J. Mason 309 P.P.S.G.D. Midx., R. Gilmour S.W. 1950, G. H. Gabb W.M. 1612, W. T. Shadrake I.G. 1805, Edward Parker 511, H. E. F. Bussey 1928, W. W. Lee P.M. 1897 2381, F. Paterson 1385, H. Broadway 1320, W. T. Grimmett 15, W. W. Morgan 177, Vincent Cox 1467, Wingrove Ives 1929, A. Hood 781, &c.

At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toast list was honoured, the Master speaking of the loyalty of Englishmen—and especially of Masons—towards the throne, and making particular reference to the outbursts of enthusiasm that had followed the stirring events of the previous few days. He referred to the Prince of Wales as a citizen of Norfolk—the Master's native county—and testified from personal experience to the Grand Master's popularity in the district wherein his home was situated, in fact he was as good in the role of a country gentleman as the Craft knew him to be in that of a Freemason.

The Immediate Past Master submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master. It was his privilege and at the same time a great pleasure to do so, and he hoped the toast would be drunk with all the enthusiasm it deserved. He felt the Lodge had in Brother Plowright a Brother of ability and good temper, one who would conduce to the good working of the Lodge and add to its prestige. He had had the pleasure of working with the Worshipful Master for some years, and had always found him a capable Officer. He retired from the chair he might say with sorrow, but he had the satisfaction of feeling that the work would be continued in such a way as to satisfy every member of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied. The proposition and the reception of the toast had been very gratifying to him, but the subject of the toast was unfortunately one he could not say much about, as what he knew of himself was either very creditable or very confidential. The Immediate Past Master had been pleased to say some complimentary things about him; he would not spoil them by saying all he knew about himself, rather resting content with sincere thanks for the cordial reception of the toast.

The next toast was that of the I.P.M. Brother Haines, who had, said the W.M., acquitted himself well during the past year and had shown himself a genial and kind hearted Mason. The Brethren all knew him, and respected and honoured him so much that it was unnecessary for him to dilate on his many qualifications. A pleasing duty devolved upon him at this juncture—the presentation, in the name of the Lodge, of the Past Master's jewel voted by the members, as an evidence of the respect entertained in the Lodge for Bro. Haines; and in presenting it he tendered the best wishes of the Lodge and hoped Brother Haines might live for many years to wear it in their midst.

In reply, the I.P.M. tendered his hearty thanks. He felt he did not deserve one half of what had been said, although during his term of office he had striven to do his duty to the best of his ability and had had a year of happiness that had been a pleasure to him, as it had arisen from the generous support given him by the Lodge and each individual member of it. He was elected to the chair by the unanimous vote of the Lodge and had since had the kindest consideration from all, the crowning point of his happiness and pride being the presentation of the handsome jewel he had just received, and which he hoped he should live long to wear in their dear old Lodge of Confidence.

The Initiate was next toasted, and briefly acknowledged the compliment. In proposing the Visitors, the Master said they had a long array of guests who were most heartily welcome on that occasion. The members were always pleased to see Visitors, and hoped to treat them in such a way that they would desire to come again. The toast was followed by Bro. Hopkins, who gave some of his famous campanological selections.

Bro. John Mason was the first to reply. He was very sorry to be the one to destroy by his voice such harmony as they had just heard, but the change seemed inevitable. He had known the Lodge for a great number of years, and could truly say an invitation to it would induce him to throw up any other engagement, because he felt he could come to the Confidence Lodge with the certainty of deriving pleasure from listening to the work, knowing full well that the Brethren of the Confidence Lodge not only met for their personal comfort, but they also met for the purpose of doing good for their less fortunate Brethren. He was pleased to hear the outspoken words of those Brethren in the Lodge who spoke up so well for the cause of charity, on behalf of the old members who sought their assistance, and delighted to find the Lodge keeping up its old traditions. That was true Freemasonry. It was not liking to see their names as holding some office in the Lodge, or as doing some wonderful work by initiating a large number of Brethren, but it was having their heart and hand ready to help a Brother in times of need. He said that for the benefit of the Initiate, who might think he was above needing help, but he could tell him of those in far higher circles who had had to knock at the door of Masonry for assistance. In this connection he might say that he had never known, in the thirty-three years he had been in Freemasonry, such a case sent empty away if there was anything in it. He was very pleased that Bro. Past Master Fells had undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of the Old People, and hoped he would be well supported by the members of the Lodge. He was also delighted to find the Worshipful Master reigning over a happy and prosperous Lodge, and hoped he might live to see the Initiate of that day rise to the same high honour. He had come that night, as most of them were aware, to try and beg, and ask the Brethren to help the Old People's Institution of Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex Lord George Hamilton would take the chair at the Anniversary Festival to be held in February, and they were pleased at the prospect, but however good the results might be they would have to shut out nearly one hundred old people who had been regularly admitted as candidates for the annuities provided by the Institution. Each year the number of applicants seemed to increase, and each year they endeavoured to take on extra annuitants in order to cope with the demand, but they would not be able to increase the number this year unless the Festival proved exceptionally successful. They did not expect such a return as attended their Jubilee celebration, but hoped to be able to announce such a result as would pay the large amount to which they were already pledged for annuities, and, if possible, allow them to do something additional in the future.

Bro. Rev. G. E. Gardner followed. It was only at the command of the Worshipful Master he ventured to speak at that assembly, because he felt so much diffidence in doing so in the presence of so many veterans, he being but a yearling in Freemasonry. The work done by their Worshipful Master in the Lodge of which he was a member (the Barnet, where Bro. Plowright fills the office of Secretary) convinced him that the Confidence Lodge would reap advantage from his presidency.

Brother J. K. Pitt followed, thanking the Brethren for the toast. For twenty years he had enjoyed the good will and esteem of the members of the Confidence Lodge, and he hoped his welcome there would always be as hearty as it had been that day. For twenty-three years he had acted as Secretary of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, and they could well imagine how closely he was associated with their Lodge as a consequence.

Other of the guests also responded, after which the Master gave the toast of the Installing Master, with which he coupled the Treasurer, Secretary and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Brother Smith, replying for the Past Masters, referred to the rule existing in the Lodge that 10 per cent of the entire income should be set aside to provide help for the needy. But in addition to this the members did not forget outside claims, as was evidenced when he said that £35 had been collected in the room that evening in support of Brother Fells' list as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution. He thought the members of the Lodge fully recognised that they should help those in need of it. He hoped he might live a few years longer, not only to witness a continuation of the popularity enjoyed by the Master in the chair but also a further influx of good and true Brethren.

Bro. Davcy, as Secretary, spoke of the honourable position he occupied, and the great responsibility attached to it. In the prosperity and success of a Lodge the Secretary had much to do, and he accordingly hoped he might be instrumental in winning success for their good old Lodge of Confidence.

Bro. Spice replied for the Officers of the Lodge, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion.

PRESENTATION AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

ON the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Perrett were entertained to a supper, and were the recipients of several handsome presentations in honour of their golden wedding day, and as tangible proofs of the esteem in which they are held by the townspeople generally. The presentations on behalf of the town subscribers were made by Mr. C. H. Poole (chairman of the local Testimonial Committee), and consisted of an artistically illuminated address, and a silver-mounted purse containing 100 sovereigns to Bro. Perrett, and a diamond brooch to Mrs. Perrett. On behalf of the Brethren of St. Kew Lodge, of which Bro. Perrett is a Past Master, Bro. W. Cooper W.M. presented him with a handsome gilt clock under glass shade, and two ornaments to match. A scroll is also being prepared by the Masonic Brethren, and this will be presented at the next Lodge meeting. Bro. and Mrs. Perrett's children presented them with a purse and fifty sovereigns.

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 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, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 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, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 7-30
 1572 Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate 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
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7
 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, Cursitor Street, Chancery Lane, 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, 109 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, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, 8
 749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, Covent Garden, 8
 753 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-Edgumbe, 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
 1949 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
 1708 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, 38 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

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), Coach and Horses, Farringdon 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., 8
 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
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Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7-30
 179 Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston Road, N.W., 8
 193 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 Napier, West Side, London Flds., Hackney,
 1541 Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 7-30
 1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W., 7
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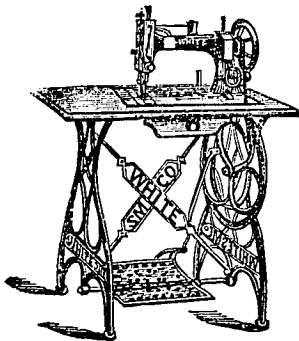
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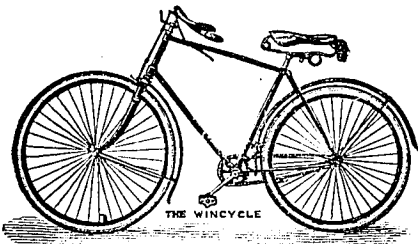
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