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THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

ALTHOUGH the past few years have witnessed many great successes in connection with the Charitable Institutions of English Freemasonry, it has seldom happened that a more gratifying result has been achieved than that announced on Wednesday, when the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and a total of upwards of £19,500 was announced as the subscriptions of the year on behalf of the Fund, that result being arrived at through the efforts of 390 Stewards, of whom 158 were associated with the Metropolis, and 232 with the Provinces.

To say we heartily congratulate the Institution, its officials, and all who are associated with it on this splendid result by no means expresses what we feel in regard to the most satisfactory return, and we venture to think many will agree when we say that ordinary expressions of satisfaction convey but a tithe of what is felt on such an occasion as this, when the Craft has so nobly acted up to its principles of Brotherly Love and Relief, responding to the call of distress with most substantial subscriptions, and a manifest enthusiasm in the cause which not only sets at rest all questions in regard to the financial requirements of the moment, but also affords some permanent relief for the future, by allowing of an increase in the invested funds of the Institution, and consequent augmentation of permanent income.

As we have already said, London was represented by 158 Stewards, and the outcome of their efforts was a total of £9,492 7s 6d, a grand amount in itself, and one that, even a very few years back, would have been looked upon as a satisfactory result for the entire Festival; but even that splendid sum has been exceeded by the Provincial Stewards, who numbered 232, bringing up an aggregate of £10,018 19s 6d; the two divisions showing a return of £19,511 7s—a total the announcement of which called forth the heartiest applause at the moment it was made, and will long be referred back to with pleasurable pride by all who take an interest in the working of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft.

But if we are able to speak of the result with so much gratification, how much more so must it be the case with the distinguished Brother who presided, and whose popularity in his own Province especially, but throughout the country generally, had such a marked effect upon the result? He must have been proud of the Brethren of his Province when the total of the contributions from Middlesex was announced as £3,636 4s 6d, and particularly so when the worthy Secretary of the Institution supplemented the announcement of that amount by the remark that every Lodge under Lord George Hamilton's rule was represented, while seven or eight of his Chapters likewise sent Stewards, the number of whom was further augmented by some Ladies, the total of the Middlesex contingent being 72, who collected an average of upwards of £50 per Steward. The totals of the different Lodges also show some splendid results, as, for instance, the Elliot Lodge, whose eight Stewards brought up no less than £490 9s, followed by the

Bushey Park Lodge, represented by three Stewards, with a fine total of £355 10s.

Where so many have done well, however, it is unwise to attempt anything like a full analysis of individual returns, and we therefore content ourselves with a summary showing the results arrived at in the different divisions of the kingdom, with the number of Stewards working in each:

Province	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
Middlesex	72	3,636 4 6
North and East Yorkshire ...	22	900 0 0
Hertfordshire	12	724 18 0
West Yorkshire	21	700 0 0
East Lancashire	5	369 12 0
Berkshire	6	343 0 0
Sussex	9	331 13 6
Essex	9	296 3 0
Surrey	7	286 17 0
South Wales Eastern Division ...	1	286 0 0
Monmouthshire	6	246 3 0
Gloucestershire	6	197 6 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	5	183 9 6
Cornwall	1	178 10 0
Warwickshire	13	164 17 0
Kent	6	164 6 0
Dorsetshire	2	160 10 0
Suffolk	3	157 15 0
Durham	3	156 10 0
Oxfordshire	4	113 16 0
Shropshire	3	84 0 0
Cambridgeshire	1	80 16 0
Buckinghamshire	3	61 17 6
West Lancashire	3	49 17 6
North Wales	3	45 3 0
Norths and Hunts	2	36 15 0
Cheshire	2	31 10 0
Worcestershire	1	21 0 0
Staffordshire	1	10 10 0
London	158	9,492 7 6

The above return presents features which might well be turned to account by the analyst, and much could be written in regard to the different totals, some of which could be regarded as evidence of a decline of interest in different quarters, but it is hardly fair to criticise without knowing fully what is going on, as it by no means follows that absence from a Festival implies neglect of the Institution concerned.

A brief examination of the totals given on our next page will show some particularly gratifying results, the number of large lists being very marked, as may be gathered from the fact that the average of the whole 390 Stewards just exceeds £50, a fine return, when the large number of the Board is considered.

The most notable list is that of Bro. Nelson, the Steward of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781—a Lodge which only four years back sent up nearly £1,100—which amounts to £1,074 18s 6d, this being followed by a total of £510 10s per Bro. Edward Terry, of which sum it must be stated £500 is the personal donation of our popular Brother, who appears to grow more enthusiastic year by year in support of our noble Institutions. Bro. A. E. Skinner, of Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18 follows next, with a fine list of £286 2s 6d; but we must refer our readers to our succeeding pages for fuller details, and meantime conclude our remarks by again congratulating the Benevolent Institution on its great success for 1896.

FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—LIST OF STEWARDS AND AMOUNTS.

LONDON.

1	John Dimsdale		15	15	0
2	C E Keyser (see also Berks, Herts and 2563) Pat	PGD	15	15	0
5	John C Collard		54	18	6
8	W E Sanger	IG	13	13	0
10	W P Eversley PPGW Norfolk		60	8	0
13	Henry P Syer PM and Treas		105	5	6
14	Harold Burke	SD	10	10	0
15	Geo Hy Todd	WM	175	0	0
18	A E Skinner	WM	286	2	6
19	J H Whadcoat, F.R.G.S., VP.	WM	40	0	0
21	F R P Simon		34	1	0
22(Ch.)	Jno Jonas	PZ	41	0	0
25(Ch.)	Wm Land	SE PZ	53	11	0
26	E J Leveson jun		10	10	0
27	Herbert J Macfarlane	WM	47	4	6
28	W S Clark		63	10	6
30	Jas A McLoughlin		74	0	6
45	D A Langdon	WM	64	16	6
55	J O Jacobs	WM	78	15	0
65	W H Montagu		22	0	0
65	G T Kinipple	WM	109	11	6
72	Chas H Randall	IG	57	7	6
79	Wm T Allen	WM	36	15	0
95	M Jutsum	PM	44	2	0
134	Robert J Tyler	PM	31	10	0
141	Robert T Godfrey	WM	47	5	0
144	Fred Thomas (see also 2521 Surrey)	WM	115	10	0
145	Hy Kinder Cheese	WM	48	8	0
147	Jas Baldson	SW	64	1	0
157	W H Dyne	WM	24	3	0
165	A Spencer Ellam		10	10	0
171	A A Frigout		21	0	0
173	T H B Riddle	WM	113	8	0
174	Wm Harvey	WM	174	0	0
193	Jchn E Fells	PM	70	7	0
197	John Strain				
223	Geo Booker	PM	90	0	0
235	Geo Cockle PPGSW Middx	JW	10	10	0
256	F S Sykes	WM	37	16	0
259	C V Cotterell		21	0	0
548	J Macgregor		26	5	0
554	Arthur H Fawkes	WM	55	0	0
619	Moss Chapman	WM	115	10	0
700	G R Nichols (see also 1567 Middx)	WM	57	15	0
754	Harry Wilkinson	IPM	100	16	0
765	Thos Prior	PM	52	10	0
781	Chas L Nelson	Stwd	1074	18	6
858	E H Carter		148	1	0
862	Wm Bradford	WM	100	3	6
862	T H T Jarvis	SW			
898	E F Williams	IPM	45	0	0
907	Henry C Jones PGJD Kent	PM			
907(Ch.)	Wm B Heagerty	Z	96	1	6
969	Wm Smallpiece	PM	109	4	0
1044	Jas Strong	JD	10	10	0
1159	Harry O Yeatman	PM	31	10	0
1259	Geo Parrett	PM & Sec	56	14	0
1260	J R Reep	WM	174	16	6
1261	W W Hayworth	WM	154	7	0
1288	W H Pocklington	PM	40	19	0
1319	Mrs W S Penley	PM	52	10	0
1348	Walter A Harvey		115	10	0
1366	Jas Terry PGSwdB	WM	21	0	0
1383	Alfred H Bevan VP PPGR Bucks (see also Bucks)	PM SW	187	15	0
1426	R Brookman	WM	100	0	0
1489	Robt Jno Campbell	WM	40	8	6
1507	J F Saunders VP	PM	31	10	0
1537	Geo H Yardley	WM	105	0	0
1572	J H A Marchand	WM	90	0	0
1572(Ch.)	W S Whittaker	PZ	70	7	0
1586	J A Stock	PM and Sec	37	16	0
1598	J T Galloway	SW	38	17	0
1598	W J Ironside	SW	51	9	0
1602	Lieut. J G H James PGSB Berks	WM	10	10	0
1607	Geo Edwd Wilkinson	WM	51	9	0
1608	Thos E Forster	WM	110	0	0
1613	Samuel Groner	WM	90	0	0
1614	C O Burgess VP	WM	63	0	0
1622(Inst.)	Thos Grummant	WM	52	10	0
1641	Thos Nettleship	WM	42	0	0
1671	W R King	WM	47	5	0
1671	A G Darby	PM			
1671	E Hill Denny	SW	63	0	0
1671	P G W Typke	PM	121	0	0
1677(Inst.)	Lambert Perry	WM			
1685	R Stebbings	IPM	45	0	0
1687	T J Bolton	SW	37	18	0
1704	Edwd Durrant	SW	60	12	6
1706	R A Kemp	PM	18	18	0
1707	Arthur Bull	PM	32	19	6
1716	Chas Rd Allen	WM	25	0	0
1719	Henry Jno Davis	SD	188	13	0
1732	J E Jacobs	WM	53	11	0
1743	John Stait	PM	50	0	0
1744	Thos Jeffries	WM	52	10	0
1804 & 2549	C J R Tijou PAGP	PM & Sec	59	6	0
1815	A Bentley	WM	122	6	6
			21	0	0

1816	Walter Gladding		33	17	0
1828	William E Bull	SW	69	6	0
1839	C H Knuth	JW	43	6	0
1900	Oscar Philippe Pat	PM			
1950	T E Davies	JW	53	1	6
1964	W Collis Clark	WM	101	17	0
1974	Chas E Cassal PJGW Middx (see also 1415)	PM			
2022	J A Dawes	PM	42	0	0
2127	Sir Aug Harris PGTreas	PM			
2128	Robt Davison	WM	22	1	0
2190	Chas L Carson	WM	27	6	0
2241	Hy Lovegrove VP PPGSWks Middx		47	5	0
2264	Wm C Smith	WM	105	0	0
2395	G H Allen		19	19	0
2454	Geo F Smith PPGO Middx	PM	25	0	0
2456	C Swinfen Eady, Q.C.		34	10	0
2466	Capt J H Stephens JD 1718 IPM		55	13	0
2511	John Gordon PM PZ 898	WM	37	5	6
2512	Frank Adams	WM 1259	67	4	0
2535	W H Bailey VP GTreas-elect PPSGW Staffordshire	WM	105	10	6
2563	C E Keyser (see also No. 2, &c.)		10	10	0
2579	J W Drysdale (IPM 263)	SD	23	2	0

UNATTACHED.

T T Bucknill, M.P., Q.C.	DGRReg	10	10	0
T B Daniell Pat	PM 781	11	10	0
T Blanco White VP	2512	10	10	0
Chas Kempton	PM 1287	63	0	0
Henry A Tobias PPGSWks W Lancs	PM 1017 1502	14	14	0
Francis Gosnay VPat		10	10	0
Edward Terry VPat	PGTreas	510	10	0
W J Longhurst	PM 227			
Lieut-Col Geo Lambert VPat	PGStB	86	2	0
W B Fendick		10	10	0
Major C H Carrell VPat	PM 28 PPGW Guernsey	10	10	0
John Skinner VP	PM 538	42	0	0
Stanley J Attenborough VP		10	10	0
Wm Webber VPat		10	10	0
Frank F Kenning		10	10	0
J W Westmoreland	SW 1529			
J F Milton	SW 2511 898	13	2	6
Alfred Rusby	2511	17	17	0
Wilton Brook	1964	10	10	0
Thomas Hutchinson	1900	10	10	0
C W Chandler	1259	10	10	0
Dani Mayer	SD 59			
W H G Rudderforth	PM 1668			
E G Saunders	227			
Jno Lusty	PM 1259	10	10	0
Wm Briggs	45 859	10	10	0
J A Fairchild Pat	PAGDCers	10	10	0
G E Fairchild Pat	AGDCers	10	10	0
W F Bates	2550	26	5	0
Wm Fdk Driver	PM 1360	15	15	0
G Haysom	1816			
Jno Campbell-Johnstone		10	10	0
Woolmer Williams	PM 1275	10	10	0
J B Joseph				
J Moss	141	11	11	0
Page				
Jno Smith	540	10	10	0
E W Nightingale		11	11	0
E Rogers		10	10	0

LADIES.

Miss Alice Moore		13	2	0
Miss Beatrice Christian		62	7	0
Mrs Walter Gladding		5	5	0

PROVINCES.

BERKSHIRE.

209	E C Broquet	WM	50	8	0
414	W Bonny	WM	63	4	0
574	Chas E Keyser Pat PGD (see also 2 2563 London, and Lo and Ch 403 Herts)		147	0	0
771	E C Durant		38	17	6
1770	Coniston Spackman	PM	38	10	6
Unattd.	W J Maurice	IPM 414			

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

1894	M Clapshaw PGOrg	IPM	12	2	6
2458	Alfred H Bevan (see also 1383)		34	0	0
Unattd.	Jas Stephens VPat PPSGD		10	10	0
	Mrs James Stephens		5	5	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

88	W P Spalding PPGSWks	PM	80	16	0
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CHESHIRE.

287	Jas Cookson PPGT	PM & Sec	21	0	0
Unattd.	Harry Nash	PM 321 PPGReg	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

Prov.	James A Bell	75 SW 156	178	10	0
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DORSETSHIRE.

Prov.	Major W Watts	PSGW WM	150	0	0
	2559 PM		10	10	0
1367	S R Baskett	PPGReg	10	10	0

DURHAM.

531, 1862 & 2462	F H Bennett		104	0	0
	PPGJD				
1418	C W Anderson				
Unattd.	John Robinson		62	10	0

ESSEX.

276	Geo W Pascal	WM	24	3	0
1343	Chas Westwood PGStd	WM	63	0	0
1343	James Howell		41	0	0
1437	George Hobday		10	10	0
1817	Staff-Sergt Jarrett Leaney	WM	43	0	0
2255	Arthur Wells	IPM	26	5	0
2318	H J Drane	WM	20	0	0
2501(Ch.)	George Thos Peall	Z	52	10	0
Unattd.	Jas Speller		15	15	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

493	Thos Robins	WM	26	5	0
592	Rev C J Martyn, M.A., Pat				
	PGO PM		96	12	0
702	A R Grieve	PPGJW PM	14	14	0
702	A G Winterbotham	JD	10	10	0
1067	Russell J Kerr VPat	PPGSW			
	PM		38	17	0
Unattd.	Edwin Lea	PPGDCers	10	10	0

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

257	G Edward Kent	IPM	38	11	6
309	John W Grieve, J.P.	ProvGT 1990 PM	60	18	0
342	Richard Payne	PM	36	15	0
551	R H A Woodman	WM	36	15	0
698	E D Oppert		10	10	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

G E Lake	DPGM	31	10	0	
403 & 403(Ch.)	C E Keyser (see also 2563, &c.)		185	16	0
869	Chas E Everett	WM	43	11	6
1327	John Mark	WM	68	5	0
1385(Ch.)	Wm Baddeley VPat	PS	37	5	6
1479	E P Debenham	PPGR PM	90	0	0
1984	J P Taylor	WM	40	8	0
2086	Dr Geo S Ward	PPGW PM	23	14	6
2323	Claude B Lumley		64	0	0
2353	Henry Monson	WM	27	10	0
2372 & 2518	Dr W P Warren	WM	60	7	6
2372(Ch.)	Wm Metcalfe	J	52	10	0
Unattd.	W J Crutch	PPGD			

KENT.

913(Ch.)	Surg-Capt W Kuddle		26	5	0
1050	Jas William Nash	WM	57	15	0
1206	R J Emmerson VPat	PGStdBr			
	PPGW PM		31	10	0
1223	E J Dodd	PPGO PM	27	16	0
1414	Arthur T Bevan	PM	10	10	0
Unattd.	Robert W Walker (PM 1107)		10	10	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

Prov.	Jos T Newbold PPGJD	PM	137	11	0
Prov.	C D Cheetham VPat	PPGD 1012	137	11	0
44	John W G Coombs	PM	73	10	0
152	Edwin Froggatt	WM	10	10	0
348	John Kenyon VPat	PM	10	10	0

1428 J Beresford Ryley, M.D., PPGD PM 29 0 0	2380 Dr W T Knight PM 445 PPGSdB PGR Reg WM 10 10 0	WORCESTERSHIRE.	
1460 H P Hay WM 21 0 0		Unattd. T R Arter PPGW Warwick PPGT Worcester PM 925 21 0 0	
1494 W B Meyers-Beswick WM 38 17 0	OXFORDSHIRE.		
1503 E W Davis IPM 33 1 6	340 J Freeman PM 1399 23 12 0	NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.	
1503 A B Brown JW 11 3 0	1703 Wm Brooks PPGSB WM 15 15 0	Prov. M C Peck PGStB ProvGSec	
1503 J T Briggs PPGD PM & Treas 22 1 0	1898 Richard Ovey SW 16 14 0	Prov. Joseph Todd GStB ProvGTr	
1512 E H Trotter SW 21 0 0	2414 Fredk Matthews PPGR PM 21 0 0	Prov. W H Cowper PPSGW	
1549 Wm W Mansfield IPM 53 8 6		Prov. W A Hutchence PPGD 2494	
1567 T I Bird PPGSB WM 124 13 0	SHROPSHIRE.		
1567 John Mason VPat PPGD PM 152 5 0	PGM Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., VP 10 10 0	57 Jos Henderson WM	
1567 G R Nichols (see also 700 London) IPM 73 10 0	117 Jas Vine PPGSWks PM & Sec 36 15 0	57 T Morrell WM	
1567 A Bevis PPADC PM 38 17 0	262(Ch) Hy F Newman 36 15 0	250 Lars Peter Brekke PM	
1567 E T Taylor PPGSWks PM 26 5 0		250 J T Towler MEZ PM	
1567 H J Calley 15 15 0	STAFFORDSHIRE.		
1567 Mrs J E Taylor 26 13 0	624(Ch) Fras Thompson PM Z 10 10 0	312 Rev Egbert Fox-Thomas PPGCh WM	
1567 Mrs J Mason 32 11 0		543 W Lowther Carrick PM	
1579 W G Scott WM 61 19 0	SUFFOLK.		
1597 Robert Thomson WM 62 9 0	114 Percy F Wainwright WM 115 15 0	1010 Capt C Judge	
1637 J T Haly PM 17 17 0	114 Owen Turner 42 0 0	1511 G M Dumbleby WM	
1637 Chas Penny IPM 127 1 0	959 A R Trew PPGD PM 42 0 0	1511 J G Wallis PAGDC PM	
1656 H J Bond PM 18 11 6		1848 J V Cooper DPGReg PM	
1691 J G Garson, M.D. PM & Sec 35 13 0	SURREY.		
1702 W E Mackley WM 12 5 0	1638 John Davis WM 26 5 0	1848 Fred Brewster	
1702 Thomas Sheppard IPM 55 2 6	2096 John Wayte, M.B. WM 117 12 0	2134 A Spring	
1738 W Cathrow IPM 54 6 0	2101 Alfred Gibbs PPGPurs PM 24 10 0	2134 Geo Leigh PPGStB	
1777 H B Marshall jun Pat WM 10 10 0	2422 E G Wilson 55 10 0	2134 Geo Eckles	
1777 H B Marshall, J.P., PGT Pat 10 10 0	2444 Hy C Minnitt 36 15 0	2323 H L Swift PM & Treas	
1777 Geo Clark jun PPGD PM & Tr 127 1 0	2521 Fdk Thomas (see also London 144) —	2328 Fredk Shann IPM	
1793 F L Chandler PPGPurs WM 68 0 0	2540 George Moorman PPGPurs PM 1891 26 5 0	2494 W Tesseyman PM	
1871 Major G W Dixon PPGW Berks and Bucks, PPGStwd Middx PM and Sec 12 12 0		2494 T B Redfearn PAGSec PM	
1897 Chas J Davison PGStwd PM 190 1 0	SUSSEX.		
2024 C V Burgess WM 189 0 0	38 Hy Holding Moore WM 70 0 0	Total from Province 900 0 0	
2048 W A Scourrah PPGSWks PM 70 0 0	732 H Manwaring WM 56 8 0	WEST YORKSHIRE.	
2048(Ch) W M Stiles VPat GTr PZ 16 15 0	851 E J Cooksey PM 52 10 0	290 John H Hanson	
2087 Edward May SW 40 2 0	1465 C T Naylor 40 8 6	290 Alderman J L Walker	
2087 Thos Barlow PSGD PM 10 10 0	1466 J P Slingsby-Roberts PPSGW IPM 2201 PM 10 10 0	290 John Joshua Brook PGW	
2105 Saml Hague, M.D. 2033 PPGDC PM 32 11 0	1821 H W Ingledew 17 17 0	296 Thomas Harrison PPGTr PM	
2163 W A Cocks PM 31 6 0	1947 J H Glassington 10 10 0	810 Joseph Harrison VPat	
2183 J Ernest Lane PSGD PM 50 0 0	1947 W E Hughes 21 0 0	904 Fredk Cleeves VPat PPGD PM	
2381 Herbert Hooper WM 315 0 0	2434 A J Howard 42 0 0	974 Edgar H Barraclough WM	
2381 Wm H Lee PPGD PAGSec PM 30 0 0	1184 Abbey Lodge 10 10 0	974 Claude Taylor PM	
2381 A Blenkarn PM and Treas 10 10 0	WARWICKSHIRE.		
2523 Harry Bladon 21 6 0	925 G H Smith	974 E Hornby Foster IG	
2536 W H Gardener PPGSW Berks WM 26 6 0	925 C Hodgkinson IPM	974 Herbert A Foster VP	
2548 E R B Denniss PGStwd WM 200 0 0	925 W S Stevens WM	974 William Charles Lupton VP PPGD PM	
MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
Prov. Lt-Col Chas R Lyne DPGM 105 0 0	925 W T Owen	974 J A B Shalders	
471 Jas Dixon IPM 31 10 0	925 Jas Cooper PM	1102 William Wilson VP PGStd PM	
683 Fred Phillips PGSwdB IPM 53 9 6	925 C Chambers PPGSWks SW	1221 Samuel Hall Clift PM	
1429 John H Hughes 33 16 6	925 Jas Ballington JW	1221 Isaac Turner	
1562 B Williams IPM 11 17 0	925 R E Shorthouse	1231 Thos G Howell	
2186 Jas A Miller PPGDC PM 10 10 0	Total from Lodge 925 115 10 0	2491 W Gunstone WM	
NORTHS AND HUNTS.			
446 J L Loweth 26 5 0	1180 William Hillman PPGP PM 10 10 0	Unattd. G H Parke Pat Walter Bimes 1648 E G Whiteley Mrs G H Parke Total from Province 700 0 0	
	1551 Fdk E Wattis WM 10 10 0	NORTH WALES.	
	1551 Thos Rowbotham PPGADC 10 10 0	1509 Jas G Tuxford PGTr PZ PM 24 3 0	
	1551 William Hipkins 10 10 0	1674 Thos Coxhead PPGSW PM 10 10 0	
		Unattd. C K Benson PPJGW 10 10 0	
		SOUTH-EAST WALES.	
		36 Geo Clarry PPGDC PM 285 0 0	

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

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2178 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798.

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

PERMANENT ANNUAL INCOME, £1,750 ONLY.

The Ninety-Eighth Anniversary Festival will be held in June or July 1896, under the Distinguished Presidency of

His Grace The DUKE of DEVONSHIRE, K.G., R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS EARNESTLY SOLICITED.

Secretary—J. MORRISON McLEOD, *Vice-President*—6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

THE Festival was well attended by the Stewards of the year, the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern being taxed to its full extent. Messrs. Spiers and Pond supplied a splendid banquet, which was well served under the direction of the manager of the establishment, who was ably supported by the large staff under his direction.

At the conclusion of the dinner, and after grace, Lord George Hamilton rose to propose the first toast. They would doubtless have anticipated that it would be in honour of Her Majesty the Queen. Affliction and sorrow had recently laid a heavy hand on Her Majesty and the Royal Family, and the nation had shown its respect by tendering its sympathy. The way in which Her Majesty had acknowledged that sympathy was truly characteristic of the Queen, who was always one with her people, whether in their sorrow or their rejoicing.

In submitting the Prince of Wales, the Princess and the other members of the Royal Family, the chairman said the mere fact that the heir to the throne accepted the position he did in connection with Freemasonry had been of great advantage to the Craft.

Admiral Markham D.G.M. Malta proposed the Pro G.M., D.G.M. and the other Officers of Grand Lodge. He regretted being called upon, not only for his own sake, but also for the sake of those who had to listen to him, for as they were probably aware, sailors were generally bad speakers, and he was no exception to the rule. The names of those included in the toast had been so well received that it was quite unnecessary for him to say anything on behalf of it, except perhaps to say that the Grand Officers did their duty—among them, it should be remembered, was their noble chairman. The present was the first time he had met the Chairman in Freemasonry, but he had had the honour and the pleasure of being in his company when he so ably presided over the Admiralty a few years back, and if he only ruled the Province of Middlesex as he did that Department of the Service his Province was to be congratulated.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn responded. It was at all times a responsibility to return thanks for the large and influential body included in the toast of the Grand Officers. The names of the two Brethren first included in the toast, however, were so well known as to render the task somewhat easy. The Grand Officers rejoiced at the grand gathering that night, in support of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. They felt the mere fact of his name being associated with the cause would ensure a large gathering, but the cause for which they were met was also an attraction, and they hoped the result would be a gratifying one. He remembered, at the first Masonic Festival he attended, the Chairman announced, amid great rejoicing, the then unprecedented amount of £1,300; he knew the amount would be looked upon as very small now, but hoped the day's result would be as satisfactory as that was.

The Chairman next proposed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He felt this was a toast that did not require any lengthened speech on his part to recommend it to those present, for whilst there were many good qualities associated with Freemasonry, the arch and foundation of their system was brotherly love. By that was meant, not merely kindly intercourse and communication with others in the time of prosperity, but the relief of those among us who were less fortunate than ourselves, and who unhappily found themselves in such a position as to need the assistance of others. When he said the object of Freemasonry was Brotherly Love he hoped the Ladies—who, he was pleased to see, were present—would not accept it in the strict acceptation of the term. This reminded him of a case he heard of some years back where a venerable friend, who numbered among his congregation several ladies who enjoyed somewhat advanced views, was waited upon by a deputation who wished to know if he could not commence the prayers with some other formula than "Dearly beloved Brethren." His reply was to the effect that so far as his experience went, the Brotherhood embraced the Sisterhood, and unless the ladies of his congregation were different to others in this respect he did not see there was any need for a change—so was it in Freemasonry, where the Ladies were cordially welcomed and entered into the spirit of the Craft. Benevolence was

recognised as one of the main objects of individual Lodges, but their forefathers had felt, some fifty years back, that a central Institution should be created in addition, and success had attended their efforts. There were at the present time two branches—those who live in the houses at Croydon, and those who receive their pensions at home. He had taken advantage of the quarterly visit of the Committee to the former to pay a visit to the Institution, and see for himself what was being done. He went with two special objects in his mind, first to see in what way the benevolence was dispensed; then, as in Freemasonry after benevolence came equality—for no matter what position a man occupied in the world, within the Lodge all were equal—he wanted to see if it was possible for the House Committee to carry out the work without departing from this feature and without bringing any degradation on the recipients of the bounty of the Craft. He was pleased to say he was more than satisfied with what he saw. He found a sense of equality existing between the giver and the receiver that was essentially Masonic. Perhaps it was not possible to select any member of the Committee as evincing more concern in the Institution than the others, but he could not help noticing the effect of the presence of Brother Terry, the worthy Secretary, whose kindly chaff and cheery enquiries as he passed around among the annuitants had a marked effect on the residents at Croydon. He could not help a thought as to the future, for he found that the Institution helped all sorts and conditions; old widowers, old widows, and old bachelors, but they had no old spinsters, which called to his mind the remark of an old Irish woman who was told she was not eligible for a grant intended for widows, and replied she was the very worst of widows, for she was an old maid. In this connection he was not thinking of the present, but of the future, when the new woman would be in power, and he could but wonder whether, when their day came, they would deal more favourably with the old bachelors than the Brethren of the present were dealing with the old maids—would they regard old bachelors as the worst of all widows? At the present time the expenditure of the Institution was about £16,300 a year, while the annual income was only £5,300, so that if the permanent income was not supplemented, 70 per cent of the 472 recipients of their bounty would be precluded from benefiting by it in the future. It was to make up this deficit that the annual Festivals were held, and in the past, as the result of them, not only had the deficiency been made up, but there had been a surplus, which enabled the number of recipients of the funds to be increased from time to time, and he trusted that would be the case on the present occasion. When he was asked to preside he consulted his two advisers in his Province, and asked them if under the circumstances of accepting the responsibility he was sure of the loyal support of the Province. The answer was favourable, and he might say the Province of Middlesex had nobly responded to the appeal that had been made, and had sent in a total which had not only broken the record, but had also broken it by a considerable amount, and if Middlesex had done thus well he hoped other Provinces had done equally so. He now appealed especially to those who lived in London. London was not only the capital of England, it was the capital of the greatest Empire the world had ever seen—an Empire covering one-fifth of the habitable globe. They must remember that, in spite of the increased wealth and luxury of the present day, competition was far more severe than it used to be, and the race could be run by the swift alone. The facilities for self-advancement and self-elevation were greater than ever before, but owing to a variety of circumstances, such as ill-health or ill-luck, a competitor might lag behind in the race, and it often happened that he was never able to re-enter it. An appeal was being made that evening to those who had been successful, to be generous to those who had been less fortunate. The applications to the Institution for charity were many, and the vacancies few. He hoped that the result of that Festival would be to enable them not only to make good the deficit, but to extend still more widely the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield acknowledged the toast. He thanked the Chairman on behalf of the Institution for the forcible speech he had made. The Committee had recently had to face a list of 113 Candidates, of whom it was only possible to elect 33, so that, unless deaths occurred prior to the election,

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The Right Hon. The Earl of Yarborough,

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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creating vacancies they were justified in filling up, there must be 80 old souls left to face their troubles for another year after the election to be held in May. This could only be remedied by such a result that night as would justify the Committee adding to the already large number of Annuitants. The executive had one and all worked hard, and he fully believed the Brethren would agree with him they had done their duty.

Bro. James Terry, who was heartily received, then proceeded to read the list of donations, of which we elsewhere give details, and which he announced as totaling up £19,511 7s, with six lists yet to come in, and others recognised as incomplete.

Bro. W. M. Stiles Grand Treasurer submitted the next toast—The Chairman. They must recognise in Lord George Hamilton the cause of the success of that day, and they fully appreciated his kindly presidency. They could but hope his lordship would go away as pleased with his presidency as they were gratified in having had him to preside over them on this occasion.

The Chairman replied. They all took part in this Anniversary Festival with one object, and that one object was to secure the largest amount possible for the Benevolent Institution. He felt all must agree that the list just read out was eminently satisfactory. He felt really nothing more than the mere figure head of the meeting, and he desired to specially thank the Stewards of his own Province in particular for the hearty and unanimous way in which they had come forward.

Bro. W. H. Spaul P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary of Shropshire proposed success to the other Institutions.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges replied. He referred to the statement as to the permanent income of the Benevolent Institution being £5,000 per annum. Happy Benevolent! for the Boys and Girls had but £2,000 a year, and were all the more dependent on the Stewards of their Anniversary Festivals. He heartily congratulated the Benevolent Institution on the result of that day's Festival, which could only be regarded as most satisfactory. In 1890 the Province of Middlesex sent up £1,000 for the Girls School, in support of its late Grand Master, and great as was its success regarded at the time it paled before the total that night. The other two Institutions had enjoyed the advantage of Lord George Hamilton's presidency at one of their Anniversary Festivals, and he hoped the time would come when the Girls would be equally favoured.

Bro. J. M. McLeod was glad of the opportunity, on behalf of the Boys School, of joining in the congratulations showered upon the Benevolent Institution since the announcement was made of the contributions for the year. He trusted the success achieved might be the fore-runner of equal successes in years to come. The Brethren had heard the appeal made by his colleague, Bro. Hedges, on behalf of the Girls School in May, and he hoped it would be heartily responded to. As usual the Boys came last for the year, but as previous results had shown it was not, as a consequence, necessarily least; he trusted success would attend it during the current year.

The Stewards of the Festival were next toasted, the Chairman being congratulated on the total result achieved by the Brethren who had supported him, particular reference being made to his Lordship's own Province of Middlesex.

Major Dixon, Vice President of the Board, responded, he being extremely proud of the magnificent amount announced, and expressing, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, the delight they had experienced in being instrumental in raising so large an amount.

Bro. J. H. Whadcoat P.M. 19 proposed the toast of the Ladies, to which Bro. Stanley Attenborough responded. It had been suggested that evening, he said, that the Ladies were knocking at the door of the House of Commons. However much that might be, it was very certain that the only ground on which they could be met on an equality was that of Charity, and in urging that, he might say the Ladies would only be too pleased to help in the future as they had on the present occasion, and in the past.

The company then repaired to the Temple, where an excellent concert was provided, under the direction of Bro. Schartau P.P.G.O. Middlesex, who was assisted by Miss Helen Buckley, Miss Claribel Hyde, Miss Jessie King, Miss Ada Kempton, Bros. Charles Ellison, John Bartlett, Bantock Pierpoint, Arthur Appleby, Miss Kathleen Thomas (Violin), Bro. R. Hopkins (Silver Bells), Mr. Charles Capper (Whistling Solos), Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Upton (Humorous Scenettes), and Bro. James Kift (at the Piano).

In connection with the recent attack on Freemasonry by Father Chew, a tolerably full report of which appeared in our columns, says the "Bournemouth Observer," we have received an enormous amount of correspondence attempting to deal with the subject at issue, but of so irrelevant a character that we are compelled to decline publication. Correspondence directly relevant to the issue involved will be gladly welcomed, but we are not going to be involved in a controversy, under the guise of a defence of Freemasonry, on the questions of Apostolic Succession, Mediatorial Intercession, and such like questions of theology involving the whole range of Catholic belief. Father Chew displayed a remarkable indiscretion, as we think, and a considerable ignorance, as can clearly be proved, in dealing with Freemasonry in an antagonistic attitude; but we must ask our correspondents to deal with him on the lines laid down by himself, and not wander abroad into subjects the literature of which already extends to a prodigious extent.

The Brethren who are members on the London County Council, moved by a fraternal spirit, met on Tuesday, to consider the formation of a County Council Lodge. Freemasonry is an important element in municipal affairs in the City, says the "Daily Chronicle," and it may have the effect of encouraging a Brotherly feeling at Spring Gardens.

We are informed on good authority that the Marquess of Ripon Past Grand Master, who severed his connection with the Craft when he joined the Romish Church, has again associated himself with Freemasonry.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS AND OUR SCHOOLS.

JUST on going to press we hear the gratifying news that "Our Boys" have scored well in the Senior and Junior Cambridge Local Examinations. Eight Boys were entered for the Senior, and all have passed. In the Junior Division two second and seven third classes, and twenty-one passes, with three "Distinctions" and nine "Honours" have been secured, making a total of thirty-eight certificates.

From the Girls School equally gratifying results have to be recorded, for here all the nineteen pupils who were entered passed, securing six "Honours" and eleven "Distinctions."

The annual ladies' night entertainment in connection with the Gallery Lodge was held on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Percy Husk. There was a large attendance. The opportunity was taken for presenting Mrs. Lock, wife of the I.P.M., with a handsome souvenir bracelet of her husband's year of office. A banquet was followed by a concert, at which many artistes kindly gave their services.

MASONIC TREAT AT NORTHAMPTON.

THE annual tea and entertainment given by the Brethren of Northampton to the old people of the town took place with eminent success at the Corn Exchange, on Thursday, 13th inst. The large building was crowded with aged folk, who were made as happy as creature comforts and kindly attention could make them, all who took part in the proceedings seeming to vie with one another in doing their utmost to promote the enjoyment of their guests. In all twenty-six tables were arranged as conveniently as may be in the body of the vast hall, and around these the old people, who began to arrive punctually at three o'clock, and who numbered about 740, bestowed themselves.

After an excellent repast, the Earl of Euston briefly addressed the assembly. He hoped that all who had come would spend a very happy and pleasant evening, and carry away very happy recollections; and to them all, in the name and on behalf of the Masons of Northampton, he gave a most hearty and fraternal greeting. What little the Masons had been able to do to provide an evening's pleasure and amusement was a much greater pleasure to them than it could possibly be to the guests. He trusted that all would thoroughly and heartily enjoy themselves, and might they go home with God's blessing and protection, and have the knowledge that they had the good wishes of every Freemason in Northampton.

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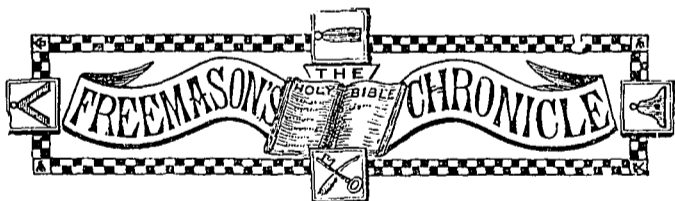
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SATURDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1896.

CONSECRATION.

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ST. MARY OF THE HARBOUR LODGE.

A LARGE and influential gathering took place at Shoreham, on the 18th, when this new Lodge was consecrated. The proceedings opened with a luncheon, which took place at the Royal George Hotel, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Puttick P.P.G.Chaplain W.M.-designate of the new Lodge, who was supported by several Grand Lodge Officers, Provincial Officers, and Worshipful Masters of Private Lodges.

The W.M.-designate opened the short toast list by proposing the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, when he submitted the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past.

Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie P.G.Chaplain, in responding, said he regretting the absence of one Grand Officer, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, who, after arranging to perform the consecration ceremony that day found, unfortunately, that he was unable to be present. As he had consented to take the place of Brother Marriott, he trusted the Brethren would bear with him and excuse any imperfectness in his work. He wished the new Lodge

every prosperity, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.M.-designate.

The chairman next proposed the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and the rest of the Provincial Officers Present and Past, and expressed his regret that the Duke of Connaught and Sir W. T. Marriott, who took great interest in the Province, were unable to be present that day.

The Provincial G.S.W. Bro. E. W. Stillwell, in responding, said the Provincial Grand Officers warmly appreciated the hearty manner in which their efforts were recognised.

Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie submitted the W.M., S.W., and J.W. Designate, and the other Founders, and success to the St. Mary of the Harbour Lodge, No. 2591. Congratulating the Lodge upon so able and popular a W.M. as Bro. the Rev. J. Puddick, he said the Brethren of the Province welcomed the new Lodge with the fullest fraternal regard, and he trusted it would prove worthy of their noble Order.

Bro. Puttick, who was warmly applauded on rising to respond, said it would be his endeavour to make the Lodge a success by the advancement of the principles of Freemasonry. His Officers were all able Masons who would render him excellent support, and, on their behalf, as well as his own, he thanked those present for their cordial reception of the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The Brethren then repaired to the Town Hall, whence they set out in a procession to St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held. The Vicar of Shoreham, the Rev. C. M. A. Tower, intoned the prayers; the short lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Cooper; and special psalms and hymns were ably rendered by the church choir, under the direction of Bro. C. W. Stevens, who presided with great ability at the organ. Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, preached a short and admirable sermon from Ephesians ii., 19, 20, 21, and 22. Speaking of the approaching consecration of the new Lodge, it was fit, he said, that they should meet in church, to ask God's blessing upon their proceedings. Referring to the social intercourse and charity which characterised Freemasonry, he said their tenets taught much more than that, and led members of the Craft to regard themselves a "temple of living stones," and devoted to God's service. The old church in which they had assembled was, he said, an evidence of the skill and devotion of Masons in years long past, but needed repairing, and he asked those present to contribute to the tower fund. The collection amounted to £9 13s.

On the conclusion of the service the Brethren returned to the Town Hall, where the new Lodge was duly consecrated by Bro. Currie, Brother J. H. Pulman W.M. 56 Provincial Grand Organist presiding at the harmonium and directing the music.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, Brother Rev. J. Puttick was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Brother W. Dawes P.P.S.G.W.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow: Bros. H. Elliott I.P.M. P.M. 1003 P.P.G.S. Works Jersey, acting I.P.M., Charles Howard S.W., Ernest T. Cox J.W., Craufield Baguley P.M. Secretary, Arthur Eade Treasurer, Joseph Sears S.D., Robert B. Higham P.M. P.P.G.A. Purs. J.D., John Charles Flint D.C., Musgrave F. Hilton Chap., Charles W. Stevens Organist, S. Gregory-Taylor I.G., John Sinclair Steward, and W. Stanton Tyler.

In addition to those who were appointed Officers, the following Brethren were among those who were Founders of the Lodge: Brothers John Purnell P.M. 804 P.P.G.S.B., R. B. Y. Powell P.M. 1829, and W. Swales P.S.W. 1829.—"Sussex Daily News."

Referring to the above event, the "West Sussex Gazette" says:—Like most of the ancient towns of Sussex, notably Chichester, Rye, Lewes and Hastings, Shoreham has had a long, though intermittent connection with the ancient society of Free and Accepted Masons. The architecture of its parish church, or of the fragment of the building which remains, second to none in Sussex for beauty and grandeur, points no doubt to the existence in the town, six or seven hundred years ago, of one of those guilds of Operative Masons from which the modern Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons claim to have their origin. Masonic records do not go back very far, but a Lodge was known to exist in Chichester in 1695, its Master being the Duke of Richmond, who was chosen Grand Master of England. In 1766 a Lodge was in existence at Shoreham; Chichester, Rye and Lewes being the only other Sussex towns which at that time had Masonic Lodges. The Lodge of 1766 met at the Dolphin Inn, but ceased to exist in 1775. Another Lodge, called the Harmony Lodge, was, in 1800, moved from Chichester to the Fountain Inn (now the Bridge Inn), and survived twenty-five years. No other Lodge was working in the town until in 1879 the Burrell Lodge, named after the late much-loved Provincial Grand Master (Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, M.P.), was consecrated. The Burrell Lodge was so successful that it outgrew its quarters in Shoreham, and now meets at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the Agenda of Business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next, 4th March, at six for seven p.m.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th December 1895, for confirmation.
2. Election of M.W. Grand Master.
3. To consider the following Notice of Motion from the M.W. Pro Grand Master—

That this Grand Lodge with feelings of devoted loyalty, desires humbly and respectfully to offer to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, this expression of deep and sincere sympathy on the great calamity that has befallen Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenburg) on the lamentable death, while serving his adopted country in a foreign land, of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenburg, K.G., and this Grand Lodge earnestly prays that the Great Architect of the Universe will, in His compassionate mercy, vouchsafe to Her Majesty and to the widowed Princess, strength to bear with calmness and fortitude the irreparable loss they have sustained.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
 5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—
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| A Brother of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, London | ... | ... | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Daughter of a Brother of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, South Shields, on behalf of five infant children | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Wykham Lodge, No. 1885, Winchester | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Hope and Unity, No. 377, Kidderminster | ... | ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of Lodge De Ogle, No. 636, Morpeth | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board has to report that its attention has been directed to the fact that, in violation of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, Centenary Jewels had been obtained for certain Members of a London Lodge, elsewhere than at the office of the Grand Secretary. The Board accordingly summoned before it the W. Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the Lodge, together with the Brother, not a member of the Lodge, by whom the jewels had been supplied, and who had offered to procure them for a price less than that named in the Book of Constitutions. The Secretary having stated the Lodge was not aware the jewels were not procured by that Brother through the office of the Grand Secretary: the Brother who procured them was admonished by the Board, and the Lodge was cautioned not to permit further purchases of jewels to be made, except in the manner provided by the Constitutions.

The Board has further to report that it had felt it its duty to suspend from all Masonic rights and privileges for a period of three months a Member of a London Lodge, for having in violation of Rule 202, Book of Constitutions, given a Certificate or recommendation to enable a Brother in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

The Board have to report that the following Presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last Meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks :—

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An Old Masonic Apron.—George E. Fairchild A.G.D.C.	
History of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1.—Charles Belton P.D.G.D.C.	
The "Haddon" Manuscript of the Old Charges.—James S. Haddon P.P.S.G.W. Somerset.	
Robert Burns and the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. Transcript of the "Haddon" Manuscript.—William Jas. Hughan P.G.D.	
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, &c., 1733-1792.—General Lawrence Past Grand Master, Massachusetts.	
The Royal Arch in the Past.—William Smithett Z. No. 58.	
Two Past Master's Jewels.—Edward Terry Past G. Treas.	
By-Laws of Nos. 84 and 333, 1778 and 1765, M.S.—Mr. Henry Phillips, per Bro. Alfred Bannister.	
"Dinner Scraps" from Table No. 657.—C. de Broe P.M. No. 657.	
Human Sacrifice in India, &c.—Neville Green P.M. No. 1962.	

In consequence of the special value and interest attaching to "the Haddon Masonic Manuscript," most generously presented by Bro. James S. Haddon P. Provincial Grand Warden of Somerset, the Board resolved that a vote of thanks to that Brother be engrossed on vellum, illuminated and framed.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6,994 7s 6d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed)

RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND.

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th February 1896.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. F. Lamonby P.M. 962 1924—

That the Grand Lodge of England in Quarterly Communication assembled, hereby expresses its strong disapproval of the system of canvassing and touting carried on at the annual elections, and earnestly appeals to its members to discountenance and prevent the continuance of a practice which is contrary to the principles and tenets of English Freemasonry.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2591.—The St. Mary of the Harbour Lodge, New Shoreham.

2592.—The Waltair Lodge, Vizagapatam, Madras.

2593.—The Hugh Owen Lodge, London.

2594.—The Old Priory Lodge, Buxton.

2595.—The Trinity Lodge, Buckfastleigh.

2596.—The Eshowe Lodge, Zululand.

2597.—The St. Alban's Lodge, Christchurch, New Zealand.

2598.—The St. Sampson's Lodge, Guernsey.

2599.—The Engineer Lodge, London.

2600.—The Stanley of Preston Lodge, Preston.

2601.—The Holloway Lodge, London.

2602.—The Baring Lodge, Cromer.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., will be held on Tuesday next, 3rd March, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, at 2 for 3 p.m., the following being the Agenda of Business :

1. Read and, if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 3rd December 1895.
2. Election of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Election of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the three months ending 31st December 1895 there have been issued :—Mark Certificates, 307 ; total number registered, 34,985.

Warrants for new Lodges, five, viz. :—

489 United Service, London.

490 Murray, Wigan.

491 Fidelity, Coalville.

492 St. George, Larnaca, Cyprus.

493 Eland, Elland, W. Yorks.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 83 ; total number registered, 4,747.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges, two, viz. :—

Joppa Lodge, to be attached to the Joppa Lodge, No. 11.

Southport Lodge, to be attached to the Southport Lodge, No. 473.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years :—

Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Devon.

Bro. W. A. F. Powell, J.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Bristol.

Bro. the Hon. Judge Donald Grant MacLeod as District Grand Master for Burma.

The Board recommend that the Ramsay Lodge, No. 180, and the Joppa Lodge, No. 312, who have neglected to comply with the requirements of Art. 150, Book of Constitutions, and who have, in consequence thereof, been summoned to appear in Grand Lodge to show cause, and have not replied, should be erased.

The District Grand Secretary of Bengal having reported that Kirby Lodge, No. 285, Sarapur, has not met for several years, and is practically extinct, the Board recommend that the last known Master be summoned to attend Grand Lodge to show cause why such Lodge should not be erased.

The Chelmer Lodge, No. 342, having reported to the Board that Bro. W. F. Howard Flanders had been installed in the chair without a dispensation from M.W. Grand Master, he not being a Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge (Art. 99), and having expressed their great regret for the irregularity, the Board ruled that the Lodge be fined one guinea and be directed to apply at once for a dispensation, to be dated nunc pro tunc, and that at the next regular meeting of the Lodge Bro. W. F. Howard Flanders be re-obligated in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters.

The Board earnestly desire to call the attention of all Installing Masters to the absolute necessity of ascertaining that the Master-elect is duly qualified as an Installed Master of a Craft Lodge, or failing the qualification, that a dispensation has been obtained.

Certain cases having been reported where candidates have not been presented with a copy of the Book of Constitutions on advancement, the Board desire again to call the attention of W. Masters to Article 141.

The Board have the pleasure to announce the completion of the Decoration of the Great Hall, at a total cost of £350, the payment of which they beg to recommend to Grand Lodge.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have the pleasure to announce that the Twenty-eighth Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, 8th of July. Bro. Charles Letch Mason Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The following case has been relieved :

Bro. E. J. S., Lodge No. 383 £5 0 0

Signed,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Sec.

3rd March 1896.

5. A motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.

6. A motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the minutes.

7. Recommendations arising out of the Report :—

(a). That the Ramsay Lodge, No. 180, and the Joppa Lodge, No. 312, be erased.

(b). That the last known Master of Kirby Lodge, No. 285, be summoned to show cause why such Lodge should not be erased.

(c). That the Board be authorised to defray the cost of decoration of the Great Hall.

8. A motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE Lodge celebrated its 109th birthday on Monday, 17th inst., when the members assembled in their new home at the Frascati, Oxford Street, and had the privilege of taking part in a most imposing ceremony. Brother David Hills, of Beckenham, was installed Worshipful Master.

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AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2395.

BRO. J. G. Albert P.M. was installed as W.M. on Wednesday evening, by Bro. Nicholson, and invested his Officers.

Messrs. Bishop and Burdge were impressively initiated by the newly-installed Master.

Afterwards the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast under the presidency of the W.M., and a musical treat of very high order followed.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE members held their weekly meeting at Brother Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Harrow Road, W., on Tuesday. Brothers R. J. Rogers P.M. 733 Treasurer W.M., Major J. Reed S.W., S. Manne J.W., H. H. Bagnall S.D., W. Busby J.D., G. Weaver I.G., F. Wortham Secretary, H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. D. Mogford, F. Beesley, J. Wynman, T. W. Mogford, C. E. Lilley, G. C. Butcher, R. J. Hearnden, H. Bench, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. F. Beesley candidate.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lilley candidate. Brother Lilley was elected a member, and Brother Major J. Reed W.M. for next Tuesday.

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HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

THE regular weekly meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, Paddington, on Monday, Brothers A. Clark W.M. 1668 W.M., G. Weaver S.W., C. Riemann J.W., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, T. M. Lamble S.D., E. J. Potter J.D., W. Smith I.G., M. Isaacs, Thomas Barnett, H. Campbell, J. Wynman, B. D. Barnett P.M. 1668, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Brother H. Campbell was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being subsequently rehearsed. The working was done in an able and impressive manner by the W.M.

Brother H. Dehane P.M. was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with him as candidate.

A communication was received from the family of the late Brother Belsham, thanking the Brethren for their condolence.

Brother Weaver S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

ON Saturday last, at the Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. C. Woods as W.M., Best S.W., and Roberts J.W. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed with Bro. Best W.M., Coote S.W., and Roberts J.W. Bro. Thomas P.M. acted as Preceptor. Bro. Coote was elected W.M. for 7th March.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on this Saturday.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 26th inst., Bro. A. Marks W.M., F. A. Slater S.W., N. R. Moffatt J.W., C. Holland S.D., G. Fennell J.D., Absolam I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Boyce P.M., and Citron.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Boyce P.M. candidate.

The Brethren assisted Bro. C. Holland to work the first, second and third sections of the lecture.

It being the first time Bro. A. Marks had occupied the chair, a vote of thanks was accorded him for the able manner he performed the ceremony.

Bro. Richard Tool P.M. having that day suddenly lost his wife, a letter of condolence was sent him in the hour of his trouble.

Bro. F. A. Slater was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

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VIRTUE LODGE, No. 152.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 21st inst., the attendance of members and visitors numbering upwards of sixty, prominent among whom were Brothers J. Crompton W.M., E. Froggatt S.W., R. W. Kinder J.W., John Watson Chaplain, T. Gillibrand Treasurer, John Shaw Secretary, J. Saunders S.D., H. Yates J.D., J. Cantrill D.C., Thomas A. Jones and R. W. Rylands Stewards, W. H. Higginson Librarian, Past Masters A. A. Millington, G. V. Blaikie, David Conway, William Jaffray, and George C. Williams.

Visitors: A. H. Jefferis P.M. 645 P.P.G.W., William Bee P.M. 1459 Prov.G.A.D.C., G. Higham P.M. 1083 P.P.G.D.C., Nathaniel Dumville P.M. 2156 P.P.G.Sd.Br., Councillor Samuel I. Mills P.M. 1077 W.M. 2584, W. W.

McLeod W.M. 1166, B. Whitwam W.M. 1219, Robert Lingard I.P.M. 1083, J. Selby P.M. 1083, and many others.

The principal business of the day was that of installing into the chair of K.S. Bro. Edwin Froggatt S.W. Worshipful Master-elect. The ceremony was most ably performed by Brother John Crompton the retiring W.M., assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge.

It may be here mentioned that this is the centenary year of the Lodge, it having been consecrated in 1796.

Business over, the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given and enthusiastically received.

The musical programme was most efficiently rendered by Bros. Nelson Stokes 2156 2387, Cuthbert Blacow 2156, H. Daniels, and J. W. Maltby, the accompanist being Brother J. Herbert Yates. The rendering of the glee and part song were highly appreciated by the Brethren, the quartett "Robin Adair" bringing to a close one of the most successful festivals held in connection with the Lodge.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE, No. 336.

THIS Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Jolly Sailor Inn, Marple, on Saturday, 22nd inst.

Bro. Henry Malan J.W. W.M.-elect was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. James Taylor, who was most ably assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Business being ended, the Brethren sat down to a splendid repast. After the usual Masonic toasts, &c., the Brethren were provided with a capital musical programme by Bros. Nelson Stokes and T. Haworth, assisted by several of the musical Brethren of the Lodge.

"God save the Queen" brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

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SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

THE Brethren celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, 20th inst., when Bro. J. Hollis S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. G. J. Tilling P.P.G.S.Wks. There was a large attendance of Brethren.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Installing Master and the I.P.M., the compliment in the latter case including a Past Master's jewel.

A vote of sympathy with Bro. Alfred Button in his terrible accident, and with the members of his family, was passed.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Bro. Joseph Lever W.M.

As there were three ceremonies due, the Lodge was opened shortly after 4 p.m., and after the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. James Hutchison and William Nelson were passed to the degree of F.C., the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Harrison I.P.M. Bro. Whittaker P.M. subsequently raised Bro. Thomas E. Watson to the sublime degree of M.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Adshear S.W.

After business the social element followed, the various Loyal and Masonic toasts being agreeably varied by songs, &c., rendered by Brothers Griffiths, Moorhouse, Boyd, Jones, and Roberts.

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HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

ON Monday, 10th inst., at Saltburn, the annual festival was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. W. Stainthorpe was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. D. W. Dixon P.P.G.S.B.

There were several visiting Brethren present from Redcar, Guisbrough, and Middlesbrough.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, the 10th inst., Bro. Walter Bowers W.M. There was a very good attendance both of members and visitors, among whom we noticed the following, viz.:—George G. Mends S.W., J. Ormrod J.W., Edward L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., George R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Treas. Sec., George A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Org., John Walton jun. I.P.M., John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.D., R. Swindells P.M., J. H. Marsh P.M., Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., E. W. Barratt, and others.

Visitors:—Bro. A. W. Stanley Org. 1774, Thomas L. Browne 1730, E. E. Levy 2231, and Charles J. Vickers 2231.

Beyond electing members on the Benevolent Committee, and investing several Officers who, through illness or other causes, were not able to attend the installation ceremony, there was no particular business to engage the attention of members. Those invested were Bros. Hedley Jones J.D., Arthur Hawkins I.G., and W. Kirk Steward, the duty being undertaken by Brother Slyman P.M., &c.

At the festive board which followed, Bro. Walton I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., speaking in flattering terms of the manner in which he had always performed his work, drawing a pleasant augury from this fact that he would in the future acquit himself as satisfactorily.

Bro. Bowers W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Walton for his eulogistic remarks, promising that he would endeavour to give a good account of himself during his year of office. He sincerely hoped that the bond of unanimity now existing among them might spread, and many happy years be granted to all present. He then returned Bro. Walton's compliment by proposing the health of the I.P.M., adding that with such an Officer on his left hand he would feel perfectly safe.

Bro. Walton, in response, spoke of the great help he had received from Bro. Myers and other Past Masters, which had invariably been given with unstinted generosity.

Bro. Littler then proposed the health of the visitors, saying it was a very pleasing duty. Many of them he had known for years in various capacities, and on behalf of the Lodge he extended to them a hearty and hospitable welcome.

Other toasts followed, these being varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. J. H. Marsh P.M., J. Bowers P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), H. Jones, E. E. Levy, and C. J. Vickers.

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SOUTH DOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

ON Wednesday, 19th inst., Bro. Harry Broad was installed W.M. at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint, by Bro. C. Clarke the retiring W.M.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th inst., the following being present:—Bros. Fred Warburton W.M., Wm. Boden I.P.M., Thos. T. Hardicker S.W., Clement J. Hall J.W., Oates Rushton Treas., Robt. Meggitt Secretary, John Kinsey Assist. Sec., George A. Bowden S.D., T. H. Stott J.D., A. G. Bryce I.G., Thos. D. Lightfoot, Wm. T. Scholfield P.M. 1219 P.P.G.D., Jas. Andrew P.M. 1219 P.P.S.G.D., J. B. Marshall, Jno. H. Ratcliffe P.M. 322, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. John Williams P.M. 1011, Wm. M. Eckersle 1021.

Being the last meeting of the financial year, an election of Officers took place, the choice with regard to the position of Worshipful Master being unanimously in favour of Bro. Hardicker S.W., whose installation is fixed to take place on the 12th proximo, when a good attendance is expected, he being very popular in the Lodge.

Business over, a pleasant evening was spent, many of the Brethren being laid under contribution for songs, recitations, &c.

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THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Akerman Worshipful Master.

Business commenced at an early hour. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Brother Arthur Henry Jefferis, Merchant, Mosley Street, Manchester, P.M. Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645 P.P.G.W. East Lancs. was successfully balloted for as a joining member.

Bro. Charles Wroe was passed by the W.M., this being followed by the raising of Bros. Samuel Dawson and Harry Thompson, the first ceremony being performed by Brother Arnold I.P.M., and the latter by Brother A. H. Jefferis.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, that of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. Arnold.

Bro. Akerman W.M. said, in response, that there had been no lack of work since the consecration of the Lodge, and it was a good indication of the progress they aimed at. The Manchester was only a new Lodge, but they had now something like twenty-six members, with a possible four or five more to follow. Before concluding his very interesting speech he proposed the health of the Officers, who, he said, were getting more proficient every meeting. He spoke of the able support which had been given to him by Bro. Arnold, and thanked him not only for this, but also for bringing many new members among them. Bro. Akerman then made some passing allusions to Bro. Plumpton S.W., which were of a very humorous character, but their publication would be the means of prematurely divulging a pleasing personal incident to which we shall in all likelihood refer later on.

Other toasts followed, being varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by various Brethren.

MOUNT EDGUMBE LODGE BALL.

THE eleventh annual ball and ladies' night of this prosperous and flourishing Lodge (No. 1446) was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when over 130 members and their friends enjoyed a most successful evening.

The W.M. Brother Rutherford Darling was well supported by the following Brethren: Brothers G. H. Lindsey-Renton I.P.M., J. Brown S.W., A. E. Mullins J.W., G. W. Perry Treasurer, G. M. E. Hamilton Secretary, Jesse Masters S.D., W. Duncan D.C., Vincent Wood A.D.C., T. K. Sherborne Steward, H. Lamb, T. Tofts, S. C. Hunt, E. C. Cook, H. Brown, T. Hopkins, and Past Masters T. Cull, O. P. Boret, and Joseph Whitehead.

Among the guests were many highly distinguished Brethren of the Craft, and under the able management of the genial Director of Ceremonies Brother W. Duncan, supported by Brothers A. E. Mullins, V. Wood, and S. C. Hunt as M.Cs., a good programme of dances was got through, and the great success of the meeting can only be judged by the way the ladies seemed to enjoy themselves throughout the evening.

The supper took place at twelve o'clock, and was served in the style well known to Brethren who have had the pleasure of partaking of such at this world famed house.

Three toasts were submitted: The Queen, the W.M., and the Ladies. Miss Pain once again ably rendering the solo after the first named.

The I.P.M. Brother Renton, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he felt sure that in Brother Darling they had a President of whom they were all proud, and who he felt sure would reflect credit on the Lodge. He and his charming wife beside him that night must both feel it to be one of the proudest moments of their lives, in fact he felt sure that on such an occasion as this the Mount Edgumbe Lodge would not be well and worthily represented if the W.M. had not his esteemed wife beside him to give him that support which we all need at such times. He had therefore great pleasure in proposing the healths of Brother Darling and his esteemed lady.

The W.M., in briefly responding, said that indeed he and his wife felt it to be the proudest moments of their lives that they were present in such a capacity, and he felt sure that all Brethren coming on to the post of W.M. in the Mount Edgumbe Lodge looked forward to this meeting as the crowning point of their Masonic career in the Lodge.

The W.M., in next proposing the health of the Ladies, said that on all open occasions of the Lodge the Brethren were always pleased to receive the Ladies amongst them, and that in the endeavour to contribute to their enjoyment they (the ladies) were greatly contributing to the pleasure of the Brethren. He trusted that on a future occasion they would see them again around the festive board.

Brother Bowers in a neat speech responded.

Dancing was resumed and kept up until 4.30. During the evening many Brethren and friends underwent the "operation" of being photographed.

LADIES NIGHT OF THE CITADEL INSTRUCTION LODGE.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge commemorated the second year of its existence by entertaining their lady friends, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, 21st inst., at a supper held in the Caledonian Salon, when eighty ladies and Brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. F. Dunstan and party, O. J. Von Holtorp and party, C. J. Davison and party, W. S. Clark and party, Captain A. Schlosshauer and party, Crane and party, Mrs. and Bro. George Clark, Mrs. and Bro. Campbell, Mrs. and Bro. Calley, Mrs. and Bro. T. V. Fenn, Mrs. and Bro. Hazell, Mrs. and Bro. Whiteside,

Mrs. and Bro. Millin, Mrs. and Bro. W. H. Tilley, Miss Wayland and Bro. C. H. Ditchman, Miss and Bro. T. Feistel, Mrs. and Bro. Sully, Mrs. and Bro. Harry Willsmer (Secretary), Mrs. and Bro. W. H. Jeanes, Mrs. and Bro. Taylor, Mrs. and Bro. Davis, Mrs. and Bro. Collett, Miss R. Bird, &c., and Bros. Bishop, Cole, Friedlander, Fred. Kebell, Rusby, Alf. Wyatt, Witte, Platt, and Mr. F. Willsmer and Miss Pink, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pardoe, and others.

Brother F. Dunstan P.M. P.A.G.D.C. Middx. the Preceptor presided, supported by Bros. T. I. Bird P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.S.Br. Middx. (Treasurer), and George Clark P.M. (V.P. Masonic Charities Association) in the Vice-Chairs.

A few Loyal and Masonic toasts divided attention with the dessert.

The toast of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction was proposed by the Chairman, and replied to by Brother T. I. Bird, who, in the course of his remarks commented upon the success that had attended the efforts of the members of this Lodge of Instruction since its formation, and rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration by Brother James Terry (who was unavoidably absent in consequence of the great demand upon his time at the present moment in connection with the forthcoming Festival) in November 1894, especially in connection with its Masonic Charities Association, which, only starting at the end of September 1895 had, up to the end of January, contributed no less than 70 guineas to the respective Institutions.

The toast of the Ladies was in the hands of Brother A. Rusby, and very ably responded to by Bro. W. S. Clark.

Our Visitors by Brother W. E. Jeanes, and replied to by Bro. Sully; and then followed that of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen and the Stewards and Secretary.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Thomas Feistel and Miss Gertrude Feistel accompanist, and amongst those who assisted were the Misses Marie V. Rodriguez (Cert. and Silver Med.), Violin Solos; Carmén V. Rodriguez (Cert. and Mitchell Scholar), pianoforte solos; Gertrude Dunstan, Mrs. Richmond, Bros. W. E. Jeanes, G. Clark, F. Dunstan and Thomas Feistel (in his well-known recitations of "Bardell v. Pickwick" in wig and gown, and the "Jay," by Jerome).

The arrangements generally were under the supervision of Brothers A. Wyatt and Harry Willsmer Secretary.

The cover to the printed menu and toast list, supplied by the Holborn Restaurant, was a reproduction of a pen and ink drawing of a Masonic character by Bro. Harry Willsmer, in which were introduced the photos of Bros. Dunstan, Bird and Willsmer, who are respectively the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction.

Before the close of the proceedings each lady visitor was presented with fancy boxes of various designs of choice confectionery as a souvenir of their visit.

The result of the efforts of the promoters was a signal success, and the event will doubtless be an annual one.

PARTY BY BRO. COUNCILLOR SAMUEL I. MILLS.

ON Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cheetham Town Hall, Manchester, Brother Councillor Samuel I. Mills Worshipful Master of the Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2584, which has only recently been consecrated, gave, in conjunction with Mrs. Mills, a very brilliant party to the various Officers and friends of both sexes, who numbered in great force.

A band was provided, under the direction of Brother C. M. Nesbitt, and discoursed some excellent music. Dancing commenced at 7.30, and was continued into the matin, a pleasant relief being afforded by the efforts of Brothers John Horsfield P.M. 1077, Tom Bradbury 1773, J. Allin 2231, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and Miss Holland, who sang or recited during the intervals.

One of the principal features of the evening was a recherché supper, to which all seemed to do full justice. Other tables had been provided with comestibles in no barmecide manner, and Bro. Mills and his good lady may congratulate themselves upon the fact that they furnished an evening's enjoyment, the remembrance of which will be treasured by many for years to come. As a natural consequence, such prodigal hospitality evoked an expression of thanks to the promoters, and this was tendered in felicitous terms by Mr. G. Henson, of Eccles.

Brother Mills said, in reply, that he had with very great pleasure participated in many functions which had taken place in the Cheetham Town Hall, many of them happening prior to his marriage. His silver wedding had been held here, and also the banquet which followed the consecration of the Queen Victoria Lodge, on which occasion, in that room, and in the Worshipful Master's chair, he had read a telegram from Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. After giving a hearty welcome to all present, he concluded by hoping that this would not be the last time they would meet under such happy conditions. Brother Joseph Howarth, Wilton Lodge, No. 1077, responded on behalf of Mrs. Mills.

PRESENTATION AT FOLKESTONE.

A MOST delightful evening was enjoyed at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone, on Wednesday, 12th inst., when a smoking concert was given on the occasion of the jubilee birthday of Bro. G. L. Hart, Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, at whose invitation a number of guests assembled. The proceedings were of an unusually agreeable nature, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The host had a most agreeable surprise, inasmuch as his friends had subscribed a considerable sum of money, and purchased therewith a service of plate, weighing 120 ounces, and a valuable brooch for his lady, which, at the termination of the first part of the programme the Worshipful Master of the Temple Lodge (Bro. C. J. Saunders), in a few most admirable words, presented.

Bro. Saunders said he had the privilege and honour of proposing the toast of the evening, the health of their host, Bro. L. Hart. He did not know whether it was cause for congratulation or not, that Brother Hart had reached the age of fifty years, but considering that he had reached that age, and that he enjoyed such splendid and robust health, he felt it was a very great source of congratulation to him and to them. In that respect he thought that time had indeed dealt very gently with him. Added to that, he was that evening surrounded by a host of friends, and he thought he had every cause for satisfaction on that most auspicious occasion, seeing that he was favoured by such a splendid gathering of gentlemen, on that his fiftieth birthday. It was a splendid tribute to the high esteem in which Bro. Hart was held by his Masonic Brethren of Temple Lodge, and members of the Masonic Club. He was sure they would all unite in wishing him long life and happiness. Since Bro. Hart had joined their Lodge, some years since, a new impetus had been given to Masonry in the town, mainly through his

energy, guidance, and assistance in the cause. He had identified himself very closely with the Temple Lodge. It was mainly due to his influence and hearty co-operation that those premises were erected, and to him they were indebted for the happy home they had there for Masonry, and also for the establishment of their Masonic Club. In the name of the Brethren of the Temple Lodge, and the members of the Masonic Club, he had very great pleasure in asking Bro. Hart to accept the massive and beautiful silver service, as a slight recognition of the splendid service he had rendered. Having handed over the service, Bro. Saunders went on to say:—It is also the wish of the Brethren that you will allow your portrait to be either painted or photographed, so that we may have it in the Lodge or the Lodge Room. I also, on behalf of the Brethren, hand to you this brooch, and I hope you will take it to your wife and ask her to accept it. I am sure I express the sentiments of all your friends when I say that we hope that the happiness of your home life may be continued for many many years untainted by sorrow. May the Temple Lodge and this Masonic Club long have your assistance and help.

Bro. Hart said he hoped the Brethren would excuse him on that occasion for he was quite overcome and utterly unable to reply for the most generous reception which they had given him. It was quite overwhelming. His connection with Masonry had always been exceedingly pleasant; it had gained him hosts of friends, and he sincerely hoped he would never lose one of them. Any little services he might have rendered to the cause of Masonry he was sure had been more than fully repaid by the kind recognition they had always received at the hands of his Brethren, especially those of the Temple Lodge. He was, however, at that moment, utterly at a loss for words, and quite unable to express the gratitude he felt for the exceedingly kind reception accorded him that night, and that beautiful token which had been presented for his acceptance. He knew nothing of it, and it came to him as a very great surprise. He assured them that he should try to deserve it and should treasure it to the last day of his life. In fact it would hardly be out of his mind, day or night. For what he had done in the cause of Masonry they had been more than generous in their reception and treatment of him. What touched him more than anything else was the kindly reference to his good wife and their hearty reception of her name. He was sure she would feel with him that that was one of the proudest days of their life. It was certainly the proudest day in all his Masonic career. He had always previously regarded in that light the very high honour bestowed upon him when the Prov.G.Master conferred upon him the office of Junior Warden of Kent, but the present surpassed it. Under all the circumstances he asked them to kindly excuse him from attempting to express his deep feelings.

ALBERT PIKE.

THE following questions appear in "Notes and Queries": Some of the ridiculous French books directed against the English, the Jews, and the Freemasons, contain allusions to one Albert Pike, an American, who is said to have been "the chief of world-wide Freemasonry." Who was he? What claim had he to authority in Masonry? Was he Colonel Pike, the trapper, after whom Pike's Peak is named?—F.A.P.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst., the Grand Master Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart. M.P., presiding.

The accounts for the year ending 29th November were submitted, from which it appeared that the income had amounted to £4,909, and the expenditure to £2,654; the funds and estate amounted to £36,012, as compared with £34,870 last year. There had been 5,250 entrants to the Order. The state of the funds of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence showed income of £779 and expenditure of £685, making the funds £7,255, or £93 over the amount last year. An abstract of the accounts of the annuity branch of this fund showed a capital account of £23,187, compared with £21,636 last year, and the annuities paid during the year amounted to £1,035.

Among other business a proposal that Grand Committee take into consideration the advisability of holding a grand bazaar in the year 1900 in aid of the benevolent funds of Grand Lodge was adopted.

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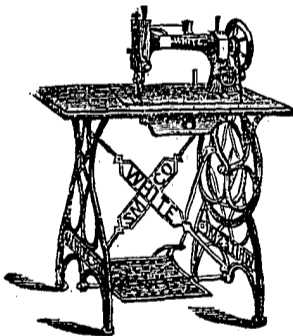
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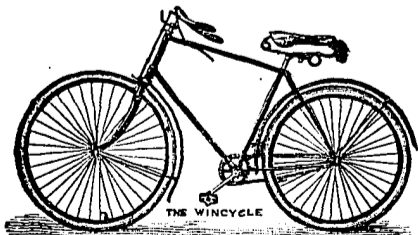
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Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8:30, The Squire of Dames. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Terry's.—8, An Old Garden. 8:43, Jedbury Jun.
Garrick.—8, The Interview. 8:20, The Professor's Love Story. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Avenue.—8, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Daly's.—8:15, Second edition of An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Comedy.—8:30, Gossip.
Haymarket.—8:30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Lyric.—8:15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Savoy.—7:50, After all. 8:30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Adelphi.—8, One of the best. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Strand.—8, The Man in the Street. 8:45, On Change. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Vaudeville.—8:30, Morrifield's Ghost. 9, The Romance of the Shopwalker.
Court.—8, A Highland Legacy. 9, Mrs. Ponderbury. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Shaftesbury.—8, Jeremy Diddler. 8:30, A Woman's Reason. Matinée, Saturday, 2:45.
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Royalty.—8, Kitty Clive—Actress. 8:40, The Chili Widow. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Olympic.—7:30, Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:30.
Princess's.—7:45, Here she goes. 8:30, The Colleen Bawn.
Opera Comique.—On Monday, Shamus O'Brien.
Alhambra.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 8:20, Lochinvar. 10:20, Blue Beard.
Empire.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. 7:55, On Brighton Pier. 10:10, New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse.
Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, Saturday, 2:15.
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NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 12 Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle
25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' H.
72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
256 Unions, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1924 Wickham, Brockley
2098 Harlesden, Harlesden
2212 Tyssen Amherst, Hackney
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Square and Compasses, Whitehaven
135 Perpetual F'ndship, Bridgwater
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
270 Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bdg.
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
388 Prudence, Halesworth
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsborough
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three G. Principles, Cambridge
478 Churchill, Oxford
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
827 St. John, Dewsbury
839 Royal Glo'stershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
985 Alexandra, Lincoln
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundulph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1743 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1757 King Henry the Eighth, Hemel Hempstead
1895 Thames, Henley
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kingston
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2520 Prince of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons'-hall, 4
9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
18 Old Dundee, City Terminus H.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
172 Old Concord, Freemasons'-hall

- 217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Bridge House Hot.
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Gold'n Square
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Limehouse
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
1693 Kingsland, Highbury
1803 Cornhill, Café Monico
2032 Richmond, Richmond
2128 United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel

- 2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant

- 47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beaufort, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam's, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
293 King's Friends, Nantwich
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
386 Unity, Wareham
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton
448 St. James, Halifax
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-o-T
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortescue, Honiton
859 Isaac Newton University, Cambridge
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1205 Metham, East Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1222 St. Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1336 Square & Compass, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beaminster
1488 St. Eleth, Amlwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Av.
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

Wednesday.

- Grand Lodge at 6 for 7.
1306 St. John, Gresham Street
1585 Royal Commemoration, Putney
74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.

- 611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, Manch'r
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
838 Franklin, Boston
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Loos
992 St. Thomas, Lower Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-St.
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsay, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Longleat, Warminster
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
1868 Unity, Oldham
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

- 10 Westminster Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Addertons'
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Ho.
227 Ionic, Criterion
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-h.
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holborn R.
1383 Friends in Council, Golden Sq.
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1672 Mornington, Holborn Viad't H.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, New Southgate
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2202 Regent's Park, Gloucester Gate
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone
2550 Piccadilly, Monico
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
132 Unity, Ringwood
195 Hengist, Bournemouth
215 Commerce, Haslingden
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariners, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesf'd
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
324 Moira, Stalybridge
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells, Somerset
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Durham
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool

- 539 St. Matthew, Walsall
625 Devonshire, Glossop
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
971 Trafalgar, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose Lancaster, Padiham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling Street, Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere, Kidderminster
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2169 Osborne, East Cowes, I. of W.
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion
554 Yarborough, London Tavern
1275 Star, Greenwich
1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
2076 Quatuor Coronati, F.M.H.
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
2488 Eccentric, Café Royal
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbdg.
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 L. Berkshire of Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde, I. of W.
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
1993 Wolsey, Manchester
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Colwin Bay

Saturday.

- 142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
2077 Epping, Chingford
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 7-30
 174 Sincerity, Blackwell Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., 8
 180 St. James's Union, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 211 St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison Road North, W., 8
 511 Zetland, The Falkland, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 548 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., 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
 2134 Royal Victorian Jubilee, The Feathers, 116 Lambeth Walk, S.E., 8
 2206 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, 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., 8s
 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, Ladbrooke 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 and 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
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, 7-30
 2190 Savage Club, Savage Club, 7 Adelphi Terrace, 6
 2409 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., 8
 M.M. Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall, W.C., 1st and 3rd Friday, 6

Saturday.

- 87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, Nunhead, 7-30
 179 Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston Road, N.W., 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, Islington, 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Broadway, 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1348 Ebury, The Grapes, 123 Borough High Street, 8
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord 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
 1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
 2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, King Street, Hammersmith, 7-30

Sunday.

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