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RESIGNATION OF THE DEPUTY G.M.

IT has been freely announced during the week that the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe has resigned the position of Deputy Grand Master of England, and that the Grand Master has appointed Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master of Kent to the vacant post, but up to the time of writing we have had no official notification of the change.

Similarly, the announcement as to Viscount Ebrington's retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, which was recorded in our last issue, and previously in many of the daily papers of the Kingdom, is hardly yet "known" in official circles, although Viscount Ebrington, replying to the toast of his health at the meeting of the Barnstaple Lodge on Monday of last week, himself stated the facts of the case, remarking that he could not find sufficient time to perform the duties connected with such a large Province as Devon, numbering between 50 and 60 Lodges. Although he did not mind the responsibility, he did not wish to keep office if he could not properly carry out the duties; he had, therefore, placed his resignation in the hands of H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the same had been accepted.

We never could understand the need for such reticence, as is here referred to, on the part of those in authority, and regard attempts at secrecy under such conditions as not only wholly out of place, but very likely to create a feeling of distrust on the part of those who are left in the dark as to what is actually taking place. Such an appointment as that of Deputy Grand Master of England is one that carries with it the sympathy and the interest of the whole English Craft, and to say that there is any need for delaying the official announcement of a change that—assuming it to have taken place—was known to us nearly a week since, appears to us to be wholly inconsistent.

Of course our remarks in this connection are, in a manner of speaking, mere conjecture, but we think there is truth in the rumours that have reached us, and we accordingly take the earliest opportunity of tendering our congratulations to Earl Amherst, on what we venture to predict will be the most popular appointment of the day in Freemasonry, one that many regarded as certain when last the Deputy Grand Mastership was open, and which caused no little disappointment when it was found another had been selected for the honour.

Referring to the resignation of Viscount Ebrington as Prov. Grand Master of Devon, the "Devon and Exeter Gazette" says every Mason in the Province knows that, to a man who really carries out the duties of Provincial Grand Master with any degree of regularity, the tax is very great, and no surprise ought to be occasioned at his lordship now wishing to retire from the post. Of course it is an honourable as well as an onerous one, and his lordship has maintained the former character of the office by never shrinking from its duties. He is a member of the Barnstaple Lodge, No. 251; in which he was initiated in 1877, continuing a member ever since. Two years later, namely, in August 1879, he was installed, at the Victoria Hall, Exeter, as Prov. Grand Master, by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire. His lordship succeeded the late Bro. the Rev. John Hayshe Past Grand Chaplain of England.

GRAND CHAPTER SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 19th. Companion Black Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire was called to the chair, and the Earl of Haddington was elected First Grand Principal; Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow, Depute Grand Principal; C. C. Nisbet, Edinburgh, Second Grand Principal; J. MacNaught Campbell, Glasgow, Third Grand Principal; R. S. Brown Grand Scribe.

The Companions afterwards celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, Major Allan in the chair.

After dinner Comp. James Simpson, Edinburgh, proposed the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Chairman, in replying as Junior Grand Warden, spoke in high terms of the work of the Grand Lodge and the estimation in which it was held abroad, as he had experienced at Gibraltar and other places.

"Class Lodges" are just now so much the rage in English Freemasonry as to attract notice from the daily press. They really appear to be greatly on the increase, the various professions, trades and corporations seeming anxious to have Lodges the membership of which are to be restricted to their respective bodies. Following quickly upon the establishment of the Radnor (professional), Hugh Owen (Poor Law Officers), and the London County Council Lodge, with Bro. Lord Onslow as W.M., we are informed that members of the London School Board, with the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex (Lord George Hamilton) at their head, have applied for a Warrant of Constitution. The Guards' Brigade Lodge is being formed by General Lord Methuen and other Officers, and it is quite within the bounds of probability that the City Corporation Lodge will be heard of before long.

An extraordinary case of committal for contempt of court is reported in a Chicago paper, says the "Morning." Mr. W. H. Freeman appeared in the interest of a client in the Superior Court of Anderson, Indiana, before Judge Devin, who is a Freemason. Freeman, who also belongs to the Craft, wore a "Masonic pin"—whatever that may be—and as the case proceeded he gave the "Masonic sign of distress." This was quickly recognised by the Judge, and by some Masons on the jury. The Judge forthwith sent Freeman to gaol for contempt of court. The advocate, who denies having made any signs at all, threatens to appeal to the Grand Lodge for vindication. Meanwhile, another judge, Seymour D. Thomson, has made a statement to the effect that he has been frequently approached while on the bench by persons giving Masonic signs.

Among the London candidates for the next election of the Girls School is one—No. 25, Winifred Kate Watkins—whose age will be a bar to her future application, should she be unsuccessful next month. We therefore make an appeal to such of our readers as may have a vote or two unpledged to forward same on her behalf to the mother, Mrs. C. J. Watkins, 79 Chelverton Road, Putney, S.W., or to Bro. A. T. West, 18 Rodney Terrace, Putney. The case is well vouched for, and being a last application, and at the same time new to the list, is particularly urgent.

We understand Bro. J. C. Malcolm, Coroner for Leeds, is the successor of Bro. Henry Smith, who, it will be remembered, recently resigned the appointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Berks and Oxon will be held at Maidenhead, under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, probably in July next.

MASSACHUSETTS CLAIM REPUDIATED.

We reprint, from the "American Tyler" of 23rd Dec. 1893, the following article by Bro. Jacob Norton, as corrected by its author.

IN 1842 Grand Secretary Charles W. Moore told me that he had an original record of his Grand Lodge from 1733. In 1857 Moore published a book, called "The Constitutions of Massachusetts," containing also the life of Price, &c., and in a list of officers given on one of the tables Charles Pelham is placed as Grand Secretary under date of 1744. But in 1869 I saw the old record and found there—in Charles Pelham's own handwriting—that he was the first Grand Secretary of the G.L. of Massachusetts, and that his appointment did not take place before April 1750, hence the Massachusetts G.L. record could not have been an original record since 1733, or before April 1750; other internal evidence served further to confirm the fact that no record whatever was kept before Charles Pelham's appointment. Among which I noticed that a number of paragraphs began with "About the time." In original records we do not find paragraphs begin in that fashion. Here is a specimen, and I will hereafter show that the statements therein are incorrect. It begins as follows:

"June 24th 1734. * * * About this time our W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, from Philadelphia, became acquainted with our R.W.G.M. Mr. Price, who further instructed him in the Royal Art, and said Franklin on his return to Philadelphia called the Brethren together, who petitioned our W.G.M. for a Constitution to hold a Lodge, and our R.W.G.M., having this year received orders from the G.L. of England to establish Masonry in all parts of N. A., did send a deputation to Philadelphia, appointing the R.W. Mr. Benjamin Franklin first Master, which is the beginning of Masonry there."

On page 97 of Moore's book, above referred to, Moore said:

"The first warrant (Price) issued was for a Lodge in Philadelphia, called in the records 'The first Lodge in Pennsylvania.' The authority for it was granted to his intimate personal friend and Brother, Benjamin Franklin, who was its first Master. The warrant bears date June 24th 1734."

But Franklin's letters to Price, wherein he petitioned for a deputation, published in the "American Tyler," 16th September, was not dated before 28th November 1734, the Charter Price granted could not have been dated 24th June 1734. Again, Franklin's letters to Price of November 1734 were signed "B. Franklin G.M.," hence 1734 could not have been the beginning of Masonry in Philadelphia. But I shall hereafter show that 1734 was not the beginning in Philadelphia. And I shall show hereafter that Price never established legal Masonry in Philadelphia at all.

Thus, Franklin visited Price in Boston, 1733, and we may naturally suppose that he asked Price to show him his English deputation. It seems, however, that Price avoided showing his deputation, and that Franklin evidently doubted the genuineness of Price's claims. When, however, Franklin read an article in the Boston prints, which was asserted to have come from London, "purporting (as Franklin says in his letter) that at a Grand Lodge there (in London) in August last Mr. Price's deputation and power was extended over all America, which advice we hope is true," &c., which means that he was not quite sure that it was true; he, nevertheless, wrote to Price to send him a document that would serve to legalise Masonry in Pennsylvania. But Franklin wanted Price to send him, in addition to a deputation to give authority for his Masonry in Pennsylvania, evidence that Price was in possession of authority from England to enable him to legalise Masonry in Franklin's Province. It is reasonable to suppose that if Price had shown to Franklin a genuine document, signed and sealed, which empowered him to act as G.M. for New England, Franklin would not have demanded of Price to send copies of both deputation, signed by the Boston Wardens and Secretary. The fact, however, is, all the power that Price received from the English Grand Officers was merely for opening a Lodge, copies of such document have been furnished in those days to persons in England, as well as to some who went to America. Bro. Hughan furnished two or more copies of deputations for merely constituting a Lodge in a place where no Provincial G.M. was appointed, and the same document, says Bro. Hughan, the Master of the Lodge preserved as its Charter, and here is a specimen of one of these deputations issued by the same Officers, which gave Price's deputation in 1733.

"Montague, G.M.,
(Seal.)

Greeting.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to us, and signed by several Brethren residing in and about the City of Exeter, humbly praying that they may be constituted into a regular Lodge.

These are therefore to empower and authorize our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brethren, John Bray, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, or either of them, to convene our Brethren at Exeter aforesaid, who have signed the said petition, and that the said John Bray, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, do

in our place and stead, constitute a regular Lodge in due form (they, the said John Bray, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Jeffreys taking special care that they and every of them have been regularly made Masons), with like privileges as all their regular Lodges enjoy; and that they may be required to conform themselves to all and every the regulations contained in the printed book of Constitutions, and observe such other rules and instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to them by us, Thomas Betson, Esq. our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his deputy for the time being; and that they do send to us, or our deputy, a list of the members of their Lodge, together with the rules agreed on to be observed, to the end that they may be entered in the Grand Lodge book, and upon the due execution of this our deputation, the said John Bray, Esq., or Mr. Thomas Jeffreys, is hereby required to transmit to us or our said deputy, a certificate, under both or either of their hands, of the time and place of such Constitution, in order that they may be entered on the Book of Regular Lodges.

Given under hand and seal of office, this eleventh day of July, and in the year of Masonry 5732."

Here follow the signatures of the D.G.M., the two Wardens, and of the G. Secretary.

Now, when constituting a Lodge by a temporary Deputy Grand Master, the said personage opened a G.L., appointed his deputy, and two Grand Wardens, and played Grand Master during the time it took him to constitute the Lodge. After the ceremony was over, the grandness of himself, of his deputy, and of his Wardens, disappeared, and continued to be no more than the other Brethren of the Lodge were, and just such a deputation did Price bring to Boston. And as to the alleged deputation he received from a G.L. held in August 1734, no copy whatever exists or ever has existed. Indeed, Price could not have received any power from a G.L. held in London in 1734, because no G.L. was held in August 1734, or, in other words, no G.L. met in London from 30th March 1734 till the 24th February 1735. The article in the "Boston News," mentioned in Franklin's letter, was doubtless inserted into the Boston paper at the instigation of Price, but was not the only untruth Price was guilty of.

That Price did not legalise Pennsylvania Masonry either by sending to Franklin a deputation or Charter, may be clearly proven from the fact that in 1749 Franklin received a deputation from G.M. Oxnard, of Boston, who was Provincial G.M. of all North America. Franklin then, as Provincial G.M. of Pennsylvania, chartered the Philadelphia Lodge. Yes, he chartered the very Lodge wherein he himself was initiated in 1731. And according to the Masonic Constitution, he sent to Oxnard three guineas for the said Charter. The record has it that Franklin sent thirty guineas. Such, however, was the sum according to depreciated currency then circulating in Massachusetts, but in reality it amounted to £3 3s. sterling. Now, had Price legalised Masonry in 1724, there would have been no need for Franklin to have obtained a deputation from Oxnard in 1749.

Again, within a few months after Oxnard legalised Masonry in Pennsylvania, Bro. W. Allen, who constituted himself Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1732, petitioned the Grand Master of England to send him a deputation for Provincial Grand Master over Pennsylvania, and a deputation was sent to him accordingly. It is therefore evident that had Price legalised Masonry in Pennsylvania in 1734, that Bro. Allen would not have waited until 1750 before applying to the Grand Master of England for said deputation, and Franklin would not have paid Oxnard in 1752 three guineas for a Charter for his Lodge. These, besides other reasons, convinced me that Price did not send to Franklin in 1734 either a deputation or a Charter, and for good reasons I am satisfied that Price had no power to send a Charter to Philadelphia. Nay, more, the record claims that Price chartered four Lodges during the four years he was G.M. But there is no truth whatever in it. Price did, indeed, open a Lodge in Boston in 1733, but he chartered no other Lodge afterwards, nor did he send a Charter to South Carolina in 1735, as C. W. Moore asserts.

Having given a specimen of the unreliability of C. W. Moore's historical statements, I am sorry to say that the present G.S. of Massachusetts is not much better than Moore was. Moore had an advantage of the present G.S., for Moore was not only boss of the G.L., but he was regarded as "the greatest Masonic authority in the world," both inside and outside of the G.L., and no one dared to question his statements. But now, though Bro. Nickerson is also boss of the G.L. yet outside of the G.L. he is not regarded as infallible authority, and people are free to criticise his statements. Briefly, then, I will show that where Masonic pride or prejudice prevails over his mind, he is more or less regardless of strict truth. For instance, in his address at the 150th anniversary of Masonry in Massachusetts, printed in this paper on 9th and 16th September 1893, speaking of the pre-1717 Masons, Bro. Nickerson said: "And few went beyond that degree."

Thus implying that the pre-1717 Masons had more degrees than one, but in the first place, there is not a particle of evidence to prove the before-1717 Masons had more than one "Masons' word," or conferred in their Lodges more than one degree. In an article of mine printed in the "Freemason" (London), I demonstrated that the manuscript, which Bro. Hughan called "old charges," and I believe that they now count up to between

seventy and eighty in number, were nothing more or less than the rituals of the pre-1717 Masons. Each Lodge in those days possessed a copy of the said ritual, but were of course not seen by non-Masons. Occasionally, however, one of the manuscript rituals fell into the hands of what is called "a profane." Dr. Plott late in the seventeenth century described a copy of that kind. On the day my article was printed Bro. Hughan sent me a very complimentary letter, frankly approving of my conclusion. Now, if the pre-1717 Masons conferred or possessed more than one Masonic degree, how is it that not a solitary copy of a ritual of that degree, or degrees, has ever been found?

Again, quite a number of Scotch Masonic Lodge records exist, whose dates begin many years before 1717. Thus, the Edinburgh Lodge record began in 1598, other Lodge records began thirty or more years later. Brother David Murray Lyon, now Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has examined every one of the said Scotch records, but he could nowhere find the slightest hint in any of them that the Scotch Masons conferred more than one degree, before the date when the Grand Lodge of England was formed.

In England were preserved only two operative Lodge records, viz., the record of Alnwick Lodge, which began in 1703, and continued till 1757. The record begins with a copy of the then Masonic ritual, "Old Charges," and that is the only ritual the Lodge conferred. Another operative Lodge record belonged to a Lodge at Sweldwell, which record began in 1725, and continued till 24th June 1735, when the Lodge obtained a Charter from the Grand Lodge of England. The said Lodge is now called "The Lodge of Industry," and is placed on the English Lodge list as No. 48. Now, both of the said English operative Lodge records have been examined, and no evidence was discovered that either of those conferred more than one degree. Such being the case, what reason had Bro. Nickerson to assert that before 1717 Masons had more than one degree, and that "few Masons went beyond that (or the first) degree?"

Again, the first Boston Lodge was said to have had a record from 1733, because by-laws dated 1733 have been some years ago printed by Moore, but what became of the said record no one knew. Moore asserted that he returned the said record to the Secretary of the Lodge, and that it was burnt in the Masonic Temple in 1863. The record, however, was found in Moore's house after Moore's death late in 1873. In January 1874, I was allowed by G. M. S. Nickerson to examine the said record. After a half hour's pondering, I came to the conclusion that the said record was copied from previous records. It seems that somewhere between 1752 and 1754—or after Charles Pelham had finished manufacturing the G.L. record from 1733 to April 1752—a Brother who was Warden of the Boston Lodge in 1738 was generous to present the Lodge with a record book, and of course devolved on Charles Pelham the task of transcribing the Lodge minutes from the original minute books. So after getting somebody to insert into the new book the by-laws of 1733, and the so-called deputation of Henry Price, it seems that he got the Secretary of 1738 to copy his own minutes of that year into the new book, but from 1739 (as far as I remember) to 12th September 1744, the minutes are signed P. (or Peter) Pelham, and from the very next meeting after the above date until June 1754, the minutes are signed C. (or Charles) Pelham. But I had not the slightest doubt that from 1739, to the end of the record, was written by Charles Pelham. When, however, I reported my opinion to Bro. Nickerson, he flew into a passion because I did not believe the record was a bona fide, original record, and he asked me how I knew whether Peter and Charles did not write exactly alike? A few years later, however, I learned that I could find a receipt written and signed by Peter Pelham in the Boston Historical Society Rooms. I then took a facsimile of part of the manuscript, including the signature of Peter Pelham, and when I showed it to Bro. Nickerson he admitted the writing of Peter Pelham on the receipt bore no resemblance to any writing in the Boston Lodge record, but in Brother Nickerson's oration, as printed in the "American Tyler" of 9th and 16th September, he says that "The record of the first (Boston) Lodge, from 26th December 1739 to 24th July 1754, are in the handwritings of Peter Pelham and his son Charles."

I, however, without hesitation, assert that Bro. Nickerson cannot find in his G.L. archives a solitary line or even a word that was written by the hand of Peter Pelham.

Sufficient has been given to show that where Masonic prejudice or Masonic pride is concerned, Brother Nickerson's statements are just as unreliable as those of C. W. Moore. Bro. Nickerson may flourish as long as he pleases Pelham's record to prove Price's Grand Mastership of New England and over all North America; but as Franklin, for reason already given, never accepted from Price in 1734 or later, either a Provincial deputation, or even a Charter for his Lodge, it is evident, therefore, that Price did not comply with Franklin's demand for Price to send him copies of both deputation, certified by the signature of Price's Wardens and Secretary. And here again,

the only reason I can assign why Price did not send copies of said deputations, was because he was in possession of no such deputations in 1734. In short, after looking at the question from every standpoint, I can come to no other conclusion than that Price was an impostor, and the so-called Price's deputation in the Massachusetts G.L. record of 1733 was not concocted before Charles Pelham's appointment of Grand Secretary in 1750.

I must here add that G. M. Gardner endeavoured, in 1871, to defend Price's claims to Grand Mastership, to which I replied in the London "Freemason," of 10th and 17th August 1872. The said reply was approved of by Bro. S. Evans, editor of the "Masonic Monthly" in Boston, by the well-known Masonic journalist and author, Fletcher J. Brennan, by Dr. Joseph Robbins Grand Secretary of Correspondence of the G.L. of Illinois, who devoted twenty-one pages of the proceedings of his G.L. to review the Henry Price controversy, and he wound up as follows:

"As we have before said, we do not believe that anyone could have handled the materials more ably and judiciously than Bro. Gardner has done in his attempt to prove the validity of Price's claims. That he has failed—as in our opinion he has—is due to weakness inherent in the case that neither labour nor skill could cover up."

And last, and not least, Bro. J. G. Findel, the well-known Masonic historian, not only applauded in a private letter my reply to Bro. Gardner, but as the fourth edition of his history of Masonry can be seen in the Boston Masonic library, any curious reader can satisfy himself that he adopted the same opinion about the alleged Henry Price's Grand Mastership as I did. In the "Cincinnati Masonic Review" of November and December 1890, and in January and July 1891, the reader can find more reasons to disprove Price's claims, or claims made in behalf of his claim of Grand Mastership, &c.

I will now wind up with a most unaccountable puzzle, viz: About five years ago, Brother Nickerson informed me that he would print the Massachusetts G.L. record from 1733 to 1754. Since then he printed one volume of the said work, but he never continued the work, nor has the printed volume seen light since it was printed. It seems that the printed volume is suppressed. Of course there is a reason for it, and some speculation is even now circulating. One opinion is that second thought convinced Brother Nickerson that by circulating the volume it would help to explode his highly favoured Henry Price hobby. I think that the above reason is not improbable. Perhaps, however, the perusal of the above may induce Brother Nickerson to explain why he did not continue the work, and why he suppressed the volume already printed?

Boston, 1st October 1893.

I must here call the reader's attention to the fact that it is now more than two years since the above was printed in the "American Tyler," yet Bro. Nickerson has made no reply to my questions. Last summer he delivered an address about Henry Price, before St. John's Lodge, and as far as I could learn; all of his arguments in support of the assertion that Henry Price had been Grand Master were based on the early records of the G.L. of Mass. And I now ask again, first, What authority had he for stating in his address that Masons had three degrees before 1717? and secondly, Why did he not continue re-printing the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and why did he suppress the volumes he did print?

Boston, 10th February 1896.

Masonic Sonnets, No. 115.

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By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 2417, 1242, 295 (E.C.), 761, 24 (S.C.).

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STABILITY.

WORD denoting majesty and might!
 Let all who term themselves Accepted Free,
 Still cling to precepts ever taught by thee
 To sons who know thee when they've seen the Light:
 And ever strong and steadfast in the Right
 Firm and immovable for all time be;
 Decided, certain, and unwaveringly
 Performing deeds that know no dread of night!
 Then fixed, determined in their purpose grand,
 So will they conquer while the world admires
 This one true precept seen on every hand
 Which elevates, ennobles and inspires.
 And deeds Masonic founded on this base
 Win all renown and justly gain all praise!

Winder House, Bradford,
 23rd March 1896.

OLD Books and Curiosities relating to Freemasonry, Knights Templars, Rosicrucians or other Secret Societies wanted. Address, W. W. Morgan, New Barnet.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. W. M. Roberts W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. J. Brown S.W., F. Wortham J.W., S. R. Walker Sec., W. H. Faircloth I.P.M., E. A. Cottebrune P.M., R. J. Rogers P.M., J. W. Curtis P.M., G. Weaver S.D., C. E. Lilly J.D., R. A. Bench I.G., W. Busby and G. Walker Stewards, Clark Organist, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler.

There were also present:—Bros. Drew P.M., F. Allen P.M., A. Arrowsmith P.M., S. Manne, H. H. Bagnall, W. Busby, George C. Butcher, M. Diamond, John Shapcott, J. West, R. Armstrong, E. Stevens, White, Oates, Strong, Beasley, Rolles, Goddard, Williams, Ison, and several others.

Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Ascott, Mayor of Bideford, P.M. 489 P.P.G.D.C., A. Clark W.M. Samson Lodge, A. S. Fowles Crookes Eclectic Lodge, Brown Barnet Lodge, Moir Regents Park Lodge, Whales Cornwallis Lodge, Blame St. John Lodge, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and others.

The meeting of this successful Lodge was very interesting, on account of the exceptional amount of work, and for the exceedingly good and perfect manner in which all the ceremonies were rendered by the W.M., who had most able assistance from his Officers.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the usual preliminaries Bros. George C. Butcher and T. Beasley were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

Messrs. Hennig, Holston, Taylor, and Goulding were balloted for, and that test proving unanimously in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being rendered in a clever and impressive manner.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a *recherché* dinner was served, for which great credit was due to Bro. Hamp, the able manager of the Holborn Restaurant, under whose personal superintendence it was provided.

After formal toasts Bro. W. H. Faircloth I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and reviewed the excellent work which Bro. Roberts had done. He hoped that during the remainder of his year of office he would have as much work as he had had that evening.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was received with quite an ovation. He thanked Bro. Faircloth and the Brethren in general for the kind way in which reference had been made respecting his work. It was the greatest pleasure, indeed the happiest moment in his life, to occupy that honourable chair.

The toast of the Past Masters was coupled with the names of Brother Faircloth I.P.M., R. J. Rogers, J. W. Curtis, W. Drew, A. Arrowsmith, E. A. Cottebrune, S. R. Walker Sec., and others.

The Initiates were toasted, and in response Bro. F. Hennig thanked the W.M. and Brethren for making him a member of the Craft. He hoped to be a worthy member of the Lodge.

Bro. Halston proposed to give a song, as no doubt the Brethren preferred his song to his speech.

Bro. Taylor thanked the W.M. and others. He must say that the W.M. has appeared to perform his duties in a most able manner. Bro. Goulding also responded in suitable terms.

The toast of the Visitors followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Clark and Ascott, who received a very hearty ovation on rising to respond.

Bro. Clark expressed the great pleasure he felt at visiting the Westbourne Lodge, and witnessing the excellent working of the W.M. He thanked the Brethren on behalf of the visitors for the handsome way they had been received.

Bro. P.M. Ascott said he must thank his old friend Bro. P.M. Drew for inviting him to such a representative Lodge as the Westbourne, and for the delightful evening he had spent with them. He also expressed his admiration of the working and of the efficient assistance of the Officers in the ceremonies, and in a very humorous speech invited the members of the Lodge to pay him a visit at his home in Devonshire. He concluded by thanking the W.M. and Brethren for the very hospitable way in which he had been received that evening.

Bro. Clark presided at the pianoforte, the vocal items being contributed by Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M., Drew P.M., Bro. Wheeler, and others. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE annual installation meeting took place on Thursday, 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C. Bro. Herbert Sprake the out-going Master presided, and was supported by his Officers, several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:

Bros. James Speller W.M. 2374 P.P.G.D. Essex, D. M. Forbes P.M. 969, C. W. Raymont P.M. 1716, G. Wallace P.M. 907, J. R. Reep P.M. 2241, G. H. Barrett P.M. 1579, H. J. Bidwell P.M. 2120 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, T. Jones P.M. 1607, Leonard Potts P.M. 1716, Geo. Gabb P.M. 902, H. Kearney P.M. 15, C. Sims P.M. 861, J. Levy P.M. 205, W. M. Wells P.M. 34, A. Stewart P.M. 394, F. C. Bradley J.W. 15, A. E. Purkis J.D. 1314, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, J. H. Anderson 2272, G. A. Mustoe 813, F. J. Oliver 1056, W. T. P. Taylor 79, G. S. Maull 1297, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, Capt. W. R. Wilkinson 250, G. R. N. Wheeler 2130, R. Stuart 2098, W. Batt 1716, A. Smith 2426, C. Anderson 95, R. W. Hobden 1328, R. J. West 1744, R. Farrant 1220, F. M. Fisk 19, J. Hughes 1316, J. F. Knibb P.M. 1158, W. Robinson 860, N. Magee P.M. 174, D. M. Sherwill 813, H. Pepperdine 2394, G. H. Peters 2394.

The Lodge was duly opened at five o'clock, when the minutes of the last regular meeting on 19th January, and the emergency meeting on 12th March were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Thomas Brooks and Mr. William Henry Carter, and these gentlemen being in attendance were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Sprake.

The next business was the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Henry Daniel Blake having been elected for that office was introduced by Bro. P.M. Gabb, and signified his assent to the usual charges and regulations of the Craft.

A board of Masters being formed Bro. Blake was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient form, the ceremony being performed by Brother C. Weeden.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren, the new Master was proclaimed and saluted by the Brethren in the various degrees. The following Officers of the Lodge were invested:—J. Moar S.W., G. Simpson J.W., C. J. Stevens Chaplain, H. J. Gabb P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Potter P.M. Secretary, R. Clarke S.D., J. J. Lewis J.D., W. M. Johnson I.G., E. Johnson Organist, C. Weeden P.M. D.C., T. W. Buckner A.D.C., T. W. Couch, J. Alloway and A. Bray Stewards, A. K. Turberfield Tyler. The ancient addresses to the Master Wardens and Brethren were admirably and impressively delivered by Bro. Weeden, for which he received the thanks of the Lodge.

The Auditors' report and balance sheet of the Lodge accounts and Benevolent Fund were presented and adopted.

The Lodge was then closed and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

The Master gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, in brief but happy terms.

The W.M. was proposed by Bro. Herbert Sprake I.P.M., who stated that it gave him much pleasure to submit the toast, which he was sure would be received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Blake would make a model W.M. He had not the slightest doubt that he would do everything necessary for the Lodge, and would not only keep up its well-known reputation, but add to its lustre. He wished him every happiness during his term of office.

Bro. H. D. Blake W.M., who received a very hearty greeting on rising to reply, said that after the way he had been toasted it was difficult for him to adequately respond, but he thanked them from his heart. It was now six years since he was initiated in that, his Mother Lodge. He hoped during his year of office to have their confidence, and that they would never regret electing him as Master. It would be his earnest endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and at the end of his tether to be able to hand over to his successor that which he had received, pure and unsullied.

The W.M. next gave the I.P.M. Bro. Sprake, and remarked that the proof of the pudding was in the eating. Bro. Sprake had had a most successful year of office, a large number of initiates, and the Lodge had prospered under his genial presidency. It was now his pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, to present Bro. Sprake with a Past Master's jewel, as a small token for his great services and what they all felt towards him, and he hoped he would be spared for many years to be with them to wear the jewel, which he so richly deserved.

The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. HERBERT SPRAKE,

by the Brethren of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813,

in appreciation of his zeal and assiduity as W.M.

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Bro. Sprake, in response, said that the W.M. had been too praiseworthy in his remarks. He had endeavoured to do his best, and if he had succeeded to their satisfaction he was more than gratified; but he was a busy man, having to play many parts. His term of office had been a very happy one. He thanked his Officers and all the members, for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands, and hoped his successor would have the same support as he had had. It was twenty years since he joined the Lodge, and during that time the Treasurers had well guarded the funds. When he went into the chair he stated that all should be well entertained during his reign, and at that time it was thought by the members that he would be an expensive Master; however, the audit showed them to be in a good condition, and what was prognosticated had luckily not come to pass. In conclusion he referred to the summer outing, which he observed was a splendid success, and he was proud of it.

In submitting the toast of the Installing Master the W.M. stated that all those who were fortunate to see the whole of the ceremony must have been impressed with Bro. Weeden's excellent working.

Bro. C. Weeden P.M. responded. It was a pleasure and honour to act as Installing Master, and he assured them that he would be always ready and willing to do his best to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. remarking that Lodges would be tame indeed without visitors. He was glad to see so many friends. On behalf of the Lodge he gave them a very hearty welcome, and hoped to see them there again. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Pierpoint P.M.

Bro. Pierpoint responded. He was not accustomed to making speeches. It had fallen to his happy lot to have been present on many occasions, and he was always delighted when asked to attend the New Concord Lodge. The members were to be congratulated in having such an efficient W.M.; he wished him every happiness. In looking to the shelf of Past Masters he missed many faces, but there were some left who were dear friends of his. He had spent a very pleasant evening, and on behalf of the visitors (and it was a great honour to be called upon to respond for the whole, who he felt sure had thoroughly enjoyed themselves), he thanked the members for their kind treatment and entertainment.

The W.M. proposed the initiates. He thought they were of the right sort, and he hoped they would be a credit to the Lodge and the Craft.

Bro. T. Brooks responded. He was pleased to be a Mason, and it would be his duty to make himself a fit and proper member. He observed the kindly feeling all round, which assured him that Freemasonry was good. He felt he had done the right thing in joining the Order.

Bro. W. H. Carter also acknowledged the toast, stating it was one of the dreams of his life to be a Freemason. He was sorry that he had not entered before. The splendid ceremony he had gone through he should never forget, and he hoped to prove himself a good and true Brother.

In giving the Past Masters, the W.M. said he was glad to see so good an array present, as they were, beyond the slightest doubt, the very backbone of the Lodge. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. T. B. Richards.

In response, Bro. Richards stated that all the Past Masters reciprocated the kind words of the W.M.

The W.M. gave the Treasurer and Secretary, remarking that they had every confidence in their Treasurer, Bro. Gabb, and as to the Secretary, Bro. Potter, he was well-known to the Masonic world in the metropolis, and he was a good fellow.

Bro. Potter Secretary acknowledged the toast, and the Officers having been honoured and the toast responded to by Bro. Moar S.W., the Tyler brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination. The musical entertainment was excellent.

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GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, 19th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Charles Davis W.M., A. C. Doughty S.W., T. G. Doughty J.W., Rev.

J. H. Rose P.M. Chaplain, S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, W. Cleghorn P.M. Secretary, E. B. Homeward S.D., C. T. Wilkinson J.D., C. Kempton P.M. D.C., A. Kenningham Organist, T. Steer I.G., H. T. Reed P.M. Steward, G. Ridout I.P.M., R. Cane P.M., J. Edgar P.M., J. Paul P.M.

Visitors:—Bros. A. B. Spawforth W.M. 211, J. W. Burgess P.M. 2492 P.G.D.Bucks, W. Wilkinson J.D. 742, J. D. Burnie 238 (South Australia) P.G.O., C. T. Fleck P.M. 172, B. Phillips W.M. 1362, C. J. E. Tijou P.A.G.P., F. W. Hancock P.M. 548, J. M. Dexter J.D. 1237, J. Leach Barrett W.M. 2369, Montagu Woolf W.M. 766, W. Dee 1693.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Hubbard and Payton were entrusted, after which they were regularly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, Bro. Gennari was entrusted, and, on resumption of the Lodge, he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The ballot was taken for Mr. George Osborn, who was then initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the Crown Room to dine.

The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Tijou P.A.G.P. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. G. Ridout and was responded to in due course.

The initiate's toast was proposed and acknowledged. The health of the visitors was proposed and responded to in a very eloquent speech by Bro. J. D. Burnie, as representing the Grand Lodge of South Australia, also by Bros. J. W. Burgess, A. B. Spawforth, B. Phillips, J. Leach Barrett, and Montagu Woolf.

The musical arrangements were under the care of Bro. A. Kenningham Organist of the Lodge, the total attendance numbering sixty.

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CORDWAINER WARD LODGE, No. 2241.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, when Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, was elected Worshipful Master by the unanimous vote of the members.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, W., Bro. C. T. Brown W.M., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362 S.W., Major Reed J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer and acting I.G., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, F. Wortham Secretary, G. Weaver S.D., C. E. Lilly J.D., T. C. Edmonds P.M., S. Manne, J. W. Curtis P.M., A. L. Butters, C. Halston, W. H. Handover, J. Wynman, T. W. Mogford, G. C. Butcher.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds candidate. Bro. Halston answered the questions leading to the second degree and Lodge was advanced.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. G. D. Mogford assumed the chair. Bro. Handover was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, after which the W.M. resumed the chair.

Bro. C. Halston and Bro. Handover were elected members, and Bro. G. D. Mogford W.M. for next week.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

ON the 25th inst., at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N.E., Bro. W. J. Ball W.M., Jackson S.W., Bescoby J.W., J. A. Powell Treas., Gaskin acting Sec., Feistel S.D., Mason J.D., T. Matthews I.G., Cohen Preceptor, Witte, Platt.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Mason was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Mason acting candidate. The second and third sections of the third lecture, also fourth section of the first lecture, were worked by Bro. Cohen, assisted by the Brethren. Bro. Mason was proposed as a member, and elected unanimously. Bro. Powell rehearsed and explained the fifth section in form of a lecture.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 24th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., Bro. T. W. Alderman W.M., G. H. Clark S.W., S. Matthews J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, W. S. Harvey Sec., S. C. Kaufman, Christian, W. Seaman, Greenwood, and other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lehm being candidate. Bro. Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture.

Bro. G. H. Clark was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. E. G. Platt was elected a member.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. T. W. Alderman for the way he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, it being the first time he had taken that duty in any Lodge of Instruction.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

ON the 20th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, E.C., Bro. A. G. Ball W.M., F. Barth S.W., J. Reeves J.W., W. G. Hunter Treas., E. Dimes Sec.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Henry candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dimes.

Bro. Butler answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the W.M. returned to the chair and closed the Lodge.

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CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON the 20th inst., at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., Bro. Thomas Feistel W.M., Calley S.W., Bishop J.W., F. Dunstan P.M.

Preceptor, T. Matthews acting Secretary, Friedlander S.D., Mason J.D., Ives P.M. Inner Guard, Witte and Jones.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones 1223 candidate, Bros. Dunstan and Witte assisted by the Brethren worked the first and second sections of the first lecture.

Bro. H. J. Calley was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

AT the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, the usual meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. R. S. Smerdon W.M., Staples S.W., Musto J.W., Martin S.D., Paterson J.D., Duval I.G., J. W. Dixon P.M. 2168 Sec., W. Laurence P.M. 2168 Preceptor, Morton, Wynman, and others.

The W.M. opened the Lodge, and proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Morton candidate. He then vacated the chair in favour of the S.W., who rehearsed the second ceremony with the same candidate.

Bro. S. F. Staples was unanimously elected to the chair for the next meeting.

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KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Veterans Encampment of Knights Templar was held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 18th inst., when Sir Knight T. C. Lewis was installed E.C.

The annual meeting of Loyal Brunswick Preceptory was held the same evening at Stonehouse, when Sir Knight F. E. Remfry 31° was installed E.P.

A Priory of Malta was afterwards opened. The Sub-Prior occupied the position of E.P., and J. Kinton Bond Prelate; Sir Knights Lewis and Bell were installed.

(For other Provincial Reports see p. 152.)

MESSRS. Digby, Long and Co. will shortly publish a book that is likely to create a considerable amount of controversy, entitled "Boer and Uitlander," from the pen of Mr. William F. Regan, the well-known South African financier, of 41 Threadneedle Street, E.C. The work will contain portraits and map.

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Good Friday night, 3rd April, for 2 or 3 days, to Edinburgh and Glasgow, from London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon and King's Cross), returning on 5th or 6th April.

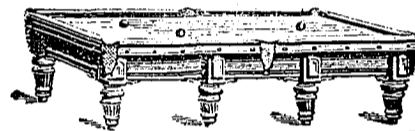
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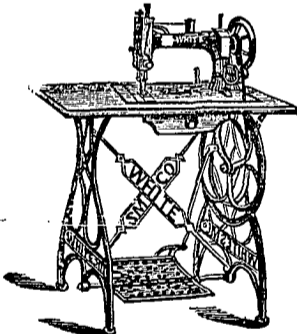
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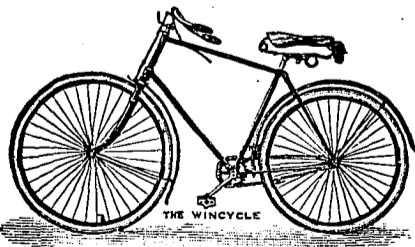
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Lyceum.—8, Shades of Night. 8'45, For the Crown. Matinée, Saturday, 2'30.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—7'35, A Woman's Caprice. 8'15, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, 2'30. (Last day.)
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Terry's.—8, Outward Bound. 8'45, Jedbury Jun. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Avenue.—8, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday, 2'30.
Daly's.—8'15, Second edition of An Artist's Model. Matinée, 2'30. (Last day).
Haymarket.—8'30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2'30. (Closed Monday to Friday next.)
Duke of York's.—On 4th April, The Gay Parisienne. Lyric.—8'15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2'30.
Savoy.—8'25, The Grand Duke, or the Statutory Duel. Matinée, Saturday, 2'30.
Adelphi.—8, One of the best. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Olympic.—7'45, True Blue; or, Afloat and Ashore. Matinée, Saturday, 2'30.
Vaudeville.—8'30, Merrifield's Ghost. 9, The Romance of the Shopwalker. Matinée, 3. (Last day).
Court.—8, A Highland Legacy. 9, Mrs. Ponderbury.
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Princess's.—7'45, My neighbour's wife. 8'20, East Lynne. (Last day.) On Saturday, 4th April, The Star of India.
Opera Comique.—8'15, Shamus O'Brien. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Grand.—New opera, Mercedes.
Alhambra.—7'50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 9'10, Blue Beard. 10, The Animatographe. 10'55, Lochinvar.
Empire.—7'45, Variety Entertainment. 8'5, New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. 9'35, Cinematographe. 10'20, Second edition of Ballet, Faust. The Cinematographe, every afternoon, 3, 4, and 5 o'clock.
Parkhurst.—A trip to Chinatown. Next week, The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown.
Palace.—7'45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, Saturday, 2'15.
Royal.—7'30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2'30.

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Excursion Trains will leave Paddington as under :

Thursday, 2nd April, 7.55 a.m.—For Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, &c., to return 9th, 10th or 11th April.

11.10 a.m., for Oxford, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Cheltenham, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., to return 7th April, and from certain stations at option on 6th April.

12.5 noon.—For Newbury, Devizes, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c.; to return 9th, 10th or 11th April.

Passengers to Clevedon, and Weston-Super-Mare can also return on 6th or 7th of April.

12.10 noon and 11.10 p.m.—For Bath and Bristol, to return 6th or 7th of April.

11.55 p.m.—For Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelly, Carmarthen and New Milford, to return 6th April.

12.35 p.m.—For Chippenham, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return 6th April, and from certain stations at option on 7th April.

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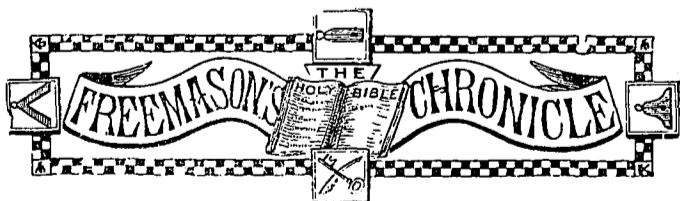
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SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH 1896.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the Board of Stewards of the 108th Anniversary Festival will be held in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday next, 31st, at five o'clock, to elect the Officers of the Board, and to make such arrangements for the Dinner, &c., as may be considered most desirable.

It may be pointed out that donations and subscriptions on Stewards lists paid in to the office of the Institution prior to the election on the 9th April, will carry votes for the same.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Monday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. J. Griffin presiding.

It was reported by Bro. J. B. Gover Secretary that two applications for election on the fund had been received, one on behalf of a child of a deceased Brother of Lodge Friendship, Devonport, and the other on behalf of a child of a deceased Brother of St. Maurice Lodge, Plympton—both very deserving cases. In addition to these there is a candidate brought forward who has hitherto failed to secure election, and has thus a large number of votes standing to his credit. It was decided to elect two candidates at the annual meeting to be held in Exeter on the 7th prox., thus bringing the total number of recipients up to twenty. A sum of £15 a year is voted for the education and clothing of each child up to the age of fourteen years, and an additional £5 is granted for the advancement of the child in life after leaving school. Nearly the whole of the money required for this purpose—more than £300 a year—is raised by voluntary contributions of the Devonshire Brethren, and in view of the approaching election it is hoped that those who have not already paid their subscriptions this year will remit them at once to their respective Charity Stewards.—“Western Morning News.”

WESTERN DISTRICT MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

THE second annual meeting of this Association was held at the Freemasons' Club, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Friday, 20th inst., Bro. C. G. Withell presiding. The object of the Association is to consider and promote such matters as may be deemed important to the interests and welfare of Freemasonry in the Three Towns and district, with due regard for the claims and requirements of the other parts of the Province.

The Secretary reported upon the work of the past year, detailing particulars of the meetings held, the correspondence carried on by the Association, and the results attained thereby. He also showed that upwards of £60 had accrued to the local Masonic Charities as a result of the action of the Association. The Secretary further remarked that they had passed through a comparatively uneventful year, but in the coming year there was every prospect of considerable and important work requiring to be done.

The Treasurer's report showed that the year started with an adverse balance, but as every Lodge in the district had now joined the Association, the income had been sufficient to clear all liabilities and produce a small balance.

The reports were adopted, and the Treasurer and Secretary were thanked for their services.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year followed. Four of the Committee retired, and the new Committee are: Bros. G. S. Strode Lowe, J.P., P.P.G.J.W. President, J. W. Cornish P.P.G.T. and R. H. Gardner Vice-Presidents, H. E. Sitters and W. J. Stanbury P.P.G.D.C., with W. Allsford P.P.G.T. as Treasurer, and J. Gifford P.P.G.D.C. as Secretary.

It was resolved to call a meeting shortly for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Provincial Grand Treasurerships of the Craft and Arch.

The Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, which consists of the amalgamated Lodges of the William Preston, No. 766; Great Northern, No. 1287; St. Marylebone, No. 1305; and Queen's Westminster, No. 2021, being desirous of obtaining the services of Brother E. J. Reed, of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, as Secretary, decided, at a meeting held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Friday, 20th inst., to change the night of meeting from Friday to Monday, the first meeting to be held on Monday, 13th April. At the same meeting Bro. Major E. J. Reed was unanimously elected Secretary.

A correspondent has written to the “Eastern Daily Press,” pointing out that the statement made at the consecration of the Baring Lodge, to the effect that no Lodge had been consecrated in Norfolk since 1878, is incorrect, the Earl of Leicester Lodge having been established at Wells, in 1888.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

ON Sunday morning, at Anfield Cemetery, were interred the remains of Bro. Isaac Dixon, an Officer of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Downshire Chapter, No. 594, and West Lancashire Mark Lodge, No. 65. The esteem in which he was held was evinced by the large gathering of Brethren and friends assembled at the funeral.

MEETINGS IN THE PROVINCES.

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INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 48.

ON Monday, 23rd inst., there was a very large assemblage at the annual meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, Gateshead. The W.M. Bro. Adam Dodds P.P.G.Std. presided, and was well supported.

After ordinary business had been transacted, the W.M.-elect Bro. Hugh Jackson was presented by the Senior P.M., Bro. M. Corbitt P.P.G.D., and the ceremony of installation was performed with much ability by the outgoing Master, who also delivered the addresses to the Officers and Brethren.

FAWCETT LODGE, No. 661.

THE annual meeting was held at Seaham Harbour, on the 18th inst., Bro. R. Froud W.M. presiding, when Bro. Jos. Jno. Candish, J.P., was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. J. Malcolm P.M.

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

THE annual installation was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., in the Masonic Room on The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, when Bro. J. A. Anscombe S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large attendance of Brethren, by the retiring W.M. Bro. Roper, who was subsequently presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

After the banquet Bro. F. W. Stone, in tendering the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master Earl Amherst, remarked that those old in Masonry knew him better as Lord Holmesdale, and, as they were all aware, they named the Lodge after him. He had the privilege of being connected with his lordship over forty years ago, when he was then brought into the town as "a political baby," and he was afterwards introduced into Masonry. They rejoiced that they had such an active and able Master in Masonry, and in having him at their head. In 1872, when the Brethren placed him (the speaker) in the chair, the provincial Grand Lodge and Earl Amherst were entertained in Tunbridge Wells, and he was afterwards appointed S.W. of Kent. Alluding to the support given to his lordship, and the fact that Kent stood second on the list in its support of the Masonic Schools, the speaker said that this, amongst other points, showed that Earl Amherst was the right man in the right place, and in drinking his health they would hope that his lordship would reign over them for many years to come.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1343.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Grays, on Wednesday. The W.M. Bro. Charles Westwood Grand Steward of Essex presided, and was supported by the following Brethren: F. W. Pelling S.W., Edward Ayres J.W., Charles Cobham P.Prov.G.S.W. Durham Sec., William Harvey W.M. 174, J. P. White P.M. 2277, J. G. Wingrove P.G.O. Essex, H. C. Borradaile P.M. P.P.G.S.B., W. B. Heagerty P.M. P.P.G.R., James Howell P.P.G.Std.Br., R. Matthews 77, J. Waymouth S.D., J. Capstick J.D., G. H. Silverwood, M.A., I.G., F. Curren 1322, R. Renton, J. T. Mead, W. H. Cater, G. E. Gilbert, John Scott, G. Cunningham.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the regular meeting of 28th August last, and the emergency meetings of 18th September, and 29th January were read, and the proceedings thereof confirmed.

The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. John Sivewright, Thos. Alfred Capron and John William Sturdy Bowton, and those gentlemen being in attendance were admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privilege of the Craft.

Brothers H. B. Borradaile, H. N. Fryer, J. W. Barfoot, and A. C. James having proved their proficiency were advanced to the degree of Craftsmen.

Bro. J. F. Horncastle answered the usual questions leading from the second to the third degree, in a very satisfactory manner, and was subsequently received into the full privileges of the Order, and took his seat in the Master Mason's Lodge.

Bro. Wm. Miller Taylor, of the Copper Lodge, was accepted as a joining member.

The different ceremonies, which included the whole of the traditional history and lectures, were effectively rendered by Bro. Westwood, and their impressiveness was considerably enhanced by the admirable musical arrangements of Bro. Matthews.

An alteration in the months of meeting was agreed to by the Lodge, which will now assemble in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren, and all Masonic business being over the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by Bro. Westwood, and duly honoured.

Bro. James Howell, in felicitous terms proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated the Brethren upon having so good a Master.

Bro. Westwood briefly acknowledged the compliment, and testified to the ability of his Officers and the assistance he received from the Past Masters.

In toasting the Initiates, the W.M. assured them a hearty welcome in the Lodge, and strongly urged them to attend the Lodge of Instruction, as that was the only way to become thoroughly acquainted with the ritual.

The Apprentices replied with becoming modesty, and the Officers of the Lodge, and the visitors having been complimented, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th inst., the attendance of members and visitors numbering upwards of fifty. Lodge was opened shortly after 3 p.m., and the principal business of the day commenced, namely that of installing Bro. T. T. Hardicker S.W. Worshipful Master-elect into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bros. Fred. Warburton W.M., assisted by Bros. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.J.G.D., and Wm. Boden I.P.M. Bros. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Geo. Sam. Smith P.M. 1134 1170 P.P.G.Org., and John H. Ratcliff P.M., acted as Installing S.W., J.W., and I.G. respectively.

The following Officers were appointed and duly invested, viz., Bros. Clement John Hall S.W., Robert Meggitt J.W., W. H. S. Taylor Chaplain, Oates Rushton Treasurer, J. Kinsey Secretary, A. G. Bryce S.D., A. Scarlett J.D., J. Whittle D.C., T. Wooler I.G., H. B. Rudolph, R. Chiswell, S. Kew, J. Fairbairn, and A. Sutcliffe Stewards, T. H. Stott Assistant Secretary, Fred. Warburton I.P.M. Charity Representative.

Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned, and the festival of St. John was held in the large hall of the hotel.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed by songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. Howard, Blacow, Stewart, Pennington, Rushton, and Nelson Stokes. Bro. Bridge Hopkinson was the accompanist.

Bro. John Chadwick P.G.Swd.Br.Eng. Provincial Grand Secretary, who responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, reverted to his impending retirement from Provincial Secretarial duties. He said that he commenced those duties in the neighbouring borough of Salford, and it was fitting, perhaps, that he should terminate them in the city of Manchester. With feelings of deep emotion he thanked the many Brethren who, from time to time, and in various ways, had evinced their friendship for him, expressing a hope that if, on the other hand, there should be any who were disposed to think unkindly of him, they would suspend their judgment, for if he had erred in any essential point, he had done so unwittingly. Bro. Chadwick's remarks were received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Warburton I.P.M. proposed the health of the new Worshipful Master, saying he characterised the duty assigned to him as a most pleasant one. His successor in the chair of K.S. was a friend and Brother who had loyally and willingly supported him through his year of office, and in this sense he would use the good old Lancashire phrase, "Speak of a man as you find him." Every office which Bro. Hardicker had held, and every duty which he had undertaken, had been excellently well done by him. He was only a comparatively young Mason, but he (the speaker) had had the honour of introducing him into the Lodge, and he believed every one present who knew him would acknowledge the truth of his remark when he added that he had been a credit to the Brethren, and to the positions which he had held.

Bro. Hardicker W.M. said, in reply, that for the enthusiastic welcome given to the toast of his health he tendered his most hearty thanks. When the result of his election to the present position was conveyed to him, confirmed as it was by their goodwill of to-day, he felt a desire to cherish the remembrance as an expression of sincere and Brotherly love from members of the Lodge. Their programme for the evening was a very long one, and it would be injudicious for him to attempt to detain them over a lengthy speech. Bro. Rushton in a very excellent Lancashire recitation had said that "there was nothing like plenty of brass," and he thought there was nothing like plenty of words, if they were of the right quality, and properly adapted to circumstances. Speaking of the good example set by Bros. Schofield, Boden, and the Installing Master, he said he would cheerfully follow in their footsteps. If he could only perform the duties of his office as admirably and efficiently as they had been done by those who had preceded him in the chair, he would be perfectly satisfied. Brother Hardicker then proposed the health of the I.P.M. After alluding to the formation of the Lodge, in which Bro. Warburton had taken a very active part, he added that the latter had always done his best to make its foundation a very prosperous one, and had acquitted himself in right down Masonic fashion. He had now very great pleasure on behalf of the Lodge in testifying to his abilities by presenting him with a magnificent Past Master's jewel. He hoped he would be many years among them, and if he wore that jewel with half the pleasure with which it was bestowed, it would be a source of great satisfaction to him.

The jewel, which was of gold, and highly chased, bore the following legend:—

Presented to

W. BRO. FRED. WARBURTON P.M.,

by the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449, for services as W.M. 12th March 1896.

Bro. Warburton I.P.M. responded, saying he was thankful to the W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the Brethren for the kind and hospitable way in which it had been received. He had tried during his period of Mastership to faithfully carry out the principles of Masonry which had been enunciated by his predecessors, and he had been well supported in his efforts to do so. If he had appeared unduly harsh, he hoped it would be ascribed to his zeal in the cause. In surrendering his position to his successor, he would add that it was no use in going into the chair thinking to rule exclusively, for it could not be done, as support from the other Officers was necessary. With regard to the gift of the jewel, he did not value it for its intrinsic worth, but for the kind feelings which had prompted it, feeling sure that if he had not deserved their commendations, they would not have bestowed them upon him so liberally.

Bro. Schofield P.M., &c., proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge. He said that although a young member now occupied the principal chair, he was sure their choice was a judicious one, for he possessed not only the enthusiasm which was requisite to make him a popular Master, but also the talents which could not fail to make him a successful one. He hoped the Officers appointed that day would remember the words he had addressed to them, stating that if anything critical arose in the working of the Lodge, they must not fail to consult their head, and things would be adjusted. So far, he and others had endeavoured to obtain the best of candidates for admission into their midst, who would conduct themselves as gentlemen, and he sincerely hoped this standard would be maintained.

Bro. C. J. Hall S.W. proposed the health of the Visitors, who responded, most of them reverting in terms of praise to the excellent work of the Installing Master, and those Past Masters who had assisted him.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present at the Lodge and banquet, Bros. Geo. A. Bowden, R. H. Whatham, Rev. J. O. Jelly P.M. 277 P.P.G.Chap., J. M. Sinclair P.M. 163 P.P.J.G.D., Wm. Hy. Peak P.M. 993 P.P.G.D.C., B. Whitwam W.M. 1219, G. Bell W.M. 1588, P. Bratt W.M. 2482, G. H. Grocock S.W. 1052, Robt. Fox I.P.M. 2482, Jas. Harrison J.W. 2594, Kenneth M. Stewart J.D. 1140, R. W. Harrison 277, and others.

LLANGATTOCK LODGE, No. 2547.

THERE was a large gathering at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Monday, 23rd inst., the occasion being the re-installation of Brother Thomas Matthews P.M. P.P.S.G.W. as W.M.

The Visitors included Bro. Marmaduke Tennant Deputy Prov. G. Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales; Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Lyne D.Prov.G.M. Monmouthshire, and many others.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant who, in congratulating Bro. Matthews, mentioned, amid cordial applause, that this was his fourth installation as W.M.

After the installation, Bro. Matthews was presented with a 60 guinea pianoforte, subscribed for by the initiates of the year, numbering forty-two.

The Brethren adjourned in the evening to the Queen's Hotel, where, in proposing the Royal toast, Bro. Matthews referred to the approaching visit of the Prince of Wales to Cardiff, and threw out the suggestion that his Royal Highness might be induced to pay a visit to the Masonic Temple, if only for a few minutes.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 13th inst., Bro. W. B. Akerman W.M., the following being also present:—Bros. C. Arnold P.M. I.P.M., Thos. Plumpton S.W., W. Charlton, J.P., J.W., Wm. A. Boyer Treasurer, Arthur C. K. Smith Secretary, Edwd. A. Eason S.D., A. B. Smith J.D., Wm. Ed. Davies I.G., J. A. Thompson Std., Arthur H. Jefferies P.M. P.P.G.W., John Thompson, Chas. Wroe, J. A. K. Haddad, Frank J. Large, John Sellers, Adam Still, S. Dawson Ward, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. Walter Owen Pettitt P.M. 2156 P.P.G.O., J. N. Woolmer P.M. 678 P.G.A.D.C., Geo. Nield Org. 1534, Edwd. P. Collett 317, E. Vaughan Jones 317, P. Z. da Cunha 1502, W. Jos. Sherlock 2109.

Business began at a very early hour of the day, three ceremonies having been announced on the summons, viz., two initiations and one raising. Two of the candidates put in an appearance, these being Mr. Percy Cryer, Drysalter, Newton Heath, who made his advent into Freemasonry under the guidance of the W.M., and Bro. Charles Wroe, who was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Arnold I.P.M. The working tools were presented and explained to the initiate by Bro. Charlton J.W., the E.A. charge being delivered by Bro. Plumpton S.W. The following were successfully balloted for as joining members:—Bros. John Sellers, Manufacturer, Chorley, Lodges 730 and 1403, and Pedro Zefferino da Cunha, Manager, Didsbury, Lodge 1502.

Lodge business was succeeded by the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and duly honoured.

That of the initiate was given by the W.M. in his usual trenchant style, the same meeting with a suitable response.

As a natural consequence of the important part he had taken in the final stage which constituted Bro. Wroe a M.M., the toast of the newly-raised Brother was relegated to Bro. Arnold, than whom no one could have acquitted himself in a more satisfactory manner.

Bro. Wroe said, in reply, that if it should ever be his fortune to attain to the high position of Worshipful Master, mentioned by Bro. Arnold, he would try to do his best. He had passed through what he supposed were all the mysteries necessary to constitute him a full member of the Lodge, and whilst he had found them exceedingly interesting and impressive, they were by no means so dangerous as had been represented.

Other toasts followed, which were pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Bros. A. B. Smith, Chas. Wroe, W. O. Pettitt, Geo. Nield, E. V. Jones, and Edward Roberts.

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PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 18th inst., was a red letter day in the history of this Lodge, the oldest of the six in the Province of Berks and Oxon—the Brethren being honoured with a visit from the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, M.P. for Oxford City, for the purpose of installing Bro. Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, Senior Warden of the Lodge, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The last visit of his lordship to Newbury was four years previously, on the occasion of holding the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in the Temperance Hall, Newbury, by Past Master F. J. Harrold, in the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. D'O. Astley. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by the noble Viscount, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The office of Treasurer, which had been ably filled by Brother Day for several years, had become vacant by his appointment to one of the Overseers' chairs, and the vacancy will be filled up the next Lodge. The W.M. and the Secretary announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from a number of distinguished Mark Masons, including the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, Bro. Matier Grand Secretary, and Brother John Tomkins Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

At the close of the Lodge business, Lord Valentia, Brother Keyser, and several other visitors, accompanied by Churchwarden Knight, availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the fine old parish church. A banquet was served at the Queen's Hotel, after which the customary toasts were proposed.

The Provincial Grand Master responding, expressed the pleasure he had derived from his visit to the Porchester Lodge, and congratulated the Officers and Brethren upon being presided over by such a good and distinguished Mason as Bro. Keyser. Lord Valentia intimated that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, at Maidenhead, probably in July.

The W.M. mentioned that a Royal Arch Chapter would shortly be consecrated in Newbury, and the Founders had been good enough to invite him to become the first Principal. He would, therefore, ere long enjoy the honour and privilege of presiding over not only the Craft and Mark Lodges, but also the Chapter, a unique position in the history of Freemasonry in Newbury.

Bro. Bonny, in responding for the visitors, said he had the honour of filling the chair of three of the Lodges in Reading at the present time.

Bro. Margrett, replying to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, bore testimony to the successful studies of two young orphan ladies, one in Reading, and the other in Newbury, who had been educated with the assistance of the excellent fund. Brother Margrett spoke of the admirable charity organisation at work in this Province, and acknowledged the liberal support of Bro. Keyser, and also the fraternal help of the Brethren of the sister Province of Bucks.

JUBILEE LODGE, No. 375.

THE installation of Bro. Curwen Watson as W.M. was performed at Ulverston, on Tuesday, 10th inst., by Bros. J. S. Whitham I.P.M., and A. E. Sadler P.M. P.P.G.M.O.

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

THE Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Thursday, 2nd April, a cheap excursion will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c.), for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland, returning on Monday, 6th, or Friday, 10th April.

On Good Friday night, 3rd, for two or three days, from London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon and King's Cross), to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning on 5th and 6th April.

Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursions to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within sixteen days, including days of issue and return.

On Thursday, 2nd April, cheap excursions will also be run for six days to and from London (King's Cross) and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsboro', Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c.

On Good Friday, 3rd April, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle and Scotland.

On Good Friday, 3rd April, cheap two or four days' excursions will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Sheffield, Hull, Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, &c., to London.

On Saturday, 4th April, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, Wigan, &c., to London.

On Easter Monday, 6th April, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L. C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. A cheap day excursion will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions to London will be run from Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Peterboro', Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c.

To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L. C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the different ticket offices of the Company throughout London.

THE Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West End Offices, at any of which tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L. C. & D. Ry.), Kensington (Addison Road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammersmith and City line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways.

The booking office at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, before Easter.

Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from 2nd to 6th April, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. Tickets at 25/- return, available for fourteen days, will also be issued for use on 2nd, 4th and 6th April, to Guernsey and Jersey.

On Thursday, 2nd April, an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7¼ hours, will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, New Milford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c.

On Good Friday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, 4th April, an excursion will run to Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Monday, excursions will be made to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

On Tuesday, 7th April, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.10 noon, for Oxford, Leamington and Stratford-on-Avon.

In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population.

On the Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion as a general rule will take passengers for the longer distances, and the second those for less distant places.

On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. Newspaper train, which will run as far as Oxford, Plymouth and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to Worcester, Birmingham and Wolverhampton districts; at Bathampton (by special stop) with the 8.47 a.m. train from Bathampton to the Weymouth Line; and at Plymouth with the 2.35 p.m., thence to Penzance.

Cheap third class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, 4th April, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley and other popular riverside resorts.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, 2nd April, Good Friday, and Saturday, 4th April, to Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Malvern, Church Stretton, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

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THE GREAT PYRAMID.

BY BRO. JOHN CHAPMAN, F.R.M.S., P. PROV. G.D. DEVON.

(Continued from page 134.)

THE SCIENTIFIC LESSONS.

THE subject matter that will form the symbolism of the Great Pyramid, viz., the Scientific, the Historic, and the Prophetic, will be the several topics on which we now propose to dilate. Let us take them in the order here given. We will, therefore, proceed with the first examination of the scientific revelations delineated in the symbolism of the Great Pyramid. Before entering, however, into the precincts of this wonderful building, we must premise, for the information of the student, that all the measurements in connection with our researches will be indicated by the Great Pyramid Inch (unless otherwise stated), which is scarcely half a hair's breadth longer or one 1,000th part larger than our British standard inch. To some this may appear a very unimportant quantity; but it would become a very serious item, if regarded as a factor in computing the sun's distance from the earth. For the benefit of the general reader, it may perhaps be as well to explain the manner in which the building registers the Pyramid inch. On the wall of the ante-chamber, with its five divisions, we shall find a projecting "boss," a flat bas-relief one inch thick and five inches broad. The thickness of this "boss" being one-fifth its breadth, and that breadth being divided into five sections determines the inch unit. But the inspired architect, in order to remove all doubt as to the length of the inch, has duplicated the proof, and repeated the evidence by fixing the boss on the granite leaf, just one inch away from the centre.

The geographical position of the Great Pyramid is a remarkable feature, worthy of note. "In the midst of the land of Egypt," and "in the border thereof." This description may excite, in the sceptic, a feeling repugnant to our wishes; a minute examination of the locality in which the Great Pyramid is situate will, however, go to prove the severe beauty of Isaiah's statement. What is known as the Delta land, of Lower Egypt, forms the sector of a circle. This open fan-shaped land, with the Great Pyramid erected on its southern apex, gives a peculiar distinctiveness to its position. Whether the soil carried down by the Nile, in its course, has changed the land surface of the Delta of Egypt, or not, during the past 4,066 years, it is not in our province here to determine, but it certainly appears remarkably appropriate that a Delta-shaped monument, like the Great Pyramid, should have been erected on the southern apex of land distinguished by the same particular form as that which characterised the building.

Again, let a line be drawn through the centre of the Delta of Egypt, due north and south, and on its southern apex will be found the Great Pyramid, establishing its identity with the "Pillar" named by Isaiah. On this subject we may, however, give the testimony of one of the first Hebraists of the day, Dr. Moses Margoliouth, who, after pointing out the mistake of our translators in rendering the word "Matzaybhah," "Pillar," concludes by stating that "we consider Professor Piazzi Smyth justified in his considering the word 'Matzaybhah,' in Isaiah xix 19, to mean a Pyramid." In connection with this fact, is it not also very singular, to say the least, that this, the largest pile of masonry in the world, should be erected not only in the centre of the habitable land portion of the globe, but on a meridian where there is more land surface and less sea than in any other meridian? No wonder that it should be regarded "as essentially marked by nature as a prime meridian for all nations measuring their longitude from, or for that modern cynosure, 'the unification of longitude.'"

The happy choice of the architect in his selection of a site for this great symbolic monument, on the northern edge of the Gheza Hill, on the border of the Lybian desert, is manifest to every Pyramid student. The amount of labour expended in reducing some hundreds of acres of the hill's crest in order to obtain a solid rock-bed foundation for such an immense building, that covers of itself some thirteen and a half acres, and is computed to have weighed over five million tons, will indicate the magnitude of this stupendous work. The completion of the levelling of the crest of the hill brings us to the first scientific lesson—namely, the ground plan of the Great Pyramid, with its square base, giving four truly oriented sides, facing due north, south, east, and west.

The orientation of this delta-shaped building is not an accidental pointing marked by the uncertainty of the magnetic needle; but fixed with astronomical certainty. It has been tested by the most advanced mathematical instruments, and the result is, that it has been pronounced to be the nearest masonified approach to exact orientation extant.

The base-side length of the Great Pyramid is, 9,131.05 inches: divide by 25, and we then reduce the number into 365.242 cubits, which will faithfully represent the days in a solar year; and if the base-sides are added together, the fractional parts will supply the extra day for what is generally known as "leap year."

The squaring of the circle is a mathematical problem that has taxed the efforts of the most advanced scholars Europe has produced, and yet the Great Pyramid, in the most definite form, solves this problem, and, in order to fully establish the matter beyond doubt, repeats the solution. The discovery was first made by Mr. John Taylor, who mathematically proved that the Great Pyramid, in its original condition, was when its sides were continued to "the summit, in a point,—that its central, vertical height then was, to twice the breadth of its square base, as nearly as can be expressed by good monumental work, as the diameter to the circumference of a circle."

This solution of the celebrated problem is not to be found in any other building in the world, and to confirm the mathematical fact, the architect duplicated the evidence, by the construction of the "area" form of the problem in the compartments of the interior, which in each case gives the same result.

The metrology of the Great Pyramid is an important subject. It is written, "Just balances, just weighs, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have." Metrology has occupied the attention of the learned in all ages. Later efforts in connection with the subject are not in the least interesting. The efforts of French savants some ninety-six years ago, to set aside this and other equally important systems, we have always regarded as inimical to human progress. We fully agree with Dr. C. Piazzi Smyth that the French metrical system ought never to be entertained by Great Britain. The Great Pyramid's divinely-appointed standard of measures will make man's works upon the earth harmonious with the scale on which God created the earth, or rather ordained it to be during the human period. It will also elucidate facts in every branch of science, while that of others only leads to error and confusion. Capacity, weight, linear, and surface measure are more accurately determined by the Great Pyramid than by any other source. The scientific features of the King's Chamber, by its position in the building, marks it out as specially adapted for registering the standard of measures, seeing that it is free from atmospheric change, and gives a mean temperature of 50° P. = 68 Fahr., which is the mean temperature of all the man-inhabited parts of the earth's surface, and the most suitable for human development. The internal construction will form part of our future consideration, as we proceed with the lessons it teaches on History and Prophecy. Within the King's Chamber is found the only piece of furniture (if such it may be called) that the building contains. It is known as the "Coffer," and is regarded as a standard of weight, and capacity measure. Its interior capacity is four times that of the "British Quarter," equal to the "Hebrew Laver," and the "Old Saxon Chaldron," being close upon 71,250 Pyramid inches. Its exterior is double the interior capacity. The length of its sides is, to its height, as the circumference of a circle is to its diameter, thereby "squaring the circle," which is in harmony with the theorem of the external proportions of the Pyramid. The weight measure of the coffer is one ton, or twenty-five million Pyramid grains.

The diameter and circumference of the earth are plainly set forth in the Great Pyramid by the following facts: The built size of the Pyramid bears a remarkable proportion to the created size of the natural earth. A band of the width of the Great Pyramid base-breadth, encircling the earth, contains 100,000,000,000 square feet. Expressed in Pyramid inches, the equatorial diameters, as given by Colonel Clarke, are 501,577,000 and 501,730,000. From these we compute the equatorial circumference, by multiplying them by 3.14159, &c., of the Great Pyramid. Reduce them to Pyramid feet, by dividing them by 12, and next multiply by the Pyramid base-breadth, in Pyramid feet, viz., 760.921; we then obtain the following results:—the smaller equatorial diameter gives 99,919,000,000, and the larger equatorial diameter 99,949,000,000; both of them, however, requiring a small addition, at present not known to science exactly, for the amount of matter, as in continents above the sea level.

The earth's mean density and temperature are recorded in the King's Chamber. The Great Pyramid being erected in a latitude of 30°, and in a temperature of one-fifth, it was essentially necessary that it should have the elevation which the inspired architect selected. Taking the barometric pressure of the King's Chamber at thirty Pyramid inches, and the temperature as stated, we find the Coffer's 71,250 cubic Pyramid inches of capacity, filled with pure water, will give the earth-commensurable weight standard of the Great Pyramid. The limited space allotted to this paper precludes the working out of these figures, or of adducing proofs in favour of each proposition; we must therefore refer the reader for these to "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid," fourth edition, 1880.

The sun's mean distance from the earth is symbolised by the height of the Great Pyramid, for, if we multiply it by its own factor, the ninth power of ten—we get the sun's mean distance as = 91,840,000 British miles. The process by which this fact is brought out establishes it upon a much firmer basis than the newly-computed results of the astronomical savants, who, with the powerful aid of their several national resources and highest scientific skill, were commissioned to observe the late transit of Venus, in order to secure the sun's mean distance. The results of their efforts were, as prognosticated, uncertain. The objection of the sceptic to the theorems of the Pyramid student is—"Working by an accidental set of figures, which gives a certain result, is no proof that the architect had a design in fixing the erection in harmony with these stated facts." The answer to this objection (and it is applicable to all the objections which have been urged against every important discovery connected with this inspired building) is, that the design observable, and in late years observed again with exceeding scientific refinement, in every angle and measurement in each and every part of the building, goes on to prove such a continued and connected series of cosmic truths—of an order far above the power of man to ascertain for himself in that day and for nearly 4,066 years afterwards—as infinitely removes it from the chapter of single accidents to which the sceptic would consign it.

Having noticed some of the leading features which the Great Pyramid presents to our view, in the scientific revelations of its inspired stones, and having pointed out its geographical position, viz., in the centre of the circle, of which the coast of the Delta of Egypt forms an arc, we cannot therefore escape the conclusion that this is the "Pillar" "to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt," and also "at the border thereof," which is mentioned by Isaiah, and which is now being fully opened out to the comprehension of the

willing student. But what for? For the mere pleasure of students and others of the sons of men? If you will believe Isaiah, the Great Pyramid's real purpose was, and is, to testify to the Lord of Hosts in those days. And if you ask how, we shall enquire of the Pyramid itself for the historical testimony.

(To be continued.)

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.

79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
1745 Farringdon Without, Viadt. Ho.
62 Social, Manchester
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1753 Obedience, Okchampton
2279 Thornham, Thornham
2553 Rufford, Nottingham

Tuesday.

126 Silent Temple, Burnley
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
599 Cherwell, Banbury
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 Royal Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-Severn
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1895 Wey Side, Woking Station
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-u-Humber
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlborough
1587 St. Giles, Headle
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
2339 Mistley, Manningtree
2414 Wychwood, Burford

Wednesday.

511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Gresham Street
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariners, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Rochdale
301 Apollo, Alcester
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
606 Segontium, Carnarvon
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
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
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
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount-Edgumbe, Camborne
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1645 Celne Valley, Slaithwaite
1660 Arledon, Frizington
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1736 St. John, Halifax
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
1868 Unity, Oldham
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court
2120 Abbey, Chertsey
2193 Queen's Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge, Cheshire
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

10 Westminster Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern
742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-h.
1155 Excelsior, Crystal Palace
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holborn R.
1672 Mornington, Holborn Viad't H.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland G. Hotel
2512 Fulham, Fulham
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loy. Cambrian, Merthyr Tydfil
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
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
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
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
2169 Osborne, East Cowes, I. of W.
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
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
890 Hornsey, Anderton's
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
1627 Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
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 Gray and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
1993 Wolsley, Manchester
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2494 Humber Installed Masters, Hull
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

1622 Rose, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Kennington
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1458 Truth, Manchester
1460 Thames Valley, Halliford
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2054 Wilson Isles, Rickmansworth
2096 George Price, Croydon
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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 174 Sincerity, Blackwell Railway Hotel, London Street, E.C., 7
 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
 1975 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 Hill, 8
 858 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., 7-30
 860 Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., 8
 861 Finsbury, Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, E.C., 7
 879 Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross, 8
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's Schoolroom, Battersea Rise, 8
 1076 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, 6
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle Hotel, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., 8
 1196 Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, 9
 1321 Emblematic, St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, 8
 1420 Earl Spencer, Albert Palace, Battersea, 8
 1446 Mount-Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington, 7-30
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, High Street, S.E., 8
 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, 8
 1766 St. Leonard, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park Road, South Hackney, 8
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, Kensington, 8
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6-30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cannon Street, 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, 8
 2032 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8-30
 2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, The Feathers, 116 Lambeth Walk, S.E., 8
 2206 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, 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., 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, 8
 871 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wootton Road, Deptford, 8
 898 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow Lane, Poplar, 7-30
 933 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, E.C., 8
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney, 8
 1421 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, Essex, 7-30
 1475 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1601 Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, S.E., 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Rest., Victoria St., Westminster, 7-30
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W., 8

- 1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, 8
 1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, W., 8
 1685 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone Road, E., 8
 1708 Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Church End, Finchley, 7-45
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E., 8
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New Road, 8
 1928 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office Court, E.C., 7
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 8
 1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
 2090 Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath & Wash-house Co., Hammersmith, 7
 2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 8
 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
 212 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell Street, Aldgate, 8
 435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, 8
 551 Yarborough, Masonic Hall, Ventnor, I.W., 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, Limhouse, 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
 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
 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, Farrington 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
 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, 8
 1541 Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 7-30
 1624 Eccleston, The Victoria, 46 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., 7-30
 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.