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THE REMOVAL OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

WE are sorry the suggestions of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, by which they sought powers to sell the existing property at Wood Green and acquire a new site for the erection of another School, were not carried with greater weight than was the case at the Quarterly Court last week when the proposition of Bro. R. Eve, who acted as spokesman for the Board, was agreed to by a majority of sixty-two to forty-seven.

True, the result actually arrived at is sufficient to justify the programme of the Board of Management being persevered in, but it would have been so much better had the suggestion met with greater encouragement, even if it had not been adopted unanimously, or at least only with some proviso in regard to mere technicalities; and we feel the Board would be justified in holding back for the present rather than launch on such a stupendous work as that to which they have set their hands, but in doing so they would merely fall in with the views of the opposition. It would seem the only plan is to continue in the course started upon, with the hope that those who objected to the initial proceedings will bow to the will of the majority, and throw themselves heartily into the work of providing a new home for our great Institution, ready for occupation and free from debt ere the celebration of the Institution's centenary comes to be an event of the past.

We thought it was generally recognised that a removal from the existing site at Wood Green was to be desired, and that the only question to be settled was as to where to go for a new habitation, and what to do in order to get as much as possible for the quarters to be vacated, but it would seem no unanimity exists even on this question, the verdict obtained at the gathering of last week going far to prove that opinions are divided as to the expediency of making a change at all, while yet another phase has to be considered—a section desiring to re-open the consideration of the proposal that the boys should be boarded out rather than all housed at one large centre, such a course being deemed equally beneficial by many, at a much less cost than the plan now adopted.

Had the desirability of a removal been allowed to stand unquestioned we should have done nothing to oppose it, but should rather have used every effort in our power to ensure its speedy and successful accomplishment, but as a doubt has been raised we may say we should like to see full consideration given to the project of making provision in the future for housing the boys at Schools in their own neighbourhoods rather than expend another huge amount of money in bricks and mortar, only, in all probability, to share the fate of the existing Wood Green establishment long before the younger generation of the present day has ceased to take an interest in the charitable work of the Craft. Besides, in these times of radical changes in the laws governing the education of the country, it may be asked, is it desirable to spend so much as will be required in the completion of the proposed scheme?

THE GRAND MASTER'S SILVER CELEBRATION.

IN commemoration of the completion of the Prince of Wales's twenty-first year of Grand Mastership His Royal Highness has signified his intention to appoint twenty-one Brethren as Past Grand Officers to mark the event. The names will be announced, and the investitures made at the Grand Festival on the 29th inst., after the regular appointments to Grand Office, the special honours being intended to take the form of past rank. The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod is to be included among those honoured, and we congratulate him on his elevation as Past Grand Sword Bearer.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTERSHIP.

AS touching upon the question of our early announcement of the resignation by the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe of the post of Deputy Grand Master, and the appointment of Earl Amherst as his successor, we may refer our readers to the report on another page of the meeting of the Gundulph Lodge, on the 8th inst., when the statement in regard to the change was publicly made, and in view of the company present we can hardly believe such an announcement was based on mere hearsay. It is such proceedings as this which strengthen our opinion that the authorities are unwise in holding back official announcement of the change so long after it has been settled, and with all due respect to those who consider it is no part of a subordinate's privilege to know by whom he is governed, we are strongly of opinion that the course adopted is likely to create a feeling of distrust, rather than induce confidence in those who have the working management of the Craft.

EXTENSION OF DEVONSHIRE CHARITY.

THE success that has attended the funds already in existence in the Province of Devon, and which have done so much good in the past in assisting some of the aged Masons of the district, or their children, who are in distress, has aroused a desire among local Craftsmen to complete the good work by the establishment of a Widows Annuity Fund, which, we are pleased to learn, will probably be successfully launched at an early date. Although these local funds are started and maintained without any desire to oppose the Central Institutions of the Craft, it is very certain they are looked upon with greater favour in many quarters, principally because their work is carried out by Brethren in the immediate neighbourhood, without the attendant expenses of such establishments as are necessary in connection with the larger undertakings.

CHURCH SERVICE.

A MASONIC SERVICE which was to have been held at St. Laurence, Catford, on the 19th inst., has, to suit the convenience of the Dean of Rochester, been postponed to the 26th inst. The offertory will be equally divided between St. Laurence Vicarage Fund and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A dispensation has been granted for Brethren to wear Craft or Royal Arch clothing and jewels. Brethren wishing to attend may obtain tickets from Bro. Edward Hall Secretary of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, 17 Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

BY the Masonic Calendar for the Province, just issued, we learn there are 48 Craft Lodges in the Province, with a total membership on 31st December 1895 of 3,614. The initiates during the year number 247. The oldest Lodge in the Province is the Medina, of Cowes, which dates its warrant from 17th February 1732—there are three others of the eighteenth century, viz., Economy, Winchester; Royal Gloucester, Southampton; and Unity, Ringwood; whilst the Albany, Newport, is just outside, being dated 8th May 1801—and the youngest, the Border, No. 2475, Blackwater, which has already forty Brethren on its roll. There was originally even an older Lodge than the Medina on the Provincial roll, known as the Lodge of Antiquity, and dating its warrant from 1724. Its meeting place was the East India Arms, Gosport, but it became extinct in September 1838, its number at that time being 26. Another old Lodge was that meeting at the King's Head, Portsmouth, which had a warrant dated 24th April 1739, but became extinct in February 1758. Its number was 106. There were formerly fourteen other Lodges which possessed eighteenth century warrants, all of which have become extinct. There are twenty-four Royal Arch Chapters in the Province—three in the Isle of Wight—the oldest of which is the Friendship, No. 257, of Portsmouth, constituted 11th August 1769, the youngest the Asher Barfield, constituted 7th August 1895, though it is first in order of precedence, taking the number 35, from the Medina Lodge. There are in the Province 344 Mark Masons, and 54 Ark Mariners, 93 Rose Croix, and 71 Knights Templar.—“Hampshire Independent.”

A presentation was made to Brother John Chapman P.M. Prov. G.D. Devon at the meeting of the St. John Lodge, No. 328, held at Torquay, on Monday. We shall give fuller details in our next issue, and meanwhile congratulate our worthy Brother on the event.

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We are very pleased to learn that Bro. J. S. Eastes Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent has recovered from the serious illness from which he has suffered for some months past, and we feel sure all who know him will join with us in the wish that he may be fully restored to his former strength, and long be spared to take his place in our midst.

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“The Masonic Record” laments that “business—nothing else”—is the reason that notices of Masonic bodies are sent to members. It admits that business must be done, and that dues must be collected, but it suggests that notices also should seek employment for the unemployed, and should notify the members that Brothers so-and-so are sick and would like to look into the friendly eye and receive the fraternal grip of their Brother Craftsmen. In brief, it believes it would be far better for the Masonic Institution if some of the notices were aimed to elevate humanity, and not to promote business.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

THE remains of the late Bro. John Metcalfe were interred in Richmond Parish Churchyard on the 7th, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and the general public, including a number of his Masonic Brethren.

CONSIDERABLE regret has followed the announcement of the death of Dr. A. B. Payne, second son of the Rev. Dr. Payne, Vicar of St. George's Church, Deal. He had been dangerously ill for some little time past, but hopes of his recovery were entertained on account of his comparative youth, but, in spite of the best medical attendance, he succumbed on Good Friday. The deepest sympathy is felt for his widow, and also for the Rev. Dr. Payne and family. The funeral took place at Walmer, and was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Deal, also many members of the Lord Warden Lodge, of which the deceased was P.M.

THE death took place on Friday, 10th inst., at his residence, Fernsholme, St. Helens, of Major John Lightfoot Wolfenden, a well-known member of the 2nd V.B. South Lancashire Regiment, and a prominent Freemason, he having held a number of offices in the Craft. He was P.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897, a Founder and present Junior Warden of the Ionic Lodge, No. 2405, and P.S.G.D. of West Lancashire. In addition, in Mark Masonry he was the Immediate Past Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 466, and the Provincial Grand Senior Overseer of Lancashire; a P.Z. of the Chapter of Loyalty, No. 897, and P.P.G.S.B. of West Lancashire.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

A VERY interesting meeting of the members was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Wednesday. Bro. William Harvey W.M. presided, being assisted by Bros. Henry Jay P.M. acting as S.W., J. Bayley J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, G. A. W. Griffiths S.D., W. J. Derby J.D., W. J. Jones I.G., and Bros. John Newton G.P. P.M., W. J. Higgs P.M., Henry Magee P.M., G. Jones P.M., W. G. Norman I.P.M.

The visitors included Bros. C. V. Watts 2291, H. T. Thompson 742, G. Wilkinson 1607, J. E. Waters 27, and several other Brethren.

The only regular business before the Lodge was the passing of Bros. George Frederick Fennell and Francis Nicholas Fennell to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ceremony was rendered by Bro. Harvey in the usual admirable manner observed in this Lodge.

The next item on the agenda paper was a presentation to Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, of a handsome silver tea service and cigar case, which had been subscribed for by the Brethren in recognition of his services to the Lodge for many years. The Worshipful Master, addressing Bro. Lacey, said that it was with great pleasure that he presented him, in the name of the Lodge, with this small token of their high esteem and regard. All the members knew his earnestness in promoting the prosperity of the Lodge, and they thought it a good opportunity of practically proving their appreciation by offering him this testimonial upon the completion of his fifteen years as Treasurer. The present had come spontaneously from the Brethren, and not from the Lodge funds, and they all trusted that he would live for many years to use it and remember the Old Sincerity Lodge.

Bro. Lacey, who appeared greatly moved, suitably acknowledged the presentation. He said he had been associated with the Lodge for thirty-four years, and had seen it through some little difficulties, but it was now in a prosperous condition, and would rank with any other Lodge in the metropolis. They were not unmindful of the needs of the Masonic Charities, and had contributed liberally to them all. The present would remind him of the many happy years he had spent in the Lodge, and of the esteem so kindly evinced by the Brethren. He thanked them most earnestly for their kindness, and he must also add the thanks of his wife and family, to whom it would descend as a heirloom when he had passed away.

Bro. John Newton added some happy remarks, saying there was no question as to the deserts of this presentation. Bro. Lacey had worked most zealously for the Lodge, though it was work not often seen, and he could testify to the able manner in which it was carried out. He trusted Brother Lacey would long live to enjoy his present, and hoped when he used it that the sugar basin would remind him of the sweets of life, and the cream jug of the milk of human kindness; he trusted that he would avoid getting into hot-water, as was suggested by the tea-pot, but the contents of the cigar case would soothe him in his troubles, and ever remind him of the Lodge, and the friends he had made in it. The teapot and cigar case both bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. CHARLES LACEY P.M. P.P.G.D. HERTS,

by the Brethren of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174,

in appreciation of his valuable services as Treasurer for the last fifteen years
15th April 1896.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to dinner. An excellent musical programme was provided by Bro. W. J. Derby, which was highly appreciated by the company.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Holborn Restaurant, when there was a full programme of business to engage the attention of the members, who attended in force, and were supported by several visitors.

The Lodge was held under the presidency of Brother William Morton Roberts W.M. who was ably assisted by the following Officers: Bros. Charles Brown S.W., F. Wortham J.W., George Weaver S.D., C. E. Lilly J.D., R. A. Bench I.G., John Melford P.M. Treas., S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., J. Ellis P.M. 1981 Tyler, W. Busby and G. Walker Stewards. Other members of the Lodge present included Bros. Thomas W. Allen P.M., R. S. Rogers P.M., C. A. Cottebrune P.M., W. Drew P.M., J. W. Curtis P.M., A. Arrowsmith P.M., G. Goddard, T. Ison, J. Thompson, J. White, J. Oates, John T. Shapcott, Fred Beesley, C. Halston, S. Manne, W. Rolles, Coulding, E. Stevens, G. C. Butcher, T. Stroud, W. B. West, T. Hennig, W. Bell, J. S. Kilvert, R. Armstrong, and T. Diamond.

The Visitors were Barry Lindon, Arthur Fowles 1668, Henry Crooks 2087, C. Milner 2187, Witham Unwin 1614, H. Raphael 2265, E. J. Green 865, H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, J. Hearsom P.M. 167, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others.

Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and then the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, Brothers Coulding, Hennig and Holston being passed as Fellow Crafts, the ceremony being given in extremely good style by the Worshipful Master.

Before he closed the Lodge Bro. Roberts W.M. said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, in having to convey to their esteemed Secretary Bro. Walker the expression of the esteem and affection of the Brethren, who had spontaneously subscribed for a testimonial to him, consisting of a handsome tea and coffee service, with silver salver; a pair of diamond ear rings for Mrs. Walker, and a bracelet for his daughter. Of Bro. Walker it might be said:

Noble he is, condemning all things mean;
His truth unquestioned, and his work serene;
Of no man's presence he feels afraid,
At no man's questions looks dismayed.
Shame knows him not, he serves us with a grace;
Honour and duty are written on his face.
Yet while the serious thought his mind approves,
To festive mirth, he his heart resigns.
He is a Brother! Take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

The W.M. called upon Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., as founder of the Lodge, to make the presentation to Bro. Walker, and he, in his well-known kindly terms, formally made the gift to the Secretary, who briefly thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethren, promising to say a few more words expressive of his gratitude at the banquet table.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided, in the world-renowned style of the Holborn Restaurant, Bro. Hamp on this occasion doing everything possible as manager to ensure the comfort and pleasure of the company.

After the usual Loyal toasts Bro. P.M. Cottebrune proposed the health of the Master, which was heartily received. He hoped to see their Master at the next meeting, in October, in as good health and spirit as he was enjoying at the present, and that he would have many opportunities of displaying his ability in the work of the Craft.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Cottebrune for the terms in which he had proposed his health, and especially for using such kind and favourable terms when referring to him. He trusted the summer outing it was proposed to arrange would be a success, for which purpose it was to be hoped all the Brethren of the Lodge would rally round him as their head. Personally he promised to do all in his power to ensure its success and the enjoyment of all who participated in it.

The toast of the Past Masters followed, being responded to by Brother Cottebrune.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, referring to each in complimentary terms, and thanking them on behalf of the Brethren for the excellent services they had rendered to the Lodge in the past. He had already said something in reference to their Secretary, but was glad of the opportunity of again expressing approval of what he had so long done in their behalf.

In reply, Bro. Welford P.M. Treasurer thanked the Master for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for their hearty reception of them. Although he had been Treasurer of the Lodge more years than Bro. Walker had been its Secretary his work was nothing as compared with what was required of his companion.

Bro. Walker Secretary followed. His heart was too full to allow of his expressing to the Brethren what he felt, and he feared words would fail him to return thanks as he desired for the handsome testimonial they had been pleased to present him that evening, a presentation that included, not only a gift for himself, but also presents for his wife and daughter. He hoped to continue in the position of Secretary of the Lodge for many years yet to come, and assured them that so long as they cared to re-appoint him he should do his best in the office. He concluded by again thanking all most sincerely for the great kindness they had shown towards him.

The next toast was that of the visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. Dehane P.M. P.P.G.D. Essex, who thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethren for the hearty reception accorded the guests. He was delighted to be present at their meeting to have the opportunity of witnessing how highly the members appreciated the excellent services of their worthy Secretary.

Bro. Hearsom followed in similar strain. It was a night of all nights, and what had been done might serve as a useful lesson to other Lodges. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast.

This was followed by the proposition of the Masonic Press, a toast the Master had great pleasure in submitting. He specially referred to the presence of Bro. Wynman, whose services in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE were well known to most of them. All must admit the power of the press, and acknowledge the kindly help the Masonic section gave whenever a deserving object of charity was brought under their notice.

Bro. Wynman responded, thanking the Worshipful Master for his kind remarks both about himself and the paper he was associated with. He had derived great pleasure from his visit that day, as it had enabled him to witness the presentation of the handsome testimonial they had been pleased to provide for their Secretary. He hoped to have the opportunity of giving many more reports of the Westbourne Lodge, and meeting the Brethren at other Masonic gatherings.

The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by Bros. Weaver and Lilley, the Deacons, after which the Master drew attention to the supper to be held in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, 12th May next, at Bro. Butcher's, Harrow Road. He hoped the members of the Lodge would attend in good numbers, and lend their aid in securing the success of the meeting.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings terminated.

Several songs were given during the evening, the chief items being "Bravo Jack," by Bro. Barry Lindon, who gave "In cellar cool" as an encore, and afterwards took part in a duet "Soldier and Sailor" with Bro. Goddard, the latter of whom also gave the new national song, by Clement Scott, "Three in one." Bro. P.M. Rogers sang "True till death," and Bro. Milnes "The Bugler."

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JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

ON Wednesday, 8th inst., the special event of the year took place at this Lodge, held at Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. James Evans (for many years resident in Bow Road) achieved the result which all members of the Craft have in view, and was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, says the "East London Observer."

There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the retiring W.M. Bro. John Robertson Reep, who has had a successful year of office, with characteristic ease and deliberation placed Bro. Evans in the chair, which he, in accordance with custom, had to vacate.

Bro. Packman P.M. acted as D.C. Bro. J. P. Sorrell P.M. the veteran Preceptor, to whom so many Craftsmen owe their thanks, delivered the charges with necessary emphasis and obvious effect. The usual forms were observed, the W.M. being very happy in his addresses to the Officers, as he invested them with their collars and jewels.

At the dinner which followed, about eighty sat down, and the musical programme provided proved very successful. Those who took part in it were: Miss Cecilia Haskins, Miss L. Quaife, Miss Benson Gilbert, and Bros. W. M. George and W. C. Hall. Brother James Haskins had charge of the musical arrangements.

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MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

THE regular meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, under the presidency of Brother Rutherford Darling W.M., who was supported by Bro. Jas. Brown S.W. A. E. Mullins J.W., Perry P.M. Treas., G. H. E. Hamilton P.M. Sec., G. H. Lindsay Renton I.P.M., Boret P.M., Joseph Whitehead P.M., and a full attendance of Brethren.

Visitors: Brothers L. Bateman S.W. Eleanor Lodge, Martindale S.D., Clarke, H. Mullins 211, and Lynch.

The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to examine Bros. Mitchell and Parsons, and they were duly passed to the second degree, after which Bro. Skinner was examined, and raised to the third.

Mr. Gillispie and Mr. Jeffrey were balloted for, and being approved, were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

On the conclusion of business the Brethren adjourned to dinner, when the usual toasts, interspersed with songs admirably rendered by members and visitors, were honoured.

In a neat speech by the I.P.M., the W.M. was complimented on his working, and the record was broken for punctuality at sitting down to dinner. The W.M. responded in suitable terms.

A successful evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, NO. 1743.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, says the "City Press," under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Wall the Worshipful Master, and was followed by a banquet at which ladies and other visitors were entertained, the evening concluding with a dance.

The Master was supported in the Lodge by Bro. Henry C. Lonsdale S.W., who was unanimously elected during the meeting to the chair of the Lodge, to preside over its destinies during the ensuing year; Bro. Henry Watts J.W., Thos. Lovell P.M. Treas., G. J. Tollett Sec., Thomas J. O'Brien P.M., Fredk. Kearney P.M., John Stait P.M., Henry G. Park S.D., W. B. Cosham J.D., James Boyles Steward, several lay members, and the following visitors: Chas. Hunt 861, W. T. Winsor I.P.M. 1950, Thomas Renwick 861, H. Foreman P.M. 1275, E. Willcox 1624, T. B. Tipton 2550, G. Phillips 2168, J. Marcham 861, C. Gray 1278, F. Ferris 1563, W. W. Morgan 177, W. Roots S.W. 2589, W. H. Toyé P.M. 1278, &c.

The work included the passing of Brother Frederick Richard Frost, another candidate for the second degree being absent on the continent.

As already mentioned, Bro. H. C. Lonsdale S.W. was elected to the chair, while Bro. T. Lovell P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane again appointed Tyler.

It was unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. W. J. Wall W.M. upon his leaving the chair, which he has filled with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the Brethren of the Lodge.

After the completion of the business of the day the Lodge was closed, and the banquet was partaken of, this being followed by the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the Officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. O'Brien the Immediate Past Master then submitted the toast of the W.M. He said they lived in progressive times, but it was useful to look back sometimes, and that occasion was an instance. It was said when the present Worshipful Master was a Warden of the Lodge that he was deserving of recognition as an honest man. They of the Perseverance Lodge had found him even more than that, for his term as ruler had not only been a working year, it had also been a charitable one. The Master had had the opportunity of relieving two widows and an old member of the Lodge to the extent of something like £45, and in addition their Past Master Stait had represented them as a Steward for the Old People, and had taken up a list of upwards of £50; all this had been done under the presidency of Bro. Wall, whom he (the speaker) had had the honour of working with for upwards of ten years, always finding him a true Mason. So long as they had such men in the chair of their Lodge they need never be afraid as to the progress of the Perseverance.

The Master tendered thanks for the toast. He regarded that day as another "red letter" one in his career, being especially pleased to see so many ladies and other visitors assembled under the auspices of the Lodge. He felt it was one of the most happy experiences of his occupancy of the chair. In fact, it made him regret his term of office had come to an end.

The next toast was that of the W.M.-elect, which, the Master considered, was essentially the toast of the evening. In their coming chief, Brother Lonsdale, they had one who would be an efficient ruler, one who would prove himself an ornament to the Lodge. In every office he had filled he had carried out the duties to the satisfaction of all, and, he felt sure, would be equally successful when he arrived at the distinction of the chair.

Bro. Lonsdale responded, thanking the company for the very hearty reception of the toast, and especially the members of the Lodge for having elected him to preside for the coming year. He trusted that at the end of his term of office his reception would be as hearty as it had been that day.

The Master next desired to tender, on behalf of the Lodge, a hearty welcome to the ladies and other visitors who were present. The members were only too pleased to do their best to entertain them, and hoped all would so far enjoy themselves as to desire to come again on future occasions.

Bro. Frost replied for the ladies, and Bro. Toyé for the other visitors, both expressing the pleasure those present had derived from the meeting. This concluded the speeches, and the company adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother T. F. Bucknell, several songs being given during the evening.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE installation took place on Thursday, 9th inst., at Colchester, when Bro. R. Haward Ives S.W. was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. P.G.Std.B. England P.P.J.G.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able manner. At its close the Officers for the year were appointed and invested.

Amongst the visitors present were Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart. D.P.G.M., Rev. W. Cree, Bro. M. L. Sanders P.M. and Sec. 413, and Bro. W. H. Howard-Flanders W.M. 342.

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EASTBOURNE LODGE, No. 484.

AT the annual meeting, held at Eastbourne, Bro. Joseph Farncombe Provincial Grand Treasurer was installed as Worshipful Master, in succession to the late Bro. Alderman Morrison, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Rev. Dr. Currey (Dean of Battle).

THE GREAT PYRAMID.

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

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SUMMARY.

LET us gather up the various items of interest that have been introduced during the investigation of the lessons indicated by the Great Pyramid, and give a summation of the important truths that have been opened out by the interpretation of its wonderful dimensions, which we are persuaded will amply repay us for the effort. Through the gathering mists of so many centuries, the Great Pyramid is at last seen to lift up its head before an almost incredulous world, proclaiming the secrets of the Most High with regard to the laws of nature and the dispensation of Providence, revealing thereby the will of God to man, and thus becoming an important "witness" for the Great Architect of the Universe in the work of creation and the dispensation of grace. The exploded tradition that assigns to old King Cheops the task of erecting this building as a mausoleum has had to yield at last to the light of science and revelation, both of which establish it now on a much firmer basis, and unmistakably proclaim it to be a Divinely-erected "monument" for setting forth not only the secrets of advanced science, but also as a prophetic finger-post to indicate the future of those dispensations which Jehovah in His great mercy has ordained for human redemption. We are prepared to admit that the work of carrying out the design, and supplying the necessary plans, whereby the Egyptians were enabled to complete the structure, was under the direction of "Philitis," a shepherd king, during the reign of King Shofa, or Cheops; yet the fact of the work being repugnant to those who executed it, and still it being completed with such unique workmanship, lends force to the Egyptian tradition, and impresses the mind with the fact that the power possessed by this "Shepherd King" was "supernatural"; hence the theory that is entertained by some, that he was none other than Melchisedek, King of Salem. Little did those Egyptians know that they were erecting "a witness to the Lord of Hosts" that should testify in thousands of years to come, both with regard to the hidden mysteries of creation, and that would also unfold the glorious date of human redemption; yet such was the case, while, with reluctance, they were driven to work for years at this building, which was an abomination to them. They nevertheless effected it in a style superior to anything that the world had ever seen before, and which will never again be equalled. Let us watch (in imagination) the toiling thousands as they work away at the crest of that hill, "in the midst of the land of Egypt," in order that a solid rock-foundation may be secured for the building, which is to cover a space of some thirteen and a half acres, and which is to weigh over five million tons. Its sides, facing due north, south, east, and west, proclaim it to be truly oriented. The dimensions of the base-side length of this square foundation present us with the exact space of time that forms the solar year. The massive blocks of stone are set within each other, as they rise in horizontal courses, one above another, to an angle of $51^{\circ} 51' 14.3''$, making "the central vertical height to twice the breadth of its square base, as the diameter to the circumference of a circle," thus solving the celebrated problem of "squaring the circle." Again, taking its height, and multiplying in by its own factor, the ninth power of ten, we then get the sun's mean distance from the earth. Following again the width of the Pyramid base-breadth, and carrying it round the earth, we are able to discover the earth's diameter and circumference. And if we desire to arrive at a true knowledge of the Divine standard of weights and measures, let us follow the table that records them in the King's Chamber, and which is duplicated in the other compartments. Thus we might proceed with the deductions that the scientific lessons of the Great Pyramid teach us, but we must hasten to regard it as closed in with those beautiful casing-stones, and are now standing to witness the five-angled top stone being brought up, and set as "the head stone of the corner," amidst the acclaim of the assembled thousands, when "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," no wonder that we should hear the united shout ascend to heaven, "GRACE, GRACE UNTO IT!"

Granting, therefore, that the interior has established its scientific standard, let us now for a moment remind you of its History recording dates that so truly accord with the events of history; and, in doing so, let us note its first great epoch record, viz., the Deluge. Here is the beginning of Great Pyramid history, and from this point it proceeds with the birth of Abram, out of which arises the blessings of the Divine Covenant. "Proceeding onward, and still guiding your steps" by the deductions of the passage angle, you were led, in the next place, to observe the intersection of the ascending passage, that marks the birth of Moses, and the triumphal march of the Children of Israel out of Egypt. After recording the fourteen dates that point to the great events connected with the history of God's chosen people, from the time of their Exodus from Egypt, up to the birth of our Saviour, we then introduced you to the Gospel dispensation, with its incomparable passage grandeur. The old covenant, with its straightened passages, may be regarded as being true and righteous, and intended to impress the mind with the important lessons of humility and resignation to the will of Heaven, so that, with a "heart purified from every baneful and malignant passion, and fitted only for the reception of truth and wisdom," we might be the better prepared for that glorious dispensation which is symbolised in the Grand Gallery. Having carefully noted the wonderful proportions of this part of the Great Pyramid, and recognising its testimony with regard to the birth, death, and resurrection of our Saviour, we then, with undisguised anxiety,

hasten to the termination of the Grand Gallery, in order to ascertain the indications of that period, seeing we may be so near to it, according to the computations of the most distinguished Pyramid students.

The important lessons to be gathered from the events that are now transpiring, we think, should impress every one with the fact the present is big with momentous issues—issues that will indelibly mark the character of the future; and, in stating this, we only need refer you to the termination of the late European conflict, and the terms of that Congress, which overruled the conditions of the victor, and which placed in our possession an important territory, and also "the Protectorate" of another immense territory, which for interest is second to none in the world, from the fact that it is that land which God promised to Abraham and his seed for ever. Our rapid acquisition of territory throughout the globe during the past few years is so signal that some of our weak-kneed statesmen, professing to be alarmed at the prospect of having in the future to grapple with the responsibilities of such an extensive empire, are disparaging these extensions; but we regard them in a more favourable light, and think that we see in them the happy fulfilment of the Divine promise to Israel, viz., that the uttermost parts of the earth shall be our possession. It is, therefore, with the most perfect equanimity that we observe the faint-hearted statesman as he professes to tremble at the proportions of our ever-increasing empire, believing as we do that that Divine power will provide for us the full accomplishment of His all-wise purposes. Mr. Joseph Cowen has well said that "we belong to the real and the active, and not to the imaginary world. We are the inheritors of a colonial empire, the most wide-spread, scattered, and extensive ever known. It reaches to every region, and has its feelers in every corner of the globe. . . . It is no egotism to say that, notwithstanding all our shortcomings, power so vast was never wielded with so sincere a desire to use it beneficially, to secure the existence, to rivet the cohesion of this vast dominion, blessed with one of the highest forms of freedom that the world has ever seen." As believers in the identification of the lost Ten Tribes of Israel with the British nation, we cannot but regard the foreign and colonial policy of this country in the past as uniformly good, and also as being a very remarkable fulfilment of the Divine promises to His chosen people in these latter days.

The prophetic pointing to which we have already alluded is a question that has been much abused, owing to the Biblical student having misapprehended the intent of the prophet. Prophetic indications that connect the close of the Christian dispensation with the immediate future appear to be signalled by circumstances that prognosticate very great trouble. There is already gathering on the scene a terrible element, that forebodes that evil, in the vast armaments of the Continental Powers. Should these military organisations continue at the fearful rate at which they are now preparing for the struggle, there is no doubt that in the course of time the conflict will assume proportions such as have been foretold; and the terrible sufferings of those days will correspond exactly with the passage indications. Then the bow of Ephraim shall abide in strength, and the God of Israel shall be his strong tower. In that day of trouble, Israel shall "enter into her chambers, and shut her doors about her," until the fierceness of the Divine anger is passed away. The duration of that period has already been given, as well as the space allotted for "Jacob's rest," that shall subsequently precede the last and final overthrow of Satan's power, when the great Northern military despot shall "come upon the mountains of Israel," and the accumulated forces of "Gog and Magog" shall be gathered to the great battle of "Armageddon." Seeing that that day is very remote, and that there lies before us in the immediate future an important work, let us with courage embrace the present opportunity of becoming "co-workers with God" and strive to extend a knowledge of His truth, so that we may also become His "witnesses" before the unrighteous nations of the world, and thereby participate in the great blessings of the Divine Protectorate, when He shall laugh at our enemies and have them in derision.

In concluding our remarks upon the revelations of the Great Pyramid, let us bear in mind the fact that we have satisfactorily proved the Scientific features that harmonise with the laws of created nature. With regard to the time-recording passages, those we have already established by the discovery of a series of dates, which accord with known remarkable events. The testimony of the past, with regard to the prophetic pointing, has secured its claim upon our confidence, and thereby completed the triple argument, which has been formed to prove that the Great Pyramid is a divinely-inspired building. The erection of a building like the Great Pyramid, in such a peculiar position on the earth's surface, and with such cosmical and ethical truths contained in its several proportions, compels us to acknowledge with gratitude that this is the very structure that was promised should be opened out to God's people in the latter days, and should be regarded as an "altar unto the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and a witness unto the Lord of Hosts, in the Land of Egypt."

As already announced in our columns, the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1805, will re-open in its new home, the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., at eight o'clock sharp, on which occasion Brother C. J. R. Tijou P.M. P.A.G.P.Eng. will perform the opening ceremony, assisted by Bro. Ben Johnson P.M. S.W., and Bro. G. E. Warn P.M. J.W., and the installation by Bro. J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor. Masonic clothing will be worn, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

THE TEACHING OF FREEMASONRY.

A LECTURE under this heading was delivered before the Toronto Theosophical Society, at the Hall, 365 Spadina Avenue, by Bro. J. P. Nixon Grand Lecturer of the G. R. Arch Chapter of Canada. Brother F. E. Titus occupied the chair, and introduced the lecturer by a few appropriate remarks, pointing out that in the principle of Brotherhood Freemasonry had a common object with theosophy. They were glad to have an opportunity of listening to an able exponent of one of the great Fraternal organisations.

Bro. Nixon said that Freemasonry was only a secret society in respect of what might be called its esoteric work. Its principles, aims, and objects were all open to the public. Some persons imagined that by joining the institution they would benefit financially. Any such man would find himself grievously disappointed, and only those who joined from a pure and unselfish motive would reap any benefit. The first grand principle of Freemasonry was in the existence of a Supreme Being—not necessarily the God of Christianity, as the organisation included all religions which entertained the principle of monothéism. He held that monothéism was at the root of all the ancient religions, though, owing to popular ignorance, symbols had often been worshipped in place of the one God. The second great principle of Freemasonry was human Brotherhood. Within its ranks all creeds, ranks, and colours were equal—all the Brethren met “upon the level.” In some of the regiments of the British army there were regimental Lodges. Inside the Lodge the subordinate might be the superior of the Colonel. The history of every nation of antiquity was intimately connected with the mysteries—societies formed to promote religious, social, or national objects—and the principle of Fraternity was developed. It induced men to deny themselves to benefit their fellows, and relieve suffering humanity. It was this principle which animated Freemasons. Most Freemasons believed the Institution took its rise in an operative guild of the middle ages. The lecturer described the training of these ancient guilds, involving not only industrial and moral teaching, but scientific principles, such as now were common property, but which in those days of ignorance were regarded as great mysteries. He understood that there was a considerable similarity between the principles of Freemasonry and theosophy, and, so far as the idea of universal Brotherhood was concerned, that was certainly the central truth of Freemasonry. Great advances had been made in the direction of the recognition of this principle, and if the future witnessed an equal advance the time spoken of by the poet Burns was not far distant:

“When man to man the world o’er,
Shall brithers be, an a’ that.”

The lecturer gave numerous apt illustrations and anecdotes, exemplifying the Masonic principles, and was frequently applauded by the audience.

President Harwood, of the Theosophical Society, followed in an address showing the points of similarity between the doctrines of theosophy and Freemasonry.—“Canadian Craftsman.”

ELEMENTS OF STRENGTH IN FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY shows a remarkable strength in its organic life. Its pre-eminence among fraternal societies is unquestioned. The signs of its superior prestige and power are of an unmistakable character. That the Masonic Institution has an enduring strength is the judgment of its friends and its foes.

Accepting this estimate, we are naturally disposed to enquire as to the sources of its power—to ascertain what are some of the elements which constitute its vigorous life—and to note the producing causes of its prosperity. In such a search and analysis not a little stress may be laid upon the following points:

1. Freemasonry claims to be an ancient system of truth and philosophy. The flavour of antiquity is not only agreeable to the average mind, but it is exceedingly helpful in developing interest in a system or association thus regarded. The antiquity of Freemasonry is justly made prominent by Craftsmen. The exact question as to how this antiquity is to be defined or limited may not be easily settled, but the general thought connects Freemasonry with the builders of the Middle Ages, with the Roman Colleges of Artificers, with various Brotherhoods of philosophers and moralists which flourished thousands of years ago, and especially with a union supposed to have been in existence in the days of King Solomon. The legends and traditions interwoven with the Masonic system, as related to the Temple of Solomon, and to the practice of the ancient mysteries in a more distant age, have been helps and not hindrances to the organic life of Freemasonry.

2. The historic past of the Masonic Institution is likewise conducive to its strength. The record which has been made by the Fraternity may be pointed to with justifiable pride by every Craftsman. Freemasonry has made a good witness of its moral and beneficent purposes, and of its actual power to bring human hearts into touch and impel a noble service. What it has done for humanity's sake and for truth's sake, has been crystallized in the bright lines which show all so gloriously on the pages of history. Thus has our institution made for itself a worthy record. The roll of its membership shows numerous names that belong to men who were leaders and efficient helpers in their day and generation, and whose names are deservedly honoured in the communities where they respectively resided. All this record of past achievement and of worthy membership brings something of added strength to the Masonic Fraternity.

3. Freemasonry is strong in its organic life by reason of certain features which show its separateness from other Fraternal societies. It stands apart from other associations by its investiture of large powers in a single individual. While it puts all Brethren upon the same level as members of a Lodge, it exalts a single Officer, duly chosen and installed, to the place of supreme control. In Freemasonry the Wor. Master rules and governs his Lodge. He is invested with authority such as does not belong to the presiding Officers of other associations. This distinctive feature of organised Freemasonry has given strength to the body. In the same line of thought other differences present themselves, as pertaining to rules of procedure, &c., and in almost every such dis-similarity that is noted the approved course pursued by Masonic bodies seems wisest and best. Freemasonry is strong, not as a copyist, but as an originator; and is likely to maintain its power and increase its influence as it retains those elements which constitute its marked individuality.

4. The recognition of the principle of human equality and Brotherhood adds strength to the Masonic Institution. No society plants itself more firmly on a platform of broad and just humanity than does ours. It recognises the essential manhood—the “one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin”—and brings the high and the low, the rich and the poor, about Masonic altars to be taught the lessons of a common Brother-

hood. It charges its members, “to regard no man for his worldly wealth or honour,” and to do good unto all in the expression of the spirit of universal benevolence. Its rules may be very precise; its tests of merit may be and should be rigidly insisted upon; its selection of members ought to be most carefully made; but its position, which is strong as truth itself, and not to be departed from except at greatest risk, is that there is a relation of man with his fellow man which must be respected,—a relation which makes it the duty of the strong to help the weak, the wise to instruct the ignorant, requiring all to be contributors to the common welfare in obedience to that suggestive declaration, “no man liveth to himself.”

5. The symbolism of Freemasonry, hardly less than its avowed principles and direct teachings, gives it strength. The symbols of the Craft may appear valueless to the careless observer, but every Brother realises their impressiveness of use in the ceremonies through which he has passed. These symbols speak a universal language. Through the eye and the senses they reach the heart, producing an effect more powerful than words. As a means of appealing to the mind and to the soul, the utility of Masonic symbolism cannot be denied. It stimulates noble aspirations and worthy resolutions, and incites the sympathies and affections to the largest and best expression. No other institution, save the Church of the living God, has such a wealth of symbolism, so well calculated to impress the mind and draw men up to a higher region of thought and sentiment.

6. Freemasonry is strong because of the religious element which forms its very life. Freemasonry does not assume to be a religion, but it is distinctively religious. It inculcates faith in a personal God. It makes frequent references to Deity in its ritual and ceremonies, and speaks the earnest word of exhortation to all Craftsmen, bidding them to reverence and adore the Great Creator, to believe in Him as the Father of men, and to obey the law which He has revealed. Standing on such a foundation, holding fast to eternal verities, the best work may be done and the most glorious progress attained. Thus established there need be no fear for the prosperity of the Masonic Institution. Its present strength is prophetic of increasing vigour, and of its growing ability to justify its existence by an increasing service for the welfare of man and to the glory of God.—“Free-mason's Repository.”

Rightly Bro. Frost can see neither utility nor justice in a Grand Master claiming the prerogative to make a man a Mason at sight, and he well adds: “The sooner this ancient prerogative falls into disuse the better for Masonry. Let every man desiring to become a Mason walk in the way and manner ordained to become such a one. Why the prerogative, which may have been a useful one perhaps hundreds of years ago, should be exercised for the benefit of single individuals these days is not exactly clear to me. I do not see that any good purpose could be served thereby.” There is but one right way to enter Masonry, namely, “upon the level,” and thus all should enter it, or forever remain out of it.—“Voice of Masonry.”

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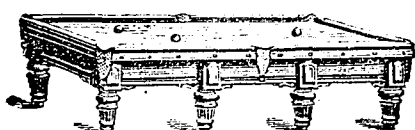
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No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Cheeseman, C. W. ...	3385	15	Everett, H. ...	2692
2	Coleman, P. S. (last) ...	3332	16	Button, F. W. ...	2691
3	Worrell, C. H. ...	3282	17	Cowlishaw, F. D. ...	2689
4	Hayward, P. H. ...	3125	18	Grant, T. E. ...	2684
5	Ramsay, J. H. ...	3086	19	Johnson, G. H. ...	2672
6	Coales, W. D. ...	2992	20	Pocklington, L. H. ...	2668
7	Long, S. M. ...	2914	21	Button F. G. ...	2643
8	Mallett, R. ...	2854	22	Webb, E. E. D. ...	2635
9	Vockins, R. C. H. ...	2830	23	Vigour, V. ...	2600
10	Blott, W. ...	2821	24	Aberdeen, J. H. ...	2574
11	Anderson, T. ...	2812	25	Bassett, H. E. ...	2554
12	Loxley, O. W. ...	2708	26	Craighhead, P. A. ...	2495
13	Nutter, C. R. ...	2708	27	Ward, C. A. ...	2385
14	Turner, F. T. ...	2697	28	Hitchcock, A. V. B. ...	2367

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the Office.

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

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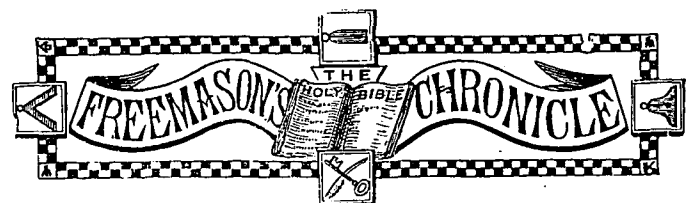
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SATURDAY, 18TH APRIL 1896.

THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held on Friday of last week, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve Past G. Treas., Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management; and, in view of the importance of the business announced on the agenda, was numerously attended.

Bro. Eve submitted his proposition, on behalf of the Board of Management, authorising that Board to purchase a new site and to erect thereon a fresh School, and to dispose of the present land and premises to the best advantage. He referred to the remarks of the Pro Grand Master when he presided at the Festival of 1891, and then urged the desirability of finding some more open spot for the School buildings, and outlined what had

since been done in the matter, including the resolution of a Quarterly Court that the Board of Management be authorised to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate.

Bro. W. H. Saunders seconded the motion, which led to considerable discussion, some of the speakers really desiring to re-open the whole question, and wishing to first obtain an expression of opinion from the Subscribers as to whether a change should be made at all, or the work continued at the present quarters. Some also pointed out the desirability of ascertaining whether the present system of housing the boys in one building, or the plan adopted in many Provinces of paying for their education at outside Schools was the best, it being urged that the adoption of the proposed course would entail a loss of many thousands of pounds, some estimates putting it at upwards of £100,000.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland proposed as an amendment that the matter be deferred until the October Court, which was seconded by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, but ultimately lost by 62 to 47.

A second amendment to the effect that the Board of Management commit themselves to no new purchase scheme without the approval of the October Court was also pressed, but shared the same fate as the other, and the original motion was carried, the general opinion being that the Board of Management was representative of the Craft and might fairly be entrusted with the arrangement of details, particularly as they were naturally of a somewhat delicate character in many particulars.

Brother C. E. Keyser P.G.D. Patron of the Institution was re-elected as its Treasurer.

Bros. Geo. Adamson, A. Flatman, F. W. Levander, D. Jacobs, J. T. Buston, Thos. Evans, W. J. Rowe, G. W. Munt, T. B. Manning, Geo. Glover, A. Millward, and John Oldis were elected members of the Council.

Bros. George E. Fairchild, James P. Fitzgerald, Henry Pritchard, Alfred Cross Spaul, and James Stephens were elected London members of the Board of Management, and Bros. Chas. Pulman, Harry Bevir, Hugh E. Diamond, William Russell, and Richard Clowes were elected Provincial members.

The next business was the election of pupils into the Institution, there being twenty-eight vacancies, with a list of fifty-one approved candidates, reduced to forty-nine by the withdrawal of No. 34, M. W. Hart, and No. 35, G. J. S. Mansell. The list of those successful is given in our advertisement column; the following were unsuccessful, the details given showing the number of votes polled on behalf of each:

No. on List.	Name.	Votes: Forward.	Polled.	Total.
27	Smith, Llewellyn Philip Casson ...	—	2212	2212
1	Baker, Arthur ...	1868	678	2046
5	Nichols, Walter Gordon ...	1240	610	1850
4	Pallot, Charles Frederick ...	604	865	1469
16	Sutton, Arthur Henry ...	622	804	1426
50	Miners, Arnold Beverly ...	—	1352	1352
24	Laing, James Forbes ...	567	639	1206
6	Linnett, Benjamin Wellesley ...	478	640	1118
37	Cramphorne, Harold Joseph ...	—	811	811
26	Venables, George Vernon ...	152	598	750
33	Wilton, John Hastings D'Aquilar ...	—	736	736
32	Dover, Arthur Edward ...	—	555	555
46	Manley, Leonard Oliver ...	—	529	529
18	Oldham, George Harold ...	43	319	362
45	Morris, Alfred Daniel ...	—	235	235
48	Eales, Arthur Douglas ...	—	145	145
42	Wright, Charles Philip ...	—	115	115
29	Crane, Reginald Victor ...	—	81	81
17	Johnstone, Walter Latimer ...	33	14	47
44	Brinjes, Frederick Edgar ...	—	45	45
12	Smith, Sydney George ...	11	24	35

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Bro. Samuel Jones presided, and amongst those also present were Bros. J. R. Lord Treasurer of the Fund, J. B. Gover Secretary, W. H. Dillon Assistant Secretary, &c.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £584 13s 6d brought forward from the previous year, making, with £434 3s 9d subscriptions and donations, and £23 2s 10d interest on deposits, a total of £1,042. The expenditure on annuitants, printing, stationery, and postages was £355 15s 6d, leaving a balance in hand of £686 4s 7d, which, with a deposit of £900 in the Devon and Cornwall Bank, brought the value of the Fund, to the end of last year, to £1,586 4s 7d.

Two children were elected on the Fund, viz., a son of a deceased Brother of Lodge No. 202, and a son of a deceased Brother of Lodge No. 1855. The third candidate, a son of a deceased Brother of Lodge No. 421, having been on the list for some time without securing election, was placed on the Fund for two and a half years.

There are now twenty children on the Fund, each receiving £15 per annum up to the age of fifteen years. Since the

formation of the fund over sixty children have been elected, and on this number there has been expended over £3,000.

Bro. Lord was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Gover Secretary, Bro. Dillon Assistant Secretary, and each was thanked for past services. Bros. Allsford and Stanbury were re-elected Auditors. The new bye-laws, as suggested by the Committee, were passed, with a few slight additions; £5 was voted to the son of a deceased member of Lodge 1247, and £5 to the son of a deceased member of Lodge 1205.

A cordial vote of thanks was given the chairman for his services in that capacity. The visitors were, as usual, most hospitably entertained by the Exeter Brethren. — "Western Morning News."

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC FESTIVAL.

A MEETING of representatives of Lodges in the Province of Staffordshire was held at Stafford, on Saturday, 28th ult., in furtherance of the movement to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association by a grand festival assembly of Masons for the special behoof of the Benevolent Fund of the Association. Bro. M. Barker P.P.J.G.W. President of the Association occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of Officers of the Association and Charity Representatives from the various Lodges.

The Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master has fixed the date of the festival for the 15th July, and will use his good offices with the Duke of Sutherland to obtain his permission to hold it at Trentham. The Chairman was elected President of the festival, and Bro. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C.Eng. and a Life Vice-President of the Association was appointed Treasurer. Some sixty Brethren are already available as Stewards, with a subscription of five guineas each, and it is hoped that this number will be increased to 100. There is every promise of a great and successful gathering, which it is confidently hoped will place the Benevolent Fund in a position commensurate to the growing power and influence of Masonry in the Province. — "Staffordshire Advertiser."

In Illinois there is but one ballot for the three degrees. In New Mexico there is a ballot for each of the three degrees. Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, upholds the one ballot, and Bro. Frost, of New Mexico, defends the three ballot method. Thus there is an interesting debate between them. Bro. Robbins holds that an Entered Apprentice has rights which the Brethren must respect; Bro. Frost contends that an Entered Apprentice has no right; that he is a probationer only, and that his only obligation is one of secrecy. We think that Bro. Robbins is right in declaring that an Entered Apprentice has rights which he should not be deprived of without a hearing, and that one of those rights is that of advancement on his attainment of due proficiency. Such is the law in several of the Grand Jurisdictions, and we think it should be the law in all. — "Voice of Masonry."

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Now that the revised laws of Grand Lodge are about to be issued, it has been suggested in official quarters that the bye-laws of all Lodges should be called in by the Provincial Grand Lodge for comparison. A most commendable suggestion! and should be acted on. There are many Lodges working under bye-laws that are long out of date, leading to disputings and complications. — "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News."

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The installation of Brother John Macpherson-Grant jun. as Provincial Grand Master of Inverness-shire took place at Inverness, on Monday, 30th ult., and from the reports given in the local press must have proved an interesting event. We notice the name of Bro. F. T. C. Keeble P.M. of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, of London, as among those present.

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A series of articles in regard to Employers' Liability, past and prospective legislation, with special reference to "contracting out," have been reprinted from the "Sun," and prefaced by an autograph letter from the Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P. The pamphlet is issued at one penny, and gives some most interesting particulars.

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WE join in the general expressions of pleasure that have followed the announcement that Mr. Charles Wyndham has so far recovered from his recent breakdown in health that he has returned to town for the purpose of taking part in a rehearsal at the Criterion.

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NEXT WEEK.

As the place of meeting for the next week is given in the calendar and pocket book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

- 1 Grand Masters, F.T.
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
- 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
- 1506 White Horse o' K't, Hlbrn V.Hl.
- 1694 Imperial, Westminster
- 2546 Rahere, Frascati
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
- 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
- 423 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Kettering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 900 St. George, Tewkesbury
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Croston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1113 Anglesea, Menai-bridge
- 1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1170 St. George, Manchester
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1238 Gooch, Twickenham
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2074 St. Clair, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2086 Dacre, Stevenage
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
- 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
- 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
- 2452 Duchess of York, Manchester
- 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, 5
- 30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
- 94 Phoenix, Sunderland
- 162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
- 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
- 435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
- 1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
- 2022 Haven, Ealing
- 2045 Robinson, Maidstone
- 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
- 160 True Friendship, Rochefort
- 213 Perseverance, Norwich
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 366 St. David, Milford
- 384 St. David, Bangor
- 402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
- 414 Union, Reading
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
- 468 Light, Birmingham
- 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
- 484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
- 551 Yarborough, Ventnor
- 560 Vernon, Stourport
- 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
- 660 Camolodunum, New Malton
- 667 Alliance, Liverpool
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
- 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
- 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
- 990 Neyland, Neyland
- 1006 Tregullow, St. Day
- 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
- 1075 St. Manghold, Ramsey, I. of M.
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
- 1114 Scarborough, Batley
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1276 Warren, Seacombe

- 1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
- 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
- 1551 Charity, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1894 Hershel, Slough
- 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bellington
- 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2001 Narberth, Narberth
- 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
- 2155 Makersfield, Newt'n-le-Willows
- 2316 Princes, Liverpool
- 2360 Victoria, Southport
- 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
- 2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
- 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley
- 2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Wednesday.

- Board of Benevolence, 5
- 201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
- 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
- 32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
- 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
- 86 Loyalty, Prescott
- 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsb'y
- 220 Harmony, Garston
- 250 Minerva, Hull
- 257 Phoenix Portsmouth
- 258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
- 320 Loyalty, Motham
- 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
- 341 Wellington, Rye
- 368 Samaritan, Sandbach
- 380 Integrity, Morley
- 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
- 580 Harmony, Ormskirk
- 697 United, Colchester
- 724 Derby, Liverpool
- 785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
- 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
- 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
- 910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
- 1039 St. John, Lichfield
- 1193 Doric, Wymondham
- 1363 Twyndall, Chipping Sodbury
- 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
- 1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
- 1633 Avon, Manchester
- 1663 Hartismere, Eye
- 1723 St. George, Bolton
- 1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
- 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
- 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
- 1839 Fidelis, Guernsey
- 1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
- 1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
- 2019 Crook, Crook
- 2149 Gordon, Hanley
- 2216 Egerton, Swinton
- 2283 Euston, St. Neots
- 2320 St. Martin, Castleton
- 2355 Chantrey, Dore
- 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
- 2385 Godson, Oldbury
- 2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
- 2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, 4-30
- 66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
- 99 Shakespear, Albion
- 507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
- 858 South Middlesex, Fulham
- 861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
- 871 Royal Oak, Deptford
- 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
- 1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
- 1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
- 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
- 2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet St.
- 51 Angel, Colchester
- 71 Unity, Lowestoft
- 78 Imperial George, Middleton
- 112 St. George, Exeter
- 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
- 202 Friendship, Devonport
- 208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
- 214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
- 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
- 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
- 283 Amity, Haslingden
- 312 True and Faithful, Helston
- 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
- 337 Candour, Uppermill
- 346 United Brethren, Blackburn
- 348 St. John, Bolton
- 410 Grove, Ewell
- 456 Foresters, Uxtoeter
- 469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding

- 472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
- 594 Downshire, Liverpool
- 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
- 710 Pleiades, Totnes
- 784 Wellington, Deal
- 787 Beaureper, Belper
- 809 United Good F'ship, Wisbech
- 935 Harmony, Salford
- 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
- 1163 Emulation, Birmingham
- 1164 Eliot, St. Germans
- 1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
- 1345 Victoria, Eccles
- 1392 Egerton, Bury
- 1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
- 1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
- 1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
- 1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
- 1505 Emulation, Liverpool
- 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
- 1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
- 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
- 2028 Granite, Narborough
- 2091 Castleberg, Settle
- 2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
- 2131 Brownlow, Eylesmere
- 2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
- 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria
- 2215 Anfield, Anfield
- 2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
- 2335 Cycling & Athletic, Liverpool
- 2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
- 2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chest'r
- 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
- 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
- 2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- Council, Boys School, 4
- 197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
- 569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
- 355 R'l S's, Emulation, Swindon

- 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
- 404 Watford, Watford
- 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
- 445 Fidelity, Towcester
- 460 Sutland Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
- 516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
- 566 St. Germain, Selby
- 602 North York, Middlesborough
- 652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
- 712 Lindsey, Louth
- 810 Craven, Skipton
- 951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
- 1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
- 1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
- 1232 Hereford, Bourn
- 1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet
- 1391 Commercial, Leicester
- 1435 Annesley, Nottingham
- 1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
- 1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
- 1920 Eurydice, Surbiton
- 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
- 2371 Felix, Felixstowe
- 2415 Tristram, Shildon
- 2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

- 1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
- 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
- 149 Peace, Meltham
- 308 Prince George, Todmorden
- 336 Benevolence, Marple
- 444 Union, Starcross
- 1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
- 1965 Eastes, Bromley
- 2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.
- 2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton
- 2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
- 2421 Carrington, Amersham
- 2460 Ascot, Ascot

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WEST LANCASHIRE.

IN accordance with the decision announced at Lancaster in 1894, that the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of Lancashire would in future, for greater convenience, assemble for the annual business at Easter, instead of immediately after the Provincial Grand Lodge, as for many years past, the annual Convocation was held on Saturday at the Town Hall, Southport, when the attendance proved so large as almost to equal the accommodation. Owing to great unanimity, the business was rapidly despatched.

Considerable applause greeted the announcement that Lord Skelmersdale had been nominated for the senior office at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Superintendent the Earl of Lathom, who presided, supported by the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, W. R. Wylie, J. D. Murray, &c.

From Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Lancaster, Warrington, Horwich, and Ormskirk, the Companions, added to the strong muster of members of Southport Chapters, totalled about 120. The roll call showed that only three Chapters in the large Province had not sent representatives.

The accounts of the Prov.G. Treasurer Comp. H. Nall P.Z. 1587, showing a substantial credit balance, were adopted. After the election of Treasurer, the Grand Superintendent nominated the rest of the Prov.G. Officers, and invested all who were present, as follow:—

Comp. Lord Skelmersdale	-	-	-	H.
W. H. Arnott 148	-	-	-	J.
William Goodacre	-	-	-	Scribe E.
Rev. J. S. Gardner 618	-	-	-	Scribe N.
Charles Watson 613	-	-	-	Treasurer
George Oakey 113	-	-	-	Registrar
C. E. Hindley 1345 and 148	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
Edward Sherwell 682	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
Thomas Vernon 92	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
John Armstrong 148 and 1350	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Charles Harding 1356	-	-	-	Sword Bearers
Max Boyd 1040	-	-	-	
I. Gabrielson	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Roger White 241	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Sweetman	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Willan	-	-	-	
Thomas Mason 249	-	-	-	Organist
G. H. Whitaker	-	-	-	
J. Orritt 580	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
W. H. Ball	-	-	-	Janitor.

A vote of twenty-five guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution having been agreed to, Provincial Chapter was closed with due ceremony.—“Liverpool Mercury.”

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 890.

AT the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, W., Comp. J. Cruttenden 779 Z., J. Bailey P.Z. 1602 H., G. E. Higginson J. 186 J., H. Dehane P.Z. 890 Prov.G.P.S. Essex S.E., J. C. Tilt 2862 Treas., R. T. Godfrey Z. 172 P.S., G. March 733 Asst.S.

The Chapter was declared open and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Higginson, for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of third Principal for the first time—which compliment was duly acknowledged. Hearty good wishes were accorded and the Chapter was closed.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

IN our issue of the 28th ult. we announced that Bro. J. C. Malcolm would succeed Bro. Henry Smith as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and we are now able to give the following additional particulars from the local papers:

Mr. J. C. Malcolm, solicitor, of Leeds, and the City Coroner, has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of West Yorkshire, in succession to Mr. H. Smith, of Wakefield, who recently resigned the office on account of ill-health, after having held it for ten years. Mr. Malcolm will be duly invested by the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Doncaster, on the 22nd inst. We understand that within a few days of his being invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he will also receive office in the Grand Lodge of England—that of Junior Grand Deacon. Mr. Malcolm is a member of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds, having been initiated in February 1873. He held the office of W.M. of the Lodge in 1876 and 1891, and was S.W. in 1894-95, the centenary year of the Lodge. He was appointed Prov. G. Registrar in 1878, and he is a P.Z. of the H.R.A., and a Past Prov. G. Registrar in that degree. He has also held office in other degrees. During his connection with Freemasonry Mr. Malcolm has taken a great interest in the charities of that body, and has been a liberal subscriber to them. He is a Vice-President of both the Boys and Girls Schools, and a Life-Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons.

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CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THIS Lodge held its ordinary monthly meeting on Tuesday, 7th inst., at Havant, the W.M. Bro. H. N. Price P.M. 177 being in his place.

There was a good attendance, but some members were still absent on their Easter holidays.

The usual preliminary business having been got through, a Fellow Craft was admitted to the third degree; the Lodge was then resumed in the first, and a candidate was initiated.

The Secretary reported the death of two members since the last meeting, and having read sundry communications the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren, to the number of thirty, adjourned to supper, there being a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were:—Bros. T. H. Hobbs W.M. 177, E. H. Buck P.M. 2153, J. J. Pakes P.M. 140, G. L. Stobbs P.M. 175, S. C. Baker 299, G. C. Vernon-Inkpen P.M. 38 1834, G. D. Birch S.W. 2153, J. Robertson 669.

Some toasts and songs followed. Bro. H. G. Fryer, Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, presided at the piano.

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GUNDULPH LODGE, No. 1050.

THE Brethren held their annual festival (under special dispensation) on Wednesday, 8th inst., instead of on Easter Monday, the appointed day. The Council-Chamber, at the Guildhall, Rochester, had been kindly allowed by the Mayor to be used for the occasion, and here the Lodge assembled, the Brethren attending in full numbers, while several distinguished Provincial Officers of Kent were also present.

The Master for the year is Bro. Albert W. Hodge, who was installed in the principal chair in an able manner by his immediate predecessor, Bro. J. W. Nash, who was later on in the proceedings presented with the jewel of a Past Master, in the name of the Lodge, in testimony of the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during the past year.

The newly-elected W.M. received the salutations of the Brethren, and afterwards appointed and invested the Officers for the year.

The valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. E. Barrell P.P.G.S.B. as Secretary—a post he has held for a number of years—was recognised by the brethren presenting him with a Secretary's jewel, which was handed him by the W.M., amid the plaudits of the Brethren.

At the close of the business, the Brethren held their annual banquet at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the new Master, when the customary toasts were honoured. It was announced during the evening that the Prince of Wales had selected Bro. Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master for Kent as Deputy Grand Master of England, in the place of the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, resigned.

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LEWISES LODGE, No. 1209.

ON Wednesday, 8th inst., the annual installation was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, when a large number of Brethren were present.

The W.M.-elect Bro. J. Roe S.W. was installed into the chair, according to the ancient rites, by Bro. G. J. Baldwin the retiring W.M., the ceremony being ably and most impressively performed.

After the Lodge had been closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where Bro. Roach had prepared the annual banquet. The W.M. presided, being supported by his Officers.

After the cloth had been cleared, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, songs and music being interspersed, the vocalists being Bros. Hosking, A. W. Larkin, Wilson, Solly, and Messrs. Ofield and Greey. Bros. Grunhold and Hughes also gave some capital recitations. Bro. Sandford Moore played the accompaniments.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on the 13th inst., Brother Ramsey Knight W.M. There were also present: Bros. Percy Land I.P.M., Chris. Preston S.W., William Yeadon J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., J. S. Done S.D., Walter Lees I.G., Fras. Long P.M. Organist, Jno. Rathbone P.M., J. Kershaw P.M., Walter Biggs P.M., A. H. Norbury, C. H. Moss, J. H. Rowse, H. Preston, E. H. Seddon, S. Woollam, T. Turnbull, E. Dewsbury, Thos. Jackson.

Visitors: Saml. Richards 1161, E. T. Douglas 1381, Thos. Shaw S.W. 1387, T. W. Travers W.M. 1354, W. Bransby 1773, J. Allin Org. 2231, W. Chesshyre Tyler.

The Lodge being opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting confirmed, the ancient charge (which for want of time was not given last meeting) was delivered to Brothers Turnbull and Seddon by the J.W., in a manner which was highly applauded by the visitors and Brethren. After Bros. Turnbull and Seddon had answered the questions leading to the second degree, the Brethren adjourned for tea.

On re-assembling the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Turnbull and Seddon were advanced as Fellow Crafts, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Brother Burslem P.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W.

The Lodge having been closed down, Bro. Gillman took the chair and proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for a very handsome oak chest he had presented to the Lodge, which was carried with acclamation.

The Worshipful Master having resumed his chair, and after having received the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren, closed the Lodge.

The Brethren then adjourned to the festive board, when the S.W. proposed the health of the newly passed Brothers, and in doing so expressed his opinion that he believed they would prove good and true Masons. Bros. Turnbull and Seddon suitably replied.

Bro. Land I.P.M. proposed the health of the visitors, and they in reply highly complimented the W.M. upon his working and also that of the Officers.

Bro. Rathbone proposed the health of the W.M., who, in reply, thanked the visitors for the very kind allusion they had made as to the working of himself and his Officers.

Other toasts followed, and were heartily acknowledged. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs and recitations from Brothers Long, Allin, Bransby, Lees, Rowse, and Seddon.

WOLSEY LODGE, No. 1656.

THE regular meeting was held on Monday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of Bro. Peate P.G. Organist Middx., who was supported by Bros. Spooner I.P.M., Rice S.W., Simpson J.W., Flack S.D., Gaunt I.G., John Gilbert Tyler, and several others.

The business included the raising of three Brethren (Bros. John Pain, John Harnell and Thompson) and the passing of two others, while one gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

Bro. Rice S.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Featherstone Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren dined together, an excellent repast being provided by the proprietress Mrs. C. Caulfield, under the personal superintendence of her efficient Manager, Brother Frederick Trotman. The usual toasts were honoured.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE annual gathering took place in the Masonic Hall, St. Luke's Street, Hull, on Tuesday, 14th inst., when the unanimous choice of the Brethren having been accorded to Brother G. Eccles S.W. he was regularly installed.

Bro. T. T. Davis P.M. P.P.G. Reg. presented to the retiring Master Bro. A. Spring a jewel, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. A. SPRING,

by the Brethren of the Wilberforce Lodge,

in appreciation of his sterling merit as a Mason, as a token of their high esteem and regard for him as Worshipful Master, 1895 and 1896.

Bro. Spring feelingly acknowledged the spontaneous gift of the Brethren, and assured them that he should ever regard it as a memento of their good feeling towards him during his tenure of office.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bros. J. T. Belt I.P.M., and T. B. Redfearn P.M. P.P.G.S.

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge, which recently took place at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, was in every way a very successful function, and Bro. W. Goodman W.M. may congratulate himself upon having made his advent into office with somewhat of éclat. The Installing Master was Bro. R. W. Atkinson W.M., who was supported and assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Bro. Goodman having been placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient usage and prescription, he invested the following Officers: Bros. T. C. Lilley S.W., W. Roston J.W., J. E. Chapman Treasurer, W. J. Melling P.M. Secretary, H. G. Walker S.D., Ben Walker J.D., J. W. Atkinson P.M. D.C., C. W. Dove I.G., Browne Chaplain, Turner, Wright, Shaw, Fleetwood, Ostara, Hobson and Young Stewards.

The festival of St. John was subsequently held in the large dining hall of the hotel, a very recherché banquet being provided.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and duly responded to, these being enlivened by songs, &c., the contributions being Bros. F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 2216, H. Crellin and J. G. Hewson 581, J. Robinson P.M. 1219, C. M. Nesbitt 1055, all of the Manchester concerts, H. G. Walker, Ben Walker, and others.

The reply to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers devolved upon Bro. J. W. Millward P.M. 992 Prov.G.Supt.Wks., who, in reverting to the enforced absence of Bro. Geo. Mellor, D.G.M., said he regretted to inform the Brethren that the subject of their enthusiasm was at present in feeble health and consequently was not able to take any active part in the business of the Craft.

The proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable kind throughout, were not brought to a close until a very late hour of the evening.

PHILBRICK LODGE, No. 2255.

ON the 9th inst., at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, Bro. G. S. Dauntton W.M. Jas. Bell S.W., Chamberlain P.P.G.R. Treas., H. W. Clark Secretary, H. E. Bridgman S.D., H. J. Cullingham J.D., Egbert Roberts Prov.G. Org. Org. Past Masters:—Bros. Charles Salter, Thomas Humphreys P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Essex. Bros. Lewis, Walsh, Charles Spreag, H. Rattle, T. Hawkins, C. Courtney.

Visitors:—Bros. Sidwell Jones 1900, A. Mills 704, A. Collins 1962, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, D. B. Crane 2393, Jas. Grose 957 A.D.C., J. Milroy.

The Lodge was opened and three gentlemen were initiated into the Order. Several communications were read, and, after hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed.

After the banquet the usual Loyal and other toasts were honoured.

Bro. Dauntton W.M., in acknowledging his toast, said he was gratified beyond measure at the manner the Brethren had received it. He certainly confessed he had spent considerable time in perfecting himself in the ritual, and also mentioned he had made up his mind there should be a ladies outing, and thought if the Philbrick and the Brixton Lodges made one party it would show the fraternal feeling existing between them.

In proposing the toast of the initiates, the W.M. congratulated the newly-admitted Brethren on becoming Freemasons, and gave them some very good advice.

Bro. Rattle was pleased so far as he had gone—it had been his ambition for years, but he was timid, and was glad that the something he had dreaded was a myth. He had always heard that a bad man never made a good Mason, and a good man never made a bad one.

Bro. Hawkins was also pleased he had taken the step he had so long wished for, and was determined to go on with it to the utmost of his power and ability.

Bro. Courtney was a proud man that night. He had up to the present worked for himself and family not without success, and would endeavour to do the same for Freemasonry.

At 9.30, in accordance with custom, the toast of "George Adams" was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Dehane being called upon as a visitor, commented on the admirable working of the W.M. and Officers, and thanked them for the pleasant and hospitable reception the guests had received. He especially asked the Brethren to support the Provincial Charity Committee by sending in their

votes early. He had arranged for a telegram to be sent giving the result of the Girls election that day, as regarded the two candidates the county were interested in.

Brother Thos. Humphreys thanked the Brethren for the reception of his request for their sanction that a Lodge of Instruction might be established at Brentwood under the warrant of Philbrick Lodge, himself as Preceptor.

Bro. Mills, Collins, Crane and Grose also responded.

The Officers toast was well received, and the Tyler concluded the evening.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Egbert Roberts Pr.G.Org. assisted by Bros. Sidwell Jones, Crane and Chamberlain.

INSTRUCTION.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 70.

THIS Plymouth Lodge closed its session on the 9th inst. The occasion was commemorated by most of those who had attended during the past twelve months having supper together. This was presided over by the permanent officials Bros. C. G. Withell Preceptor, G. Dunsterville Sec., and W. Chappel Treas. A most enjoyable evening was spent, each Brother doing his best to contribute to its success.

This Lodge of Instruction holds a unique position, it being the only one in the Three Towns, and as the Three Towns contribute about three quarters of the Masonic body of the Province of Devon it necessarily is very much appreciated. Some short time since it was resolved that every Brother who attended should contribute a penny for working expenses. The success of this in the cause of charity has been most gratifying, for on this occasion the Treasurer was instructed to pay the residue of £5 5s to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

As there is every probability of a Widows' Annuitant Fund being successfully started in this Province shortly, the Brethren decided that their first future efforts should be to assist that Fund, especially as it is intended that it shall be worked on the same lines as the other two Provincial Charities—no paid Officers. This Fund will also complete the trio of Charities in the Province, old Men, old Women, and Children.

SYMPATHY LODGE, No. 483.

A MEETING was held at the Star Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday, when Bro. Edward B. Wilks occupied the Master's chair, being assisted by Bro. Henry Forss Preceptor, and Bros. Bowen S.W., Axell J.W., Beamish S.D., White J.D., and Ingham Secretary, besides several other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gee as candidate. The questions leading from the first to the second degree were answered by Bro. White, a candidate for passing at the next regular Lodge meeting. The Preceptor then worked the first section of the first lecture, with the assistance of the Brethren.

Bro. Bowen was elected as W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Wilks for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled his duties in the chair, and the Lodge was adjourned.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

ON Sunday evening Bro. W. M. Stiles Grand Treasurer worked the installation ceremony before a large gathering of well-known Freemasons at the above Lodge, which is held at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Mile End, E. Among those present were Bros. William A. Scurrah Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, J. F. Bromhead P.P.S.W. Essex, H. Stiles, H. Thompson Lyon, Collings, Dancyger, Mitchell, Gaskell, Richmond, Emden, Cantor, Yetton, Hetherington, Davis, Laurie, &c., in all seventy Brethren.

The acting W.M. was Bro. Ben Da Costa the popular Preceptor of the Lodge, with Bro. Berlyn S.W., L. A. Da Costa J.W., Dancyger S.D., M. Da Costa J.D., I. Davis I.G.

The ceremony of installation having been rehearsed, Bro. Stiles gave the three addresses in very effective style, which drew forth the hearty congratulations from the Brethren.

Bro. Henry Sadler followed with a lecture on "Freemasonry, Operative and Speculative," in which he traced some of our latter day ceremonies from their genesis. In the centre of the Lodge was exhibited an ancient tracing board, which Bro. Sadler explained was most unique, and the only one extant, he having discovered it in an old chest. The various phases of marking the Lodge floor were explained, some of them evoking much laughter.

All doubt as to the meaning of "Constitutional Roll" was removed by the lecturer's lucid explanation, and the exhibition of two of the actual rolls, the engrossed coat-of-arms on one of them being specially admired for the beauty of its illumination. This one was said to be about 250 years old. An explanation of the "Israel Board" followed, and Bro. Sadler's peroration, "I firmly believe, however, that this venerable institution of ours is the only society in existence that can fairly claim to have preserved and practised this valuable and important method of imparting knowledge from a far distant period down to the present day," was received with enthusiasm.

At the conclusion of the lecture various questions were asked by Bros. J. J. Hall, Toyé, Harris, and others.

Honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on the Grand Treasurer and his brother, Bro. Scurrah, and Bro. Thompson Lyon. Hearty votes were accorded Bros. Stiles, Scurrah, and Sadler, the Brethren receiving the names with acclamation.

Various new members were admitted, and the W.M. closed the Lodge.

We may mention that this popular Lodge meets every Sunday evening, at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Mile End, E., at 7 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. Ben Da Costa.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. George Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, Bro. Major Reed W.M., C. T. Brown S.W., T. W. Mogford J.W., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362 J.D., J. Fletcher I.G., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.G.D. Essex Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, F. Wortham Secretary, Butcher, W. Bragg, Wynman, Beesley, E. J. Potter, and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Beesley candidate, and then the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Potter candidate. Bro. Halston answered the questions leading to the second degree.

Bro. W. Bragg was elected a member, and other business having been transacted the Lodge was closed.

A supper for members and friends will be held on Tuesday, 12th May, and is expected to give great satisfaction, as its provision will be under the direction of the amiable hostess, Mrs. Butcher.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

At the Northampton Arms, Goswell Road, on Friday, 10th inst., Bro. T. J. Bolton W.M., A. G. Ball S.W., A. J. Blake J.W., W. J. Hunter Treas., C. Weeden Preceptor, E. Dimes Sec.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Culver candidate. Bro. Butler answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

The Lodge was resumed and closed, after which a meeting of the Committee of the Crusaders Masonic Charitable Association was formed, and two ballots took place, which resulted in favour of Bros. Frye and Saunders.

ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Friday, 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, E., Bro. Allen W.M. 1716 W.M., Carpenter S.W., Jones J.W., Bland S.D., Whitlock J.D., Duff I.G., Forman D.C., F. Waterson I.P.M. 1716 acting Preceptor, Boyce P.M. Secretary, Raymond P.M., J. Bennett W.M. 1765, Mosey, Madely, Cole, Scott, Mills, Patrick, Jacobs, Thornton, Hatfield, and Chatterton.

The Officers of the All Saints Lodge having taken their respective offices, as in the Mother Lodge, the Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brothers J. Bennett and Forman candidates. The W.M. delivered the antient charge.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bros. Mosey and Chatterton, having answered the usual questions, were entrusted.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed, Bros. Mosey and Chatterton candidates.

The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. F. Thornton J.D. of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge was unanimously elected a member.

The Officers for the next meeting having been appointed on the previous occasion, the Lodge was adjourned to Friday, 17th inst.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

On the 10th inst., at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N., Bro. Max Friedlander W.M., T. Feistel S.W., T. Matthews J.W., J. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, and several other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Calley candidate. Bro. Geo. Clark then assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Calley candidate.

Bro. Thomas Feistel was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

A vote of thanks was accorded Brother Friedlander, for the very able manner in which he had occupied the position of W.M. for the first time.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 2021.

The weekly meeting was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Monday, 13th inst., Bro. C. Davis W.M., E. Roseberger S.W., J. Gunzell J.W., F. A. Zeppenfeld S.D., A. G. Billings J.D., J. C. Stanley I.G., Major E. J. Reed Sec., W. Cleghorn P.M. and Sec. 1287 Preceptor.

The first section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gennari candidate. The questions of the fourth section of the first lecture were then put by the Preceptor and very ably answered by Bro. Gunzell.

Bro. J. Compton Stanley, Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, was elected a member and Bro. E. Roseberger W.M. for the ensuing week.

The Lodge was adjourned to Monday next, at 8 o'clock.

DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

The regular meeting was held at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, on Wednesday, Bro. Musto W.M., Baldwin S.W., Moggeridge J.W., Dixon Sec., Lawrence Preceptor, J. A. Wood S.D., Homewood J.D., Ingram I.G., Wynman, Paul, Thompson, and several others.

Brother Musto, a Brother young in the Craft, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. W. Dixon P.M. 2168 acting as candidate. The work was rendered in a most creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of all present, a vote being subsequently passed congratulating the acting Master on his performance, which compliment was acknowledged, he stating his ambition was to ultimately fulfil the duties of Preceptor, as efficiently as Brother Lawrence did in that Lodge.

Bro. Baldwin was elected to preside at the next meeting, and two ballots were taken in the Charity Association connected with the Lodge, Bros. Nash and Baldwin being successful.

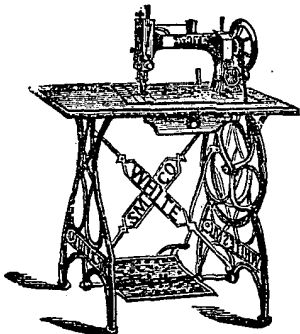
The Vaudeville Theatre, under the sole management of Messrs. A. and S. Gatti, will re-open on Saturday, 25th inst., with a farcial comedy (adapted from M.M. Feydeau and Deavallieres "Hotel du Libre Echange") entitled "A Night in Paris," in which will appear Messrs. George Giddens, Charles Sudgen, William Wyes, Aubrey Fitzgerald, Joseph Carne, E. W. Thomas, Mrs. Edmund Phelps, and Miss Fannie Warde. The theatre has been completely redecorated by Messrs. Campbell, Smith and Co., and upholstered by Messrs. Maple and Co.

The Royalty Theatre re-opened on Thursday, with the 250th performance of "The Chili Widow." Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Mr. W. Blakeley, Mr. W. G. Elliot, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Mrs. Henry Leigh, and Miss Violet Vanbrugh, &c., reappearing in their original parts. The comedy was preceded, at 8 o'clock, by a new one-act play, "Monsieur de Paris," in which Miss Violet Vanbrugh appeared.

MONDAY will witness the return of an old favourite to the Adelphi Theatre, in the person of Mr. J. D. Beveridge, who will appear as Sir Archibald Macgregor, K.C.B., A.D.C., in the play "One of the best," vice Mr. Edward Sass, who leaves to pilot Mr. George Edwardes' company through a South African tour.

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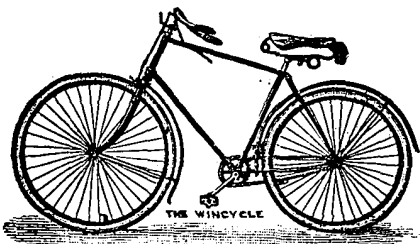
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Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—7.35, A Woman's Caprice. 8, Biarritz.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Terry's.—8, Outward Bound. 8.45, Jedbury Jun. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Avenue.—8, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday. Haymarket.—8.30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Duke of York's.—8, 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.
Comedy.—8, The Guinea Stamp. 9, A Mother of Three.
Olympic.—7.45, True Blue; or, Afloat and Ashore. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Court.—8, A Highland Legacy. 9, Mrs. Ponderbury. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Princess's.—7.45, The Star of India.
Opera Comique.—8.15, Shamus O'Brien. Matinée, Saturday and Monday, 2.
Shaftesbury.—8.15, The Sin of St. Hilda. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Daly's.—To-night, The Gheisha; A story of a Tea-House.
Garrick.—On Tuesday, The Rogue's Comedy.
Royalty.—8, Monsieur de Paris. 8.40, The Chili Widow.
Grand.—Second edition of An Artist's Model.
Alhambra.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets. 9.10, Blue Beard. 10, The Animatographie. 11, Lochinvar.
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. 8.5, New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. 9.45, Cinematographie. 10.20, Second edition of Ballet, Faust. The Cinematographie, every afternoon, 3, 4, and 5 o'clock.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30.

Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Olympia.—Grand Sporting and Military Show. Blondin, &c.
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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

- 22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 7-30
 174 Sincerity, Blackwall 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, Plough Tavern, 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, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon Street, E.C., 7
 1804 Coborn, George Hotel, Woodford, 8
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, 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 Gate, 8
 1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's Schoolroom, Battersea Rise, 8
 1076 Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, 6
 1155 Excelsior, Dover Castle Hotel, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., 8
 1196 Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, 9
 1321 Emblematic, St. James Restaurant, Piccadilly, 8
 1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, 8
 1420 Earl Spencer, Albert Palace, Battersea, 8
 1446 Mount Edgcombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., 8
 1471 Islington, Cook 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, Bow Bells, 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, Limehouse, 7-30
 1278 Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, 8
 1306 St. John, Queen Victoria, Exmouth Street, Stepney, 8
 1366 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland Road, N.W., 8
 1441 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddleton, Star and Garter, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, The Town of Ramsgate Inn, High Street, Wapping, 7-30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., 5-30
 1791 Creation, Shepherd's Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 2
 1815 Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, 8
 1816 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Broadway, Stratford, 7-30
 1986 Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, Crystal Palace Rd., E. Dulwich, 8
 1996 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton
 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, Farringdon Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, 7-30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, 8
 1310 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, 50 High Street, Harebone, 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
 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, New Cross House, New Cross House, New Cross Road, 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, Mile End, E. (near Globe Road Station G.E.R.), 7.