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THE GIRLS FESTIVAL.

NEXT week will witness the celebration of the 108th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master Lincolnshire, and we hope to record in our next issue that the event was a successful one.

The claims of this most estimable fund of English Masonic benevolence are widely known, and it is probable there are few of our readers but are personally acquainted with the work that is being done under its auspices, and the urgent need there is for most liberal support year by year on the occasion of the annual Festivals; may we therefore once again urge that all who are in a position to lend a helping hand in the good cause will do so, and, what is of equal importance, use their good offices with their friends, and thereby induce others to support the Institution, and thus help in the maintenance of the large number of girls under its care?

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANOTHER important event to take place next week is the annual meeting and election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—to be held on Friday—when the all important question of the election of annuitants to fill the declared and any subsequent vacancies that may have arisen, will be decided.

An important ceremony has been fixed by the Prince of Wales Grand Master to take place at the Princes' Hall, Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Thursday next, 14th inst., when the Household Brigade Lodge will be consecrated, in the presence of his Royal Highness, by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. The Prince of Wales will be installed as the first Master of the new Lodge, and Major Lord Skelmersdale as Deputy, says the "Daily Telegraph."

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Some time ago a proposal was made by two or three energetic ladies to found a Masonic Lodge exclusively for women. The idea does not seem to have fructified, for no Lodge of the kind has yet been established. Now the sisters who are determined to become Freemasons of some kind or other have started on another tack. Instead of founding an order which should have as its patron the Queen of Sheba, and be provided with genuine secrets which ladies could safely tell each other, they propose to claim admission into the regular ranks of the English Order of Freemasons, founding their right on documentary evidence which they profess to have found. One of them has discovered an alleged entry in the records of one of the Lodges in the Province of York which shows that in the old days women were actually admitted with men as ordinary members. The words quoted are: "Hee or shee that is to be made Mason shall lay their hands on the booke." Perhaps the Grand Lodge of to-day will not pay much attention to this discovery, but the ladies who have made it may reasonably urge that even in those past times women were admitted not only to degrees, but to office.—"Daily Telegraph."

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A matter of importance to the Craft in general was alluded to in the Austral Lodge, No. 110, Victoria. The W.M. had announced the next business as "the election of W.M." Printed lists were distributed showing the name of every Brother of the Lodge who was eligible for that office. Bro. F. Davies P.S.G.W. rose and informed the members that he was not a candidate for

the office. The Secretary Bro. H. W. Sinclair P.M. considered that it was not right for any Brother to state he was not a candidate; a list had been handed to every member, and he should be free to select a Master from among those of its members who had served the office of Master or Warden. The W.M. fully agreed with the contention of the Secretary, but concluded by stating, amid laughter, that he was not a candidate for the office, then one after the other the Past Masters rose and declined the honour, when the S.W. announced his intention of not contesting an election. It was then found that only one name was left on the ballot paper, viz., that of Bro. J.W., who was declared duly and unanimously elected. Now, why is this farce played out month after month? and why have a ballot if there be only one candidate? We have frequently pointed out the absolute absurdity of the position. A Lodge may elect a W.M., but cannot make him act, or even come up for Installation, so that the law, as at present interpreted, digs a pitfall for Lodges to tumble into.—"Masonry."

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE installation meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, when the three chairs were occupied by Earl Amherst, Lieut.-Col Townley Caldwell, and the Earl of Euston respectively.

The Prince of Wales having been proclaimed as First Principal of the Degree the following were appointed as the Officers of the year:

Comp. The Earl of Lathom	-	-	-	Pro Z.
Earl Amherst	-	-	-	H.
W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	-	-	-	J.
E. Letchworth	-	-	-	Scribe E.
Lord Skelmersdale	-	-	-	Scribe N.
Sir George D. Harris	-	-	-	Pres. of Com. of Gen. Pur.
William Heap Bailey	-	-	-	Treasurer
His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C.	-	-	-	Registrar
R. Horton Smith, Q.C.	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
W. E. M. Tomlinson	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
M. P. W. Smithett	-	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
John Cooper Malcolm	-	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
E. D. Anderton	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
George E. Lake	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
Rowland Plumb	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. D. Langton	-	-	-	
F. Gordon Brown	-	-	-	
William E. Chapman	-	-	-	
E. St. Clair	-	-	-	
Henry Lovegrove	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Frank Richardson	-	-	-	
Major Francis Newman	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
W. A. Scurrah	-	-	-	
James Boulton	-	-	-	Assist Dirs. of Cers.
James Kew	-	-	-	
George Graveley	-	-	-	
Henry R. Rose	-	-	-	Organist
William Lake	-	-	-	Assist Scribe E.
Henry Sadler	-	-	-	Janitor.

To commemorate the completion of the Prince of Wales's twenty-first year as First Grand Principal H.R.H. conferred Past Grand rank on the following twenty-one Companions:

Col. W. Campbell	-	-	-	Assistant Sojourners
Col. Chas. Hunter	-	-	-	
George Cowell	-	-	-	
Henry Sutherland, M.D.	-	-	-	
R. E. Baynes	-	-	-	
H. Homewood Crawford	-	-	-	
Gordon Miller	-	-	-	
Ensor Drury	-	-	-	Sword Bearers
W. H. Cowper	-	-	-	
C. D. Hill Drury, M.D.	-	-	-	
George Mickley	-	-	-	
Frederick Lawrence	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
T. H. Gardiner	-	-	-	
Col. Hugh M. Gordon	-	-	-	
E. Luxmore Marshall	-	-	-	
Major C. W. Carrell	-	-	-	Assist Dir. of Cers.
J. M. McLeod	-	-	-	
Rd. Newhouse	-	-	-	
James Stephens	-	-	-	
John J. Thomas	-	-	-	
William Vincent	-	-	-	

AT LAST THE BOOK IS FOR SALE.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

AN article of mine was printed in the "American Tyler," of 23rd December 1893, in which I criticised an address of Bro. S. D. Nickerson, which wound up as follows:

"About five years ago, Brother Nickerson informed us that he would print the Massachusetts Grand Lodge records from 1733 to 1856. Since then he has printed one volume of the said work, but never continued the work, nor has the printed volume seen the light since it was printed. It seems that the printed volume is suppressed. Of course there is reason for it, and some speculation is even now circulating. One opinion is, that second thought convinced Bro. Nickerson that by circulating the volume it would help to explode his Henry Price hobby, and I think that the above reason is not improbable. Perhaps, however, the perusal of the above may induce Bro. Nickerson to explain why he did not continue the work? and why he suppressed the volume already printed?"

1st October 1893.

On the evening of the 21st of March last, I was surprised to learn that the said reprint of the record is at last advertised in the Masonic Temple, on printed cards, as being for sale, and on the next day I got the book,—price two dollars,—and at once had its Introduction read to me, wherein he informs us that he did not only print his Grand Lodge record from 1733 to 1792 "nearly as possible *verbatim et literatim*," but also furnishes information about the following works and manuscripts in the archives of his Grand Lodge, viz:

1. Record of the First Lodge in Boston, from 28th Dec. (O.S.) to 24th July 1754.
2. Record of the Second Lodge in Boston, from 21st Dec. 1761, to 16th Feb. 1765.
3. Record of the Master's Lodge in Boston, from 2nd Jan. 1738 (O.S.), to 15th Jan. 1783.

And goes on to say:

"The records of these three Lodges furnish considerable information as to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. For in the first half-century of their existence, the history of the Grand Lodge and of the First Lodge, so far as we know it, seems to have been curiously intermingled. The records of one body frequently report transactions of the other. The First Lodge was often called the "Mother Lodge," and Grand Master Gardner said its records 'gave a better account of Masonry in Boston than the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and minute and full accounts of the progress of the Craft were set out upon its pages.' The intermingling may have been due in part to the fact that both records were for a time the work of the same Brother."

Now, Brother Gardner could not have said what is above quoted in his address about Henry Price in 1871, because at that time the record of the First Lodge was concealed in C. W. Moore's house, who then pretended that the said record was burnt in the Temple in 1863, and the record was not recovered till after Moore's death, in December 1873. I would, therefore, like to be informed as to when Brother Gardner gave the above opinion?

Bro. Nickerson continues thus:

"Peter Pelham was made a Mason in the First Lodge in Boston, on the 8th November 1738. On the 26th September 1739 he was elected Secretary, and the record of that meeting is entered in a new, beautiful handwriting, and the same style continued for five years. He served in that office until 26th September 1744, when he was succeeded by his son Charles. The record of the Lodge recites that on the 8th August 1744 'Brother Price proposed Mr. Charles Pelham as a candidate.' He was accepted on the 22nd of the same month, and on the 12th September was made a Mason in due form. On the 26th it was 'Voted that our late Secretary Bro. P. Pelham be paid Ten Pounds [*Old Tenor*, which really amounted to One Pound only], with thanks of the Society for his past services'; also 'Voted that Brother Charles Pelham be Secretary in room of our late Secretary, who has laid it down.' He served the Lodge in that capacity until 24th July 1754 (when the volume ends), and perhaps longer. This is the only book of record of the First Lodge in Boston now known to exist. The penmanship of both these Secretaries is bold, clear and beautiful, as distinct as when first executed, and as well done as it could be to-day."

Now, in the first place, Bro. Nickerson says:

"For the first-half century of their [the records] existence, the history of the Grand Lodge and of the First Lodge seem to have been curiously intermingled. The records of one body frequently report the transactions of the other," &c.

The above implies the Grand Lodge had a record during the first-half of the last century. But is it so? Brother Nickerson admits that Charles Pelham was not initiated before 12th September 1744; he also admits that Pelham wrote the Grand Lodge record from July 1733 to January 1754. And as Pelham was not elected Grand Secretary before 24th June 1751, it is therefore evident that the Grand Lodge had not a shadow of a record *at least* before 24th June 1751. Such being the case, how could the records of the Grand Lodge and the First Lodge refer to each other in the first-half of the last century? Now, this itself proves that Bro. Nickerson's statements are apt to mislead careless readers.

And secondly, the concluding part of the above quotation asserts in unmistakable language, that the record of the St. John's Lodge, from 27th December 1738, to 26th September 1744, was written by the hand of Peter Pelham, and from the above date to July 1754, was written by the hand of C. Pelham or Charles Pelham. I have always maintained without *an if or but*, that from 27th December 1738, to 24th July 1754, it was written by Charles, or in other words, that there is not a single line, word or letter in that St. John's Lodge record that was written by the hand of Peter Pelham. Nay, more, Peter Pelham died in 1751; and I am sure that not a word was written in the record until a year or more after Peter Pelham was buried. In short, I maintain that the said record is a *transcript* of the original record, *but not an original record*.

I have already stated that some years before the Montague and Montacute discussion—that is before 1867, C. W. Moore printed in his Magazine from the St. John's Lodge record some By-Laws, which the Lodge adopted in 1733; after he got possession of the said record, he never returned it to the Secretary of St. John's Lodge. In 1870 Moore called Grand Master Gardner's attention to the By-Laws of the First Lodge of 1733. When Bro. Gardner asked Moore where the St. John's Lodge record was, Moore answered that he returned the record to the Secretary of the Lodge, and that it was burnt in the Masonic Temple in 1863. When Brother Gardner told me what Moore said, I told him that Moore had the said record in his house. I repeated the same opinion to Dr. Winslow Lewis and to all my Masonic acquaintances. Moore died 12th Dec. (I believe) 1873. A few days after his death, Dr. Lewis informed me that the St. John's Lodge and other records were found in Moore's house, and were removed to the Masonic Temple. I went at once to the Temple, and Bro. Nickerson showed me the desired record. I, however, had no time just then to examine it. But early in January 1874 I did examine the said record. From the title page I learned that a Brother who had been Senior Warden of the Lodge in 1738 presented the book (a folio volume) to the Lodge. It, however, did not state as to when the said Brother presented that book to the Lodge.

Now, the record begins with the By-Laws of 1733. Next, to the best of my recollection, comes the Deputation of Henry Price, written by another hand. Next comes the proceedings of the Lodge, from 27th December 1737, to 27th December 1738. The handwriting of the Secretary differs from the previous writings in the book; and next, come the writings or proceedings up to the 26th September 1744, signed P. Pelham, and in the remainder of the record the proceedings are signed C. Pelham. There is not, however, the slightest difference in the penmanship in the record from 27th December 1738 to 24th July 1754. The conclusion I therefore came to was, and is still, that the original records of the Lodge were written in small memorandum books, which were apt to be lost and destroyed, and that after Charles Pelham finished compiling a record for the Grand Lodge in a folio volume, the Senior Warden of the First Lodge of 1738 was generous enough to present to his Lodge a folio book,—viz., the book the Lodge has now,—into which were transcribed the records of the Lodge up to 24th July 1754. It seems that the Lodge's Secretary of 1738 was still living, and, therefore, after the inserting of the By-Laws and Price's Deputation, by two different penmen, the first Secretary of the Lodge transcribed his own written proceedings from 27th December 1737, to 27th December 1738, and as Peter Pelham was dead and buried, Charles Pelham copied the proceedings written by his father, as well as those written by himself.

But I will ask another question. I have already proved that the Grand Lodge could not have had a shadow of a record *at least* before 24th June 1751; hence, if the St. John's Lodge record was actually written from 27th December 1737, then Price's Deputation must have been recorded in the First Lodge record more than twelve years before it was recorded in the Grand Lodge record. Now, can Bro. Nickerson really believe that such was the case?

But this is not all, viz.: Some years after I examined the St. John's Lodge record I read a biography of Peter Pelham, written by Mr. W. H. Whitmore, from which I learned that a receipt written by Peter Pelham was preserved in the Massachusetts Historical Library. I called at the said library and traced a *fac-simile* of Peter Pelham's signature, and I believe a

line written above the signature, and showed it to Brother Nickerson, who frankly admitted that the signature did not resemble the writing in the St. John's Lodge record, signed "P. Pelham." I then made Brother Nickerson a present of the *fac-simile* of P. Pelham's signature, and told him to preserve it in his archives. It seems, however, that he forgot all about it.

The first document in the Grand Lodge record is Price's Deputation, and the second document in the said record is the petition signed by eighteen Brethren to Henry Price to constitute them into a Lodge. Now, in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 1871, facing page 296, the reader can see a *fac-simile* of the original petition, and on page 297 the petition in print; and now I will place the two copies of the said petition side by side, which must convince anyone that Charles Pelham's transcript is not reliable:

Copied from the original manuscript
(See Mass. Proceedings of 1871,
page 297).

"THE HUMBLE PETITION of the Following Subscribers in behalf of themselves, and Worshipful and Antient Brotherhood Belonging to the Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing here, &c.

"To the Rt Worshipful Bro'r Mr Henry Price Deputed Provincial GM for these parts By our Rt Worshipful & Worshipful Bro Rt Honble Ant Lord Visct Montague G. M. of Great Britain as per His Seal, & signed by our Rt Worshipful Bros Tho Batson Esq. D.G.M., G Rooke & Ja. Smythe, Esqs. S. & J. Wardens as per Sd Deputation, Dated in London, the 13th day of April Anno Domini 1733, and of Masonry 5733, SHEWETH,

"That your PETITIONERS are very Sensible of the Honour done to us here by your Sd Deputation, & for as much as We are a sufficient number of Brothers regularly and duly made see in his Majesty's Kingdoms of Great Britain & Ireland as appeared to you on examination & are now desirous of Enjoying each other (as well as those made here per their respective names hereunto annex'd) as MASONS in a Regular & Constituted LODGE for our Harmony & Union together as well as our Brethren yt may att any time arrive here or such as may be made Bro's hereafter yt is to say in due manner and Form. THEREFORE WE Request as well in our own name and names as well as all other Brethren it may Concern yt you will Please to give the necessary orders to all our Brethren within yr Limits & Power to give their due attendance on you att a Seasonable hour to assist you & the Rest of the Brethren in their Capacity towards Constituting a Regular Lodge at the sign of the Bunch of Grapes in King Street known by the name of ye house of Mr. Edw'd Lutwyth on Monday the 30th Inst. whereby we may be enabled to assist one another in the true and Lawful Works of ANTIENT MASONS or att any other Place or Places as may Seem more meet & Requisite to our G.M. his Deputys & y rest of the Bro's may agree upon & then and there to make such Private Laws and Rules not exceeding ye Bounds Prescribed to us in our Printed Book of CONSTITUTION or YR DEPUTATION & as will be approved and Confirmed of by them According to Antient Right and Custom & Such Lodges to be held on Every Second & Fourth Wednesdays in each month for ye Common Good of us & Brethren your Compliance herein We doubt not will reflect much the honour of masons and masonry by Enlarging it with many worthy Gentlemen in this Town and Elsewhere Residing We are wth Respect Sir your afft Bros & Serv'ts."

As copied by Bro. Nickerson from the
Massachusetts record of 1733.

"The Brethren being Regularly met at the house of Edward Lutwyth at ye sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet Boston, New England, on Monday, July 30th Anno Domini 1733, Masonry 5733, Unanimously agreed to Petition our Rt Worsl Mr. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master, to constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and did according Present the following petition, viz.:

"To the Rt Worsh'l Bro Mr Henry Price Deputed Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of New England, by our Rt Worsh'l Brother and Rt Honourable Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of England, as P. Deputation sealed with the Office Seal and signed by our Rt Wors'l Brothers Thos Batson Esq Deputy Grand Master & Geo Rooke and Jas Moore Smythe Esqr Grand Wardens. Dated in London ye 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1733, and of Masonry 5733.

"The Humble Petition of the following subscribers in behalf of themselves and Worshl and Antient Brotherhood belonging to the Society of Free and Accepted Masons now Residing in New England.

"SHEWETH That your Petitioners are very sensible of Honor done to us here by your said Deputation and forasmuch as We are a sufficient number of Brethren Regularly made and are now desirous of Enjoying each other, for our Harmony together and Union as well as our Brethren that may at anytime arrive here or such as may be made Brothers hereafter that is to say in due Manner and Form

Therefore We Request, as well in Our own name and names as in the name and names of all other Brethren it may Concern, That you will please to give the necessary Orders to all our Brethren within your Limits to give their due attendance and assistance in their several and Respective Capacities

toward Constituting a Regular Lodge this evening at the sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet known by the name of the House of Mr. Edward Lutwyth or at any other place or places as our said Rt Worsh'l Grand Master shall think proper to be

then and there held and Constituted according to Antient Custom of Masons, and such

Lodges to be held on every second and Fourth Wednesday in each month for the Common Good of us and Brethren: Your Compliance herein We doubt not will Dedound to the Honour of the Craft and to encourage many worthy gentelman to become Brethren and Fellows of this Rt Worsh'l and Ancient Society, and your Brethren and Petitioners shall ever Pray.

Dated at Boston in New England, July 30th, 1733. 5733."

I shall add that each of the above copies of the petition wind up with the signatures of eighteen petitioners.

Now, as it cannot be disputed that Charles Pelham was the fabricator of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge record, which contains a good many *fib*s, hence, after comparing Pelham's transcript of the above petition with the original manuscript, I could come to no other conclusion than that Bro. Charles Pelham was also the fabricator of Henry Price's Deputation of 1733.

I shall now call attention to another *unwarranted assumption* of Bro. Nickerson. On page 402 of his book begins a copy of a letter; the original manuscript of that letter was written by Charles Pelham. The reader will find part of the letter in the November (1890) number of the "Masonic Review," and how the original copy thereof was shown to me by Dr. Winslow Lewis in 1869. That letter is introduced by Bro. Nickerson as follows:

"Copy of a letter written by Henry Price to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, desiring a Deputation for Jeremy Gridley.

The said letter is addressed to "Worthy and Dear Bro'r," but there is not the slightest hint as to who that "Worthy and Dear Bro'r" was. The letter is unsigned, and is dated 6th August 1755. Now, it is my firm belief that no such letter was sent by Price to anyone in England, nor was it written for the purpose of sending to England. This said letter was designed by Price to cause his contemporaries to believe that he was corresponding with some English Masonic dignitary, and that is all he intended it should do. It is as much a fraud as the statements in the record of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were that he (Price) sent Deputations and Charters to Philadelphia, to North and South Carolina, to Nova Scotia, and other places. It is as much a fraud as the Henry Bell letter of Pennsylvania was a fraud. Brother Gardner printed the same letter in the Massachusetts proceedings of 1871, page 364, but Brother Gardner had not the hardihood to state that it was addressed to the Grand Secretary of England. Bro. Gould, and especially Brother Henry Sadler, ransacked the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, and neither of them could find a letter from Henry Price to a Grand Secretary of England that was written before 1768. Nor did Price claim in any of his letters to a Grand Secretary of England that he had ever written before 1768 to any Grand Secretary of England. It is, therefore, simply absurd for Bro. Nickerson to assert that the letter dated 1755 was addressed by Price to a Grand Secretary of England.

And I will only add that I think it is high time for Massachusetts Grand Secretaries to cease palming off false histories upon Masonic readers.

It has often been said all is fair in love or war, but we do not agree that lotteries are fair, even when the object is love for the cause of Freemasonry. We have previously condemned the action of Scottish Brethren who have arranged "drawings" for the purpose of raising money for Masonic objects, and take the opportunity of again doing so, in view of the notices that have recently appeared in some of the Scottish papers in regard to a "Masonic Prize Drawing," on behalf of the building fund of a proposed Masonic Hall. There were fifty-five prizes, the chief being a piano, value £25; a pneumatic cycle, worth £20; and a £10 note. We do not know how these drawings are possible in face of the law against lotteries, and should very much regret a prosecution resulting from a "Masonic" venture.

Alison, in his "History of Europe," relates that at the battle of Leipsic a Prussian soldier owed his life to his being a Freemason. He had been dismounted by a French Hussar, whose sword was raised to kill him; but he made the Masonic sign of distress, and was spared. Whether the Frenchman had to reckon with his military superiors afterwards we are not told, but the story proves, if proof were needed, that Masonry carries benefits with it. Just now South Africa seems to have taken the place of ancient Rome, and become the sink into which all the world pours its refuse, and a home letter illustrates the benefit, in that seething mass of scoundrelism, of being able to give the sign of an English gentleman. But what is the sign? A young Englishman had been sent out to the Cape, to make his way up country, or wherever he could, with hopes unlimited, but money so strictly limited that he soon found himself penniless. On his beam ends, he was both surprised and rejoiced to see an advertisement "for an English gentleman," and lost no time in applying. The advertiser replied, asking him to dinner, which he gratefully accepted, for more reasons than one. The repast was satisfactory in every way, and at the end of it he was engaged. On the strength of a few days' service he ventured to ask his employer why he had selected him, as he learned there had been many applicants. "I saw you were an English gentleman," was the reply, "I watched you all through your dinner, and you never once put your knife in your mouth."—"Leeds Mercury."

CHURCH SERVICES.

A SPECIAL service took place on Sunday evening, at St. James's Church, Bermondsey, under the auspices of the Lodge of St. James, No. 765, Bro. W. J. Stahlschmidt W.M., by special dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This church has many serious difficulties to face, and the vicar the Rev. E. N. Coulthard, with the aid of his earnest body of workers, is tackling them in a strenuous manner. The edifice, the most imposing in the neighbourhood, requires renovation. The stonework of the tower and cornice needs careful overhauling, the iron frames of the large windows show signs of rapid decay, the beautiful peal of bells, which have been silent for a year, needs attention, which will cost about £50, the fine organ, which was built in 1828 by Messrs. Bishop and Co., wants cleaning and repairing, and the appearance of the interior of the building appeals for re-painting and decoration.

It was with the object of assisting the church that the service was convened, and it was gratifying to see such a large body of Brethren assembled. Altogether there were nearly 200 present.

A large crowd assembled in the churchyard and outside the gates to witness the Masons as they passed from the schoolroom (where cloak room accommodation had been provided, under the supervision of a Director of Ceremonies and an efficient staff of Tylers), to the sacred edifice. The majority of the Brethren wore Masonic regalia and jewels (Arch and Craft), and the effect was very picturesque. The sacred edifice was full, the nave being reserved for the Masons, whose appearance stood out in bold contrast to the more sombre attire of the remainder of the male congregation. The service was exceedingly hearty, and enjoyable; the singing was spirited, and the visitors appeared most enthusiastic. The music was under the direction of Brother Chatterton P.M. 1185, and the hymns chosen were well-known favourites, such as "O worship the King all-glorious above," "All people that on earth do dwell," &c. The choir also rendered as an anthem Psalm cxxxiii, which was beautifully performed, one of the leading singers enrapturing the congregation with her clear sweet tones. The words seemed particularly appropriate and were much appreciated.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Brother John Parry, M.A. (vicar of Bromley, and Chaplain Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805.) His text was chosen from Zechariah iv., 6, 7. He said the beginning of Freemasonry and Masonry generally was associated with the building of King Solomon's temple, and reference was made in this passage to the re-construction of what was commonly known as the second temple. There was a three-fold aspect to that, primarily, prophetic and personal, and under each could be observed obstacles like mountains, and the principles and performance of duty. In the first reference the duty was to build the temple. Obstacles were raised by opponents to the scheme, from the enemy of man, and lukewarmness of friends. Many an old Levite who had seen the first temple compared its magnificence with the meagreness of this proposed second temple, and sneered and scorned. Idolatrous strangers who inhabited Samaria, and whose help was refused, used every means in their power to make the obstacles like a huge mountain. They made unholy alliances, and spread false reports in the Palace of Babylon. With all these difficulties how was the work done? Not by might or by power, but by the Spirit of the most high God—the Great Architect and Builder of all. And so with the work of the Great Master. He had to build the temple of humanity, the obstacles became like a great mountain, but by the Spirit of God they were surmounted. There was a personal lesson in the text for every man. He had a special duty to perform—to build himself as a temple for God—to get clear of sin, to check his passions and finally to curb them—to strive after virtue—to seek to follow the example of Christ. The work could not be done by outward observances or moral right, but by the mighty Spirit of God.

The collection amounted to £33 1s, and subsequent donations have been received from Bros. Col. S. B. Bevington, J. Chalkly Kennedy, M.D., L. Garrett P.M. P.Z. 11, W. H. Farrow 548, J. J. Howes P.M., West Smithfield; and Southwark Lodge, 879, St. James, 765, and the Star Lodge of Instruction.—"Southwark Recorder."

ON Sunday, 26th ult., the Brethren of the Lewisham and other Lodges attended divine service at St. Laurence Church, Catford. There was a crowded congregation, over 300 Brethren being present, including Bro. Walter Tyler Steward of the Lewisham Lodge for the Boys Institution. Mr. C. W. Wilkes officiated at the organ, and the clergy in attendance were the Vicar (Bro. the Rev. W. J. Salt) and the Rev. C. E. Milton (curate). The choir sang the anthem, "O, how amiable are Thy dwellings," &c. (Psalm lxxxiv., 1, 2, and 3), and also "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mozart's Twelfth Mass).

The sermon was preached by the Vicar, who based an eloquent and appropriate discourse on the words "Thou shalt love" (Matt. xxii., 37), and "Love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. xiii., 10). In the course of his observations our Reverend Brother said that the essential idea contained in the verses was that love was enjoined. Gathered together as they were that night in the presence of a large assemblage they might feel especially proud of those words, emanating from the Master and the apostle. For did they not express concisely and clearly the tenets and responsibilities of the ancient and rightly much-loved Order of Freemasonry? They all had had a feeling of sentiment towards Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, the very mention of whose holy name created in them that reverence undoubtedly due from creature to Creator. But sentiment was one thing, and practice was another; and practice was the better of the two. It is well known to every Mason that the Order to which he belonged was a system of morality. But morality without charity or love was absolutely dead, and he reminded them that, although their mysteries could never be known, the fruit of their mysteries must be made manifest by the constant practice of every moral and social virtue in their every-day life. Every Mason ought to be a better and holier man, as he was asked to take the volume of the sacred scripture, the holy book of the law, as the standard of truth and justice, and to regulate all his actions by the divine principles therein contained, and to learn once and for all the important duties he owed to God, to his neighbour, and to himself. He was one of the youngest Master Masons present, but he would venture to affirm, without fear of contradiction, that if there was one thing of which Masons were proud, it was the social virtue of charity. Vast, indeed, must be the sums gathered for their charitable institutions; for distress, for the afflicted, for the widow, for the aged, and the amount of charity distributed in other ways. Their Craft might be justly described as a powerful charitable organisation; secret, but without a rival. Hence it was that they were called upon from time to time to assemble as they had done that night, by and with authority from the proper quarter, to prove to the outside world what they could do, and to stimulate others in the good, the magnificent cause of charity. Charity was the last round of that inestimable ladder which, by faith and hope, they desired to ascend, reaching from earth to that place where the blessed rest in everlasting peace. In conclusion the preacher made a strong appeal for a liberal offertory, and called upon the Brethren to exercise that virtue which might justly be denominated the leading characteristic, not only of Freemasonry, but also of a Christian heart. If he could he would have inscribed somewhere in the porch of the new vicarage these words, so full of meaning for a parish priest, "To all who seek thee open thy portals wide, to be to each a pastor, friend and guide."

Collections taken on behalf of St. Laurence Vicarage fund and the Masonic Institutions amounted to £25.—"South Eastern Herald."

Those who attend the Masonic service already referred to will be greatly interested in old Rainham Church, which forms the principal attraction at the village. It dates back to the eleventh century, and is evidently of Norman architecture. Although it bears marks of decay and frequent repairs, it still retains a fine Norman archway, an ancient font, and other sculpture which would delight the antiquarian. A considerable sum will be required for the work of restoration, and it is to be hoped that the general public will assist in the undertaking.

We have been favoured with a copy of the "West Lancashire Masonic Calendar" for 1896-97. The book, published at one shilling, has been compiled by Brother W. Goodacre Past Grand Sword Bearer Provincial Grand Secretary, who has dedicated it, by permission, to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master. The publication is a very interesting one, and besides conveying an amount of general information, hints to Secretaries, &c., contains not only a complete list of the Lodges and Chapters in the Province, with the names of the Officers, places and dates of meeting, but is furnished with a very useful diary also. From the Calendar it appears that West Lancashire possesses 114 Craft Lodges, 46 Royal Arch Chapters, 7 Knight Templar Preceptories, 3 Rose Croix Chapters, 18 Mark Master Lodges, and 3 Councils of the Allied Masonic Degrees. We are sure the book, having been carefully prepared, will prove to be a desideratum, and confidently recommend it to the Brethren connected with the Province for which it is intended.

Particulars of the Midland Railway Company's Whitsuntide excursion arrangements will appear in our advertisement columns next week.

ABJURATION OF A GRAND MASTER.

AFTER six months of preparation, Signor Zola, a very eminent member of the Masonic body, and a Grand Master of the Egyptian Lodges, according to the so-called Scottish Rite, abjured the sect in which he had held a leading position for thirty years, and with hearty contrition returned to the faith of his childhood and was received by Mgr. Sallua at the Holy Office on Saturday, 18th April. Grand Master, Grand Hierophant, and Sovereign Grand Commander of Egyptian Masonry, were some of the titles which proclaimed M. Zola (perhaps a relation of the novelist) a shining light in the Order. He is the second Grand Master who has abandoned the sect, Lord Ripon having been the first. His conversion is an important one, in consequence of the high position he held in the Order; and in hopes that it may influence other members of the Freemason body, who, in England especially, have not the remotest ideas of its evil tendencies, we here give the text of his solemn abjuration:

"I, the undersigned, Solutore Avventore Zola, ex-Grand Master and ex-Sovereign Commandant of the Masonic Order in Egypt and its dependencies, declare that I have been in that sect for thirty years; and that for the last twelve I directed the Order as an absolute sovereign, so that I had ample time and opportunity to study its origin and tenets and also the end it proposes in its laws and doctrines.

"Freemasonry proclaims itself a purely philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive institution, having for its sole objects a search after truth, the study of universal science and art, and the exercise of charity and beneficence. It professes the utmost respect for the religious faith of each of its members; and affirms that it formally interdicts, in its assemblies or meetings, any discussion of religious or political matters, or any controversies on such subjects. It declares that it is neither a religious nor a political institution; but is a temple of justice, humanity, charity, &c. Well, I here solemnly affirm that all these Masonic declarations are absolutely false. The pretended religious liberty in its laws and ritual does not exist. It is not only a lie, but a shameless one. This pretended justice, love of humanity, philanthropy, and charity, have no place whatever in the real Masonic Temples, nor in the hearts of the leading Freemasons; for they, with very rare exception, neither know nor practise any such virtues. Truth does not exist in Freemasonry, or in any of those who fill the highest grades in the Order. In the sect itself, lying, deceit, and perfidy are the sovereign rulers; and those pretended virtues are simply put forward as the mask to blind men of honour and good faith, and to induce them to join a body of persons whose principles they would abhor if they knew what they really were.

"In truth, I hereby declare that Freemasonry is an institution the scope of which is to undermine and destroy every form of religion, and especially the Catholic faith; and to try and substitute a diabolical worship and the restoration of humanity to primitive Paganism.

"Now that I am thoroughly convinced of this fact, and that I have for thirty years professed and preached Masonic doctrines, and induced other persons to follow me in this fatal error, I can only express my hearty sorrow and repentance. God having vouchsafed to enlighten me on the subject, I fully recognise the harm I have done; and have hastened to send in my resignation of all Masonic rights and dignities (to the Supreme Council of the 33°): and abjure, with the Church, all the sins I have, as a Mason, committed.

I beg pardon of Our Lord for all the scandal given by me during the time I belonged to the sect. I further beg pardon of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., and of all those to whom I may have been a scandal.

(Signed) S. A. ZOLA.

Rome, 18th April 1896.—"Tablet."

The regular meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, is to be held on Thursday next, at the Great Eastern Hotel, at 4 o'clock, when a large amount of work will require the attention of Bro. E. M. Jeffery W.M., the three degrees being set down, with no less than eight candidates on the agenda, two for raising, two for passing, and four for initiation.

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The installation meeting of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, will be held on Tuesday, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, when Bro. N. Nersessian will be installed as Master for the year. The other business on the agenda includes the raising of four Brethren. The Lodge is called for four o'clock, raisings at 4.15, installation at 5.30, and banquet at 7. We hope to give a report of the proceedings next week.

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Freemasonry is something more than a meeting round the social board, said a visitor at a recent meeting. Having knocked about the world for twenty years and been a Mason for the last six, he could bear testimony to the great advantage it was to a man as soon as he began to travel. In South Africa his experience was that Masonry was a sure passport to immediate help whenever it was wanted, every Mason being ready to do what he could for a Brother, even though he had never met him before.—Ex.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you, or any of your readers, give me the exact height of the two great pillars; for Lewis's ritual quotes 17 cubits and a half. In the Scriptures they are quoted: 1 Kings vii, 15, as 18 cubits; then II Chronicles iii, 15, they are quoted as 35 cubits; then Jeremiah, lii, 21, 22, 23 there is another quotation of 18 cubits. As I am studying the Lecture of the second tressel or tracing board, a definite statement, especially Masonic, would be of great use to me, and also any explanation of the reason why Lewis's ritual should quote 17½.

Is there any rule or regulation for an Officer of a Lodge, when visiting another Lodge, to wear or not to wear his collar of office. In some Lodges in this neighbourhood it is done, in others not. There is a good deal to be said on both sides of the question; which is right?

Yours, &c.,

AN OFFICER.

Manchester, 2nd May 1896.

[Rule 308 decides the question as to the collars, and is to the following effect:—"The collars of the Officers of private Lodges are to be worn only in their own Lodges or when representing their Lodges as Masters, Past Masters or Wardens in the Grand Lodge, or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodges."—Ed. F.C.]

The Temperance party in Cardiff having opened their new club are now seeking new worlds to conquer, says the "South Wales Daily News." A correspondent in the "Craftsman"—the attractive monthly of the Masonic fraternity—writes to suggest the formation of a Temperance Lodge of Freemasons in Cardiff. This would bring up the number of Cardiff Lodges to seven. "I know," adds the writer, "there are many Temperance Brethren in and around this progressive town who have from time to time expressed an opinion that there ought to be one." The idea is a good one, and were such a Lodge formed the ranks of the Brethren would doubtless be considerably reinforced.

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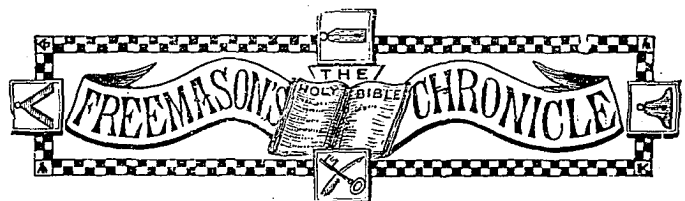
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SATURDAY, 9TH MAY 1896.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE annual Stewards' visit to the Institution is arranged for Monday next, when the prizes will be distributed, and the usual entertainment will be given by the pupils. The doors will be open at 3.30, the proceedings to commence at 4. Admission is by ticket only, the large number of Stewards and friends exhausting the whole of the available accommodation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WE have much pleasure in announcing that by the kind invitation of Bro. George Everett P.G. Treasurer, and his co-directors of Kempton Park, the annual athletic sports will be held at that delightful resort on Saturday, 13th June. Arrangements are being made for a special train service, &c., such as proved so successful last year.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

THE installation meeting was held at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, W., on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. E. G. A. Churchman W.M., who regularly opened the Lodge and submitted the minutes of last meeting for confirmation.

Mr. Henry Crockett was initiated into Freemasonry, the rendering of the ceremony being most creditable to the W.M., who worked in an excellent and impressive manner.

The W.M. now vacated the chair, and Bro. W. Chapple P.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, after which Bro. C. Coleman P.M. presented Bro. J. S. Hayes S.W. for installation. He was obligated, and Bro. Churchman I.P.M. presented the working tools. Bro. Coleman fulfilled the duties of D.C.

The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers:—Bros. B. Cox S.W., F. Thackray J.W., J. Stephens P.M. Treas., G. Read P.M. P.G.Std.B. Sec., Rev. W. C. Heaton Chap., J. Spink jun. S.D. and Organist, E. Lewis J.D., A. Collman I.G., W. Chapple P.M. Assistant Sec., C. Coleman P.M. D.C., E. Collison and H. C. Martin Stewards, Lee P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Churchman I.P.M. gave the usual addresses, and concluded the ceremony in a faultless manner.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and confirmed.

Bro. Alsop, who was unavoidably absent, will be presented at a subsequent meeting with a handsome Liqueur and Cigar stand, with an inscription recording the fact that the present is made by the Brethren of the Hyde Park Lodge, as a slight token of their regard, and in recognition of his ever sincere and kind services.

The S.W. proposed that Bro. J. P. Taylor I.P.M. 1984 should be elected a joining member, and other matters having received attention the Lodge was closed and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, the service of which was under the personal supervision of Brother Ernest Kalla the manager, and was of that high character this establishment is so famous for.

After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, special honour being accorded the Worshipful Master when his health was submitted.

Bro. Hayes, who was received most heartily on rising to respond, said he could not find words to express how much he appreciated the kindness he had received. It was a great pleasure indeed to him to be in the position he at present occupied. When he looked round and saw Bro. Past Master Allman, who initiated him, he was reminded of his admission into Freemasonry. The impression made upon him by Bro. Allman's work on that day had made him (Bro. Hayes) what he was that night. He hoped to have the support of his Officers during the year, as he felt no Master could proceed satisfactorily without it. He intended to himself set a good example, and felt there was a fine prospect before the Hyde Park Lodge, which was consecrated in 1873.

In proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Churchman, the W.M. said the Brethren were aware their late Master had worked hard for the Lodge, and had met with considerable success. He had much pleasure in presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel provided by the Lodge, and in doing so he was expressing the wish of every member when he said they hoped he would live for many years to wear it in their midst.

In reply, the I.P.M. tendered his sincere thanks alike for the kind remarks of the W.M. and the handsome presentation he had just received. He regarded the jewel as a token of recognition of the little work he had been able to do, and at the same time hoped his successor would have a much more successful year than had marked his term of office.

The Master submitted the health of the Initiate—Bro. Henry Crockett. If every member knew Bro. Crockett as well as he did they would be equally pleased as he was at his admission among them. He was convinced, from the great attention he had paid to the ceremony, that their new Brother would make an excellent Mason. He hoped they would accord him a most hearty reception.

In response, the Initiate said he considered it a great honour to have been elected a member of the Hyde Park Lodge. For years past one of his greatest wishes had been to become a Freemason, and he heartily thanked them for receiving him. He hardly knew what to say that night, but hoped on some future occasion to better express himself.

In proposing the toast of the Visitors the Master said the members were all pleased to see so many guests present, and hoped they had all enjoyed themselves.

Bro. W. R. Playford P.M. 1608 responded. Although a visitor he felt quite at home, as he found himself surrounded by so many old friends. Among these was their Treasurer Bro. Stephens, who installed him into the chair of his Lodge, and on that occasion displayed his usual ability. The Brother who acted as Junior Warden during the installation he recognised as an initiate of his Lodge, and there were others he had known for years. He felt he could not thank his old friend Past Master Chapple sufficiently for his invitation to the Lodge, the hospitality of which was unbounded, and the working excellent.

Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. 733 and other Brethren also acknowledged the toast.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was regularly given and responded to, Bro. Stephens referring with gratification to the handsome balance the Lodge had in hand.

The visitors included Bros. H. Goldstein 2265, Geo. Metzler 2060, Edward Stark 1984, Wm. Wilson 1580, J. P. Taylor I.P.M. 1934, T. Mantle 1413, A. J. Harman 198, W. R. Playford P.M. 1608, E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.S.G.D. Essex, T. Kelly 1681, S. Fonseca 1563, Dinsmore 1563, R. J. Rogers P.M. 733, G. Levin 1668, Arthur Robinson 1224, A. C. Woolsey 228, A. J. Moach J.W. 228, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Spink Organist, who was ably supported by Miss Eleanor Jones, Miss Helen Murphy, Mr. E. F. Humphrey, Bro. James Brand, and Mr. Frederick Searle.

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ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

ON the 2nd inst., at Bro. H. P. Harris's, Railway Hotel, Feltham, Middx., Bro. T. I. Bird P.M. 1567 1897 P.P.G.S.Br. W.M., G. R. Nichols I.P.M., W. T. Dillon S.W., S. Pardoe P.M. 1585 J.W., John Mason P.M. P.G.D.Mid

Treas., Harry Willsmer Sec., A. E. Mason acting S.D., H. C. R. Dailey acting J.D., W. Langdon D.C., E. Brooker I.G., A. Bevis P.M., J. H. Pearson P.M., Wyatt, Ditchman, Tilley, Calley, Cook, King, Butterton, Keighley, Weedon, Markham, Tyler, Llewellyn.

Visitors: Bros. T. Matthews 1585, F. Dunstan P.M. 1326, F. Kebbell J.W. 1662, E. W. Browning J.W. 2455, Thos. Feistel 171, and Gandy 1532.

Bro. E. H. Keighley was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and Mr. W. E. Markham was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

After the business of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to dinner, and the customary toasts having been duly honoured, that of the visitors received special recognition from the W.M., and was replied to by Bros. Dunstan, Kebbell, Fiestel, Matthews, Browning and Gandy.

Several Brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bros. Feistel and Browning gave recitations. The former, "Bardell v Pickwick," and the latter, "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

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ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when upwards of seventy members and visitors were in attendance to witness the installation of Bro. Joseph Cox. The ceremony was performed in a very commendable manner by Bro. G. A. Knight the outgoing Master.

Brother J. Cox appointed and invested the following Officers: Bros. F. Thomas S.W., S. W. Keene P.M. J.W., R. R. Collick P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Robinson P.M. Secretary, A. E. W. MacCamley S.D., C. C. Barber J.D., H. Collings I.G., J. Collings P.M. D.C., John Cox Organist, G. W. Fortescue and E. R. K. Knight Stewards, J. Gregory Tyler.

Previous to the installation two Brethren were raised to the third degree and two passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

After the installation Bro. J. Cox initiated a gentleman into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Council Chamber to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the W.M.

Interspersed with the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were songs and recitations by members and friends. The talented daughters of the W.M. and Secretary also contributed to the entertainment.

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VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

THE annual ladies' night took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Tuesday, 21st ult., Bro. E. Smith W.M. presiding. The tables were tastefully decorated, says the "East London Observer," and an excellent and well served banquet was placed before the guests.

After the banquet the Loyal toasts, and those of the Grand Officers, were duly proposed.

The W.M., although clear and to the point, observed a brevity in his speeches worthy of the occasion.

The ladies, being the toast of the evening, was allowed a little more latitude both in proposer and respondent. The W.M. was pleased to see so many ladies present, and hoped he would see them there for many years to come. He would always give them a hearty welcome. Their presence that evening had given great pleasure to all the Brethren.

The W.M., responding to his own toast, assured the Brethren nothing would be wanting on his part that might tend to forward the success of the Lodge. Everything depended on the way the Brethren worked together, and he felt sure that nothing was wanting on their part.

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FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 2535.

THE annual meeting and banquet of this most phenomenally successful Lodge was held on Monday, at the Frascati, the W.M. Brother W. H. Bailey Grand Treasurer presiding, says the "Morning Advertiser." There was a very large gathering of Grand Officers and Visiting and other Brethren, including Bros. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., Alderman Vaughan Morgan, J. W. Burgess P.G.D., J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B., Wm. Lake Assist.G.Sec., W. M. Stiles P.G. Treasurer, J. D. Langton D.G.D.C., and James Terry P.G.Sword Bearer.

Bro. James Stephens Sec. P.P.S.G.D. Bucks, in the name of the Lodge, presented the W.M. with the insignia of the Grand Treasurer, together with that of the regalia of the Royal Arch. He referred to the honour done the Lodge and to the sterling qualities of their W.M., and the universal respect in which he was held. The jewel accompanying the clothing bore an inscription recording the regard and affection of the Lodge for Bro. Bailey, and the phenomenal success which had attended the first year of the Lodge under his Mastership.

Bro. Bailey, in accepting the handsome gift, said he could not express how proud he was to do so. He should ever prize the presentation clothing as a token of a reign in the Lodge which had been one of unbroken happiness and pleasure.

Sir John Monckton congratulated the Lodge on having achieved a record in the first year of its existence, both in regard to its charitable donations, its hospitality, and its balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £472.

The Lodge then voted a donation of twenty-five guineas to the Girls School, asking Sir John Monckton to add it to his list, and represent the Lodge as its Steward at the Festival, a compliment which, Sir John said, it would please him greatly to accept.

Subsequently, on the motion of Bro. Bailey, in his capacity as I.P.M., the Lodge unanimously resolved to present Bro. James Stephens Secretary with the insignia of G.Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter.

The W.M. duly installed Bro. J. R. Roberts P.M. in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, performing the ceremony in an unusually impressive manner, and being subsequently highly complimented by the Grand Officers present for the perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual.

At the banquet, the Grand Treasurer Bro. Bailey I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., whom, he said, possessed all the kindness of heart and generosity of character which not only made a man beloved, but a good Mason, and he wished him a prosperous and happy year.

The W.M., having acknowledged the compliment, gave the health of the I.P.M., and said it was due in great measure to Bro. Bailey's enthusiasm, energy, ability, integrity, and zeal that their Lodge stood in the high and proud position it did. Bro. Bailey was a Master of Masonic ritual; they would remember his working of the installation ceremony that night for many a day, and they were all proud in having their first Master elected as Grand Treasurer of England. In the name of the Lodge he presented the I.P.M. with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, handsomely jewelled, and expressed a hope that he would live many years to wear it. He trusted that Brother Bailey's future would be as bright as was the jewel on his breast.

The Grand Treasurer, who was warmly cheered on rising to reply, said if he had been instrumental in bringing together a Lodge which had so magnificent and phenomenal a record, he must confess that he could not have achieved so much but for the assistance he had received from his Officers and Brethren. Might the future of the Lodge be as glorious as its inception had been.

In subsequently proposing the Visitors, Bro Bailey coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, and bore testimony to the charming, kindly, and graceful manner in which he had foregone his intention of standing for the Grand Treasurership in his favour. Such an act was exceptional, and they were all pledged to Bro. Morgan's election, he hoped without a contest, next year. Several Brethren replied.

Other toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THIS flourishing Lodge of Instruction held its usual meeting at Bro. George C. Butcher's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bro. C. T. Brown W.M., assisted by Bro. C. E. Lilly S.W., T. W. Mogford J.W., G. E. D. Mogford S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., A. L. Bitters I.G., F. Wortham Sec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.G.D. Preceptor, George C. Butcher, J. Millar J.W. 2362, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), F. Beesley, Major Reed, and several others.

The W.M. opened the Lodge to the second degree. Bro. Beesley was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the same Brother acted as candidate for passing. We must compliment Bro. Brown on his excellent working of the ceremonies.

Bro. J. Millar J.W. and Founder of 2362 was elected a member.

Bro. Lilly was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

The annual supper takes place on Tuesday next, at Bro. George C. Butcher's, and we are pleased to say that Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.G.D. will preside on that evening.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

THE usual weekly meeting was held at the Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, Paddington, on Monday. Being the Officers' night, and through the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. J. S. Hayes W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge, Bro. A. Clark P.M. 1668 took the chair, and opened the Lodge to the third degree.

The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Clark performing the work in a most able manner, with Bro. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.S.G.D. acting as D.C.

Bro. J. S. Hayes W.M.-elect 1425 arriving at this point, took the chair, and invested his Officers. Bro. H. Chapple P.M. 1425 concluded the ceremony, giving the separate addresses in his usual masterly manner.

Bro. R. J. Sullivan was elected a member, and suitably responded.

There were present Bros. A. Clark P.M. W.M., F. Corthine S.W., T. M. Lambie J.W., T. D. Hood S.D., H. Crookes J.D., G. Weaver I.G., W. Smith Steward, H. Dehane P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Sec., M. Rozenburg P.M. 1425, H. Harris, S. Manne, H. Cam, J. Heilbron, E. J. Potter, H. Chapple P.M. 1425, W. J. Hutchins P.M. 1425, R. Sullivan 1668, J. Spinks jun. S.D. 1425, E. Lewis, W. Collison, C. Coleman P.M. 1425, J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), H. Campbell, J. S. Hayes W.M.-elect.

MOUNT-EDGUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

ON the 28th ult., at the Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, S.E., Bro. A. E. Mullins Sec. W.M., J. Hills S.W., F. Upton J.W., C. Plant S.D., R. E. Lane J.D., H. E. Lane I.G., and other Brethren.

Bro. Hills worked the second section of the first lecture, and Bro. Plant the third section, assisted by the Brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. E. Lane acting as candidate. Bro. R. E. Lane was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

On the 5th inst., Bro. R. E. Lane W.M., Carey S.W., Hills J.W., C. Lawrence Treas., A. E. Mullins Sec., Fisher S.D., Morse J.D., Pickering, Stewart, Johnson, Tofts, Mansfield, Cornford, Whitehead, Omash, and Andrews Preceptor.

Lodge opened and called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mansfield acting as candidate. Bro. Hills gave the charge after the initiation. Bro. Cornford worked the second, and Bro. Omash the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the Brethren. Bro. Carey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week; he responded and appointed Officers in rotation.

It was proposed and seconded and carried unanimously, that the question of discussing the best means of getting a better attendance should remain in abeyance.

CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

AT the Northampton Arms, on Friday, 1st inst., Bro. U. B. Ladler W.M., W. J. Doubtfire S.W., A. White J.W., W. J. Hunter Treasurer, C. Weeden Preceptor, E. Dimes Secretary.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Henry candidate. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Speller, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. returned to the chair and resumed and closed the Lodge. A Committee meeting was then formed of the Crusaders Masonic Charitable Association when two ballots took place, these resulting in favour of Bros. Blake and Collingridge.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE sixth annual dinner was held at Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., on Monday, 4th inst. The Lodge was previously opened and five new members were elected. Twenty-five Brethren sat down to a most excellent repast, which did credit to the Host Bro. Jno. Whaley.

The toast of the Queen was received with musical honours, and after the usual Masonic toasts were disposed of, Brother G. S. Dauntton proposed the health of the Chairman, which was received with great enthusiasm.

In replying, the Chairman expressed his gratification for the evident appreciation of his services as Preceptor. It was a subject for pleasant reflection for him to look back on the goodly number of Brethren who were either Masters of Lodges or Past Masters, who had received their Masonic training in this Lodge of Instruction.

The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction was proposed by Bro. Farrington, in eloquent terms. A song, "Birds of Passage," by Bro. Linfoot, was much enjoyed by the company.

Bro. G. S. Dauntton the Secretary replied for the Lodge, and remarked that the policy of the Preceptor was an excellent one, and that was to confine the work to perfecting Brethren in the initiation, passing, raising, and installation ceremonies, with little lectures on the why and wherefore in between.

The next toast, the Treasurer and Secretary, was proposed by the popular Bro. F. W. Robinson. Bro. W. Perrins sang "Queen of the Earth" in a style which brought forth well-deserved applause.

The Treasurer Bro. A. Collins, who has only recently been elected to this important office, but nevertheless appears to be held in high esteem by the members, replied for the Officers, promising assiduity to the duties of the post he had undertaken.

The toast of the Perseverance Lodge was proposed by the Chairman. In his remarks he expressed regret that the attendance book did not show a predominance of its members, yet still he was glad to work under their licence or warrant, and hoped that the cause of his regret might be speedily removed. A recitation by Bro. F. W. Robinson followed, of a mirth-provoking character.

The only member of Perseverance Lodge present was Bro. H. J. Bridgman, who ably responded to the toast, and promised to do his utmost to influence the rising members of the Parent Lodge to assist in the good work of making successful the useful Lodge of Instruction which was working under their sanction.

Bro. Linfoot, by desire of the Chairman, gave a song, "The Smuggler King," which performance was much admired.

The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. S. R. Phillips, in a befitting manner, which was followed by a humorous account of how the Battle of Waterloo was won by "Bill Adams."

Brother A. R. Chamberlayne P.P.G.Reg. Essex responded. In his observations he touched upon his close relationship with many of the Brethren present, in connection with his Masonic career, and bore testimony to the excellent training which aspiring young Masons might obtain if they would only join this efficient Lodge of Instruction. He expressed the hope that the time would come when he might again become a member of the Perseverance Lodge, in which he was initiated, and from which, for private reasons, he had felt himself called upon to resign.

Bro. P.M. Davis, of the Finsbury Park Lodge, next responded in a very fluent way, particularly commending the policy of Bro. Poore, in not going in for the section lectures, but leaving them to special Lodges of Instruction, which could command the attendance of Brethren who had passed the chair, whose energies were not absorbed by their ordinary duties, and who were blessed with plenty of means, leisure and commendable ambition.

A song "The Distant Shore" followed, Bro. W. Perrins doing ample justice to this beautiful composition.

The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association was proposed by Bro. A. Collins, followed by a song, by Bro. Linfoot, "Father O'Flynn."

Brother F. W. Robinson, in reply, pointed out the good work this Association had done, and hoped the members would do all they could to support it, in the continuance of its excellent object.

The Secretary proposed the health of the pianist and entertainers, also the host, who had so carefully provided for their comforts. This was cordially received.

The Tyler's toast concluded a successful annual celebration.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 6th inst., Bro. W. Boyce P.M. W.M., Joss S.W., Pollock J.W., Whitlock S.D., F. A. Slater J.D., Alberg I.G., De Casseres Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., A. Marks, S. S. Parker, J. Holland, Naphthali, Goulston, Bettinson, Fennell, Mitchel, Symons, Towner, Oxley P.M., Owers, J. Gibbs P.M., Ben Johnson P.M., G. Warn P.M. and J. Harvey.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marks candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the Brethren assisted Bro. Oxley P.M. to work the first and third, and Bro. De Casseres the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Goulston afterwards worked the first section of the first lecture.

The Lodge adjourned to Wednesday, the 13th inst., on which date Bro. Joss will occupy the chair.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON the 1st inst., at Bro. Witte's, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Brother J. J. Lamigeon W.M., I. P. Cohen P.M. S.W., D. Romain J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Sec., Captain Schlosshauer S.D., T. Matthews J.D., Jones I.G., Feistel, Calley, Witte, &c.

The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree.

Bro. I. P. Cohen was elected W.M. for next meeting.

PROVINCIAL.

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NEWSTEAD LODGE, No. 47.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, under the presidency of Bro. A. Aldam W.M., when some routine business was transacted. The arrangements for the annual picnic were discussed, and on the suggestion of the W.M. it was decided to hold the day's outing at Denton.

LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., Bro. S. Gaskill W.M., R. Alf. Hepworth I.P.M., H. A. Owles S.W., Fred Walmsley J.W., J. M. Sinclair P.M. P.P.G.D. Treas., J. G. Mcad Sec., H. R. Yates S.D., J. H. Studd J.D., Wm. Morton

I.G.; Past Masters H. H. Warburton P.P.S.G.D., Joseph Wildgoose P.P.J.G.D., John Studd P.P.G.D.C., B. Williams, Richard Simister, S. Williams, R. L. McMillan, Edward Roberts 1459; Bros. Robert Race, G. R. Jury, H. E. Massie, Richard Higham, J. C. Grime, and others.

Visitors:—Past Masters Fred Broadsmith 2447 1045 1166 P.P.G.R. Cheshire, Geo. R. Lloyd 1730 P.P.G.Treas. West Lincs., Ed. L. Littler 1730 P.P.G.P., William Bee 1459 Prov.G.A.D.C., Thomas Hassall 1213 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Bullivant 191, J. G. Bromley 1375, John Bowers 1730, W. J. Herring 815, and others.

Four ceremonies were due, of which three were performed, viz., the initiation of Mr. Joshua Howarth Boydell, merchant tailor, Cross Street, Manchester, and the raising to the sublime degree of M.M. of Bros. Benjamin Wilmot and Francis Simpson. The first was in the capable hands of Bro. Hepworth I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Fred Walmsley J.W., who delivered the ancient charge, the latter being divided between Past Masters Sinclair and Warburton respectively, who acquitted themselves in that excellently characteristic manner which has often been reverted to in these columns.

At the festive board which followed, many of the Brethren were laid under contribution for songs and sketches, a very pleasant evening being spent. Bro. Owles J.W. was especially felicitous in his selections, and was alluded to by one of the visitors as the Signor Foli of singers.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, on Tuesday, 28th ult., Brother James W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor. There was a good attendance of members, the principal business of the evening being a rehearsal of the third degree. Bro. Cockerham having consented to act as candidate, he was duly raised by Bro. Wm. Bee P.M. Prov.G.A.D.C.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the first and second ceremonies will be rehearsed.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 872.

ON Monday, 20th ult., there was an enthusiastic gathering of the members at Whitehaven, to do honour to one of the Past Masters. All, with the exception of Bro. Joseph Matthews, were in the secret, which, in keeping with the true Masonic virtue, had been kept from him, says the "Free Press."

After the usual business had been transacted the W.M. Bro. J. M. Clark rose to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Matthews. In the course of his remarks he said Bro. Matthews was not one of those who carried their Freemasonry on their sleeve, but the genuine principles of the Craft were shown in his life. On behalf of the Officers, who had served under him, he had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which he pinned on his breast, amidst a round of applause.

Bro. Matthews, in touching and suitable terms, feelingly acknowledged the gift. The jewel bore on the obverse side the square and the forty-seventh proposition of the first book of Euclid, and on the reverse the following:—

Presented to

BRO. JOSEPH MATTHEWS P.M.

by his Officers, as a token of regard.

It may be added this is not the first presentation Bro. Matthews has been the recipient of. On leaving Rosario he was presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the Brethren there.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 1st inst., Bro. Charles Rawle W.M., there being a good attendance of members and visitors.

The principal business was the delivery of the Traditional History, and explanation of the Tracing Board in the third degree, these duties being undertaken by Bro. Hy. Hall P.M. Prov.G.Treas., who acquitted himself in a manner which could not fail to be a memorable one in the Masonic experiences of Bros. Klindworth and Dr. Denholm, for whom these concluding portions of the ceremony of raising had primarily been prepared.

During the evening Bro. Pickford I.P.M. presented to the Lodge a framed photographic group of the Architect members, taken last year while on their pic-nic to Matlock. Bro. A. A. Moss P.M. D.C., on behalf of the Lodge, thanked the donor for his present.

ROSE OF RABY LODGE, No. 1650.

ON Tuesday, 28th ult., a large gathering of the Brethren of Darlington and district, including visitors from South Durham and North Yorkshire, took place at the Masonic Hall, Darlington, to assist in the installation of Bro. Jonathan E. Backhouse as Worshipful Master.

Amongst those present was the Deputy Prov. Grand Master the Rev. Canon Tristram.

The Installing Master was Bro. C. H. Backhouse W.M. of the Beresford-Pierse Lodge. After the ceremony the new Worshipful Master appointed his Officers.

ROYAL ARCH.

DE LAMBTON CHAPTER, No. 94.

THE annual meeting for the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland, on Tuesday, 28th ult. Interest in the event was supplemented by a visit from the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham.

The first Principal-elect Comp. J. D. Todd was installed by Comp. Robert Hudson Prov.S.E., and the second Principal Comp. G. W. Heterington, and third Principal Comp. Wm. Watson by J. D. Todd, who also invested the Officers for the coming year. The Provincial Grand Office of Director of Ceremonies having been vacant by the death of T. Dunn, of Bishop Auckland, the occasion was taken as a fitting opportunity to invest his successor, and by direction of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Grand Superintendent of the Province, the Provincial Grand S.E. was deputed to invest Comp. Thomas P. Jobson I.P.Z. of the Industry Chapter, Gateshead, with the insignia of office.

VICTORIAN CHAPTER, No. 2184.

OWING to the regular convocation of this Chapter falling at Easter, when a few of the Companions were able to attend, an emergency meeting was held on Thursday of last week, at the Phoenix Hotel, Rainham, Essex. Comp. Charles Jolly presided as M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Thomas Ringrose as H., and J. G. Milbourn as J. There were also present Comps. T. J. Ralling Prov.G.ScribeE. of Essex, F. J. Eedle I.P.Z., William Harvey S.E., Edward C. Talbot P.S., James Block P.Z. 73, Geo. R. Nichols H. 913, W. C. Haley 1789, Henry F. Cain 9, Benjamin Thomas 1000, Harold E. Smith 1437, Orlton Cooper 1928, John Ivey Janitor.

The agenda paper bore the extraordinary number of twenty-eight names of candidates for exaltation, but only six attended, viz., Bros. John William Joyce, John Hills, James Millen, Edward James Couves, Thomas Welch, and Walter Reynolds, who, being introduced, were regularly exalted to the supreme degree. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Comps. Jolly and Talbot. After the investment the usual lectures were given by Comp. Milbourn, who delivered the Historical, Comp. James Block the Symbolical, and Comp. Jolly the Mystical.

Comps. George Wyatt, of the Star Chapter, and Charles H. Canning, of the Henley Chapter, were admitted as joining Companions.

Comp. William Harvey referred to a Masonic Service that was proposed to be held shortly at the Old Parish Church at Rainham, in aid of the Restoration Fund, and requested the assistance of the Companions. The movement had the support of the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens Grand Chaplain. Bro. Haslock Prov.G.C. of Essex had promised to preach the sermon. He might also state that the various Lodges in the district would be represented on the occasion. Comp. Eedle thereupon proposed, and Comp. Ringrose seconded, that application be made to the Provincial Grand Superintendent to allow R.A. clothing to be worn.

The M.E.Z. warmly welcomed Comp. T. J. Ralling, and hoped he would frequently be able to come among them. Comp. Ralling, in reply, said that when he heard of the large amount of work that was probable he had immediately offered his services, though they had not been required. He had been greatly pleased at the working of the ritual, and was glad to find the Officers were so well up to their work. He should certainly report to the Grand Superintendent of the Province the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been conducted. The visiting Companions having offered their congratulations to the M.E.Z., the Chapter was closed in due form and the Companions adjourned to dinner.

MARK MASONRY.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 101.

THE members met at the Masonic Rooms, St. Day, on Monday, 27th ult., when Bro. Fitton S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year. Bro. W. A. Bennett P.M. P.P.G.I.W., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Paul Tyler. The meeting for installation will be held at Chacewater in June.

The Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to the Boscawen also held their usual meeting on Monday, when Bro. Major Shanks was elected W.C.N. for the coming year. Bro. W. A. Bennett was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Paul Warden. The meeting for installation of the W.C.N. takes place in June.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE are sorry to record the death of Bro. Thomas Ramsay P.M. Prov.J.G.D., Manager of the Theatre Royal, Manchester, which took place at his residence, Croft's Bank Road, Urmston, on Tuesday morning, 21st ult. At the time of his death Bro. Ramsay was connected with the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387 (having been one of its founders), and his interest in Freemasonry made him so prominent that only twelve months ago, at the meeting held in Denton, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master bestowed upon him Provincial honours, as indicated above. The subject of our notice, whose Manchester management marks a period of ten years, had a most successful theatrical career, having been prominently identified with such artistes as Sir Henry Irving, Messrs. George Alexander, Wilson Barrett, F. R. Benson, Beerbohm Tree, J. L. Toole, and, indeed, nearly all the leading actors and actresses of the day. As vice-president of the Provincial Theatre Managers' Association, and a member of the Council of the Actors' Association, he was deservedly respected, and no wonder that his funeral, which took place at the Southern Cemetery, Withington, on Friday, 24th ult., should be well attended both by members of the Craft and the theatrical profession. Among many others present were Bros. F. G. Cooper, C. Swinn P.M., Thos. Cavanah, J. R. Richardson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., E. G. Simpson and J. Simpson, representing the Dramatic Lodge, J. Pitt Hardacre (Comedy Theatre), Albert Jarrett, W. D. Holbrook, H. Brook, and Thos. Black P.M., Messrs. T. H. Birch and Capt. J. Barlow (from the directorate of the Theatre Royal), A. D. Corry (acting manager), T. Manchester (Prince's Theatre), Richard Flanagan (Queen's Theatre), Peter Watson (Palace Theatre of Varieties), E. V. Campbell, Robert Courtneidge, George Scott, Capt. W. Rose, D. Cloran (representing Mr. Willie Edouin), Councillor Joshua Hampson, and William Wade. A large number of wreaths, some of very beautiful device, testified to the respect in which the deceased Brother had been held. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Bro. Geo. T. Lenard P.M. Wilton Lodge, No. 1077, Long Millgate, Manchester.

"SAVAGES" AT HALIFAX.

LONDON possesses many clubs, of course. There is one in particular, however, which has a distinguishing peculiarity, in that it provides "a local habitation and a name" for a race of Savages. These men are comparatively harmless, if you stroke them down the right way, in a manner of speaking. They have their eccentricities, and make no attempt to hide them, but these are for the most part very amiable weaknesses, and embrace amongst other things an apparently insatiable thirst for music and song, and all that tends to "chase dull care away." Some of these "Savages" greatly excel as exponents of St. Cecilia's gentle art, as has been found by some of the uncircumcised whose great privilege and pleasure it has been to be the recipients of their unstinted hospitality. As we all know, Mr. Arnold, the senior member for Halifax, is one of the most genial of men and is greatly esteemed and beloved wherever he goes. He has been amongst these "Savages," and realised to the full the truth of that golden axiom "Music hath charms to soothe the Savage breast." At any rate it has succeeded in rousing this particular fraternity to a state of gracious amiability which is really very "grateful and comforting" to the eye and ear. At least, that was the effect it had upon Mr. Arnold, and as he sat enjoying the tuneful hilarity of his friends, his thoughts wandered back to his native heath, and with that goodness of heart which always characterises him, he began to wish his local Masonic friends, together with their wives, their sisters, and the sisters of others (as it were), could only have the rare felicity of hearing and enjoying the rich intellectual treat with which the "Savages" were at that moment regaling him. He spoke to the Worshipful Master of that ancient institution, the Probity Lodge (Bro. G. H. Smith, J.P.), and the said W.M., it is hardly surprising to state, fell in with the happy idea with an alacrity which did considerable credit to his judgment. The Secretarial duties fell upon the willing shoulders of Bro. J. Turner Spencer, the details were speedily arranged, and the Brethren of the four Halifax Lodges, with their lady friends, assembled in the lecture theatre of the Halifax Technical School, on Tuesday of last week, in obedience to the summons. There was a really splendid muster, and we should like to say, if it can be done with safety, that although Mr. Arnold and Mr. Smith looked very proud of the gathering of the Craft, they had very reasonable justification for it, inasmuch as the Masons of Halifax, when you get them all together, are not by any means a body of men to be despised. The ladies, however, it is hardly necessary to say, gave the necessary piquancy and picturesqueness to the scene, the dresses worn being beautiful to a degree. It was indeed a most fashionable and representative gathering, such as would have done eminent credit to much larger towns than Halifax. The guests were graciously received by the Mayor and Mayoress on entering the concert room, which had been rendered all the more inviting by the introduction of a nice and well-arranged assortment of shrubs and flowers on either side of the platform.

Prior to the opening of the programme the Mayor, who addressed the company as "Brethren and Sisters," extended a hearty welcome to all present, and incidentally recalled the fact that Probity Lodge was the oldest in the Province, and the third or fourth in the country. Bro. Arnold and himself conceived the happy idea of endeavouring to have the pleasure of looking on all the Halifax Masons. A concert of that kind, they considered, would give the Masonic Brethren of the town the opportunity of meeting together, and in a way that, not only themselves, but the sisters as well, could attend. They wished to impress on their wives that Masonry did not consist solely in the pleasure of the Mason himself, but the wife, also, derived some benefit from the husband's connection with that honourable and ancient body.

Bro. Arnold (who was most cordially cheered on entering the room) afforded the audience a very entertaining sketch of the origin of the Savage Club, going on to say that its members embraced those who were distinguished in the drama, music, literature, and science. There were none of these several dispositions of intellect which had not representatives in the Savage Club. It was customary for the Society, on Saturday evenings during the winter months, to give to the members' friends an evening of harmony and amusement, at which it was an intense delight to be present. Having had the pleasure and the privilege, on more than one occasion, of attending these functions, he on a late occasion thought that, if they could get the Brethren of Halifax to come together, with their wives and sweethearts, they also might have a happy and pleasant evening. He was glad to say that when he suggested it to Bros. Collette, Ganthony, and Nicholl, they heartily fell in with his desire, and upon mentioning it to their good Brother, His Worship the Mayor, he was only too glad to join with him in promoting such a gathering. From that had arisen this happy occasion, and he was glad they had turned up in such large numbers to enjoy what he confidently predicted would prove a rich intellectual treat.

As Mr. Arnold stated in his speech, Messrs. Collette, Ganthony, and Nicholl were the three barbarians—or rather, we should say, "Savages," who were specially retained to minister to the pleasure and recreation of the civilised denizens of these northern fastnesses. All things considered, we are inclined to allow that Mr. Arnold is a very decent judge. If there are any more such "Savages," he would do us all a real favour if he would import them. We were never entertained by "Savages" before, but we are quite prepared to give the experiment another trial if circumstances really necessitated such a sacrifice. We have attended many concerts, but we never enjoyed one more than we did that of Tuesday. We have attended pantomimes, burlesques, and farces, and have laughed—occasionally! Largely as a matter of form, though; not because we wanted to! We laughed on Tuesday evening, immoderately we fear, and laughed because we really could not help ourselves. Bro. Collette reminds us of the milkmaid. His face is his fortune. It seems positively charged with the electricity of uncontrollable mirth—as you look upon it you find the ripples of laughter gradually but surely rising. His songs were remarkably clever and original; indeed, they were inimitable, his facial contortions and mimicry convulsing the audience. His first song was "The Thirteen Club," which was, of course, loudly encored, in response to which Mr. Collette substituted "'Twas in Trafalgar Square," a really smart parody on "The Death of Nelson." His humorous patter sketch, "Picking up a living," delighted the audience; while on a recall he related, "with bated breath and whispering humbleness," the pathetic story of Washington's discovery of America, and the equally moving romance of how he once told the truth, with tragic consequences. "In Phil the Fluter's Ball," we were favoured with a typical Irish sketch, which for fidelity was perhaps only eclipsed by the succeeding very effective picture of "The Negro's Ball." Mr. Collette is an entertainment in himself, and should he again visit Halifax, we are disposed to think that it will be a somewhat urgent engagement that prevents our hearing him.

In Bro. William Nicholl we have an artiste whose style is, of course, as far removed from that of Mr. Collette as the poles are asunder. Mr. Nicholl has a most charming tenor voice, which is highly developed, and over which he has the most perfect control. His style and expression are simply superb, indeed, the fact that he is the Queen's favourite tenor, and is frequently

commanded to sing before Her Majesty, shows that he is one of the most talented singers of the day, an assumption which few of those who listened, with grateful admiration, to his exquisite vocalisations, will be disposed to question. He revealed many new beauties in Gounod's pretty composition, "Berceuse," by the artistic way in which he rendered it, and unquestionably by the same means added greatly to the wonted charm of that old favourite, "Annie Laurie." "Angels guard thee" (Godard) was little less than an inspiration, while "Kathleen Mavourneen" created a perfect furore, "Marguerite" (Macfarlane) and "Sally in our Alley" (Carey) only served to emphasise the rapturous appreciation of the audience; while the finished and expressive rendering which Mr. Nicholl gave of that common-place trifle, "Hush, the Bogey Man," came as a revelation, and illustrated the transformation which can be wrought by the touch of artistic skill and genius. Mr. Nicholl has a most charming voice—his falsetto notes, of liquid sweetness, which beautifully melt into lingering echoes, only to be recalled when they seem to be meandering off into distant space, must be heard to be adequately realised and appreciated.

We stated that Mr. Collette's face was his fortune. We have pretty much the same opinion about that belonging to Mr. Ganthony, only his physiognomy does not exactly radiate with beaming mirthfulness; it is more of the tombstone order, and calls up cheering visions of that monument of melancholy, the Sphinx. You can, of course, laugh at such a countenance, but the secret spring of your hilarity in the case of Mr. Ganthony is hardly comparable with that which in Mr. Collette serves to tickle your risible faculties. Anyway, we can hardly imagine the former smiling, any more than we can think of the latter without—smiling! Mr. Ganthony is an artist, however, of the very first rank. His "Recollections" enabled him to represent a number of musical instruments—nay it was not counterfeited, it was the real genuine article, so admirably were the representations produced. "The funny-graph," while being highly diverting, was nevertheless remarkably clever, the transference of sound being something wonderful. The audience literally screamed with laughter, as they did over the ludicrous police court sketch, which, while abounding in mirth, nevertheless hit off with remarkable fidelity the humorous side of police court procedure. Mr. Ganthony is another "Savage" whose re-appearance in Halifax would be heartily welcomed and appreciated.

We were much struck with the really artistic and altogether admirable pianoforte playing of Mr. J. H. Sykes, who, if we may judge by the scope and character of his solo, "The Light Brigade March," is also a composer of no mean merit. Mr. George Whitley, too, treated the company to a very appreciative and finished rendering of Mendelssohn's plaintiff "Adagio" and the more cheerful "Volkslied," and some slight recognition is also due to Mr. Owen Binns, whose accompaniments were all that could be desired.

The audience cordially endorsed the sentiments expressed by Bros. Robertshaw and Alderson, who respectively proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks of Bros. Arnold and Smith, for the rich intellectual treat with which they had that evening favoured the Masons of Halifax and their lady friends. Bro. Arnold briefly responded, and the singing of the National Anthem, led by Bro. Nicholl, brought to a termination one of the most enjoyable concerts ever given in this town.—"Halifax Guardian."

The Theatres, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Grand Opera in English.

Lyceum.—8, Shades of Night. 8.45, For the Crown. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Prince of Wales's.—7.45, A Woman's Caprice. 8.15, John Jenkins at Biarritz. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Terry's.—8, Outward Bound. 8.45, Jedbury Jun. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Avenue.—8, Two of a trade. 9.30, The New Barmaid. Matinée, Saturday.

Haymarket.—8.30, Trilby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Lyric.—8.15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Savoy.—7.40, After All. 8.20, 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. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Court.—8, A Highland Legacy. 9, Mrs. Ponderbury. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

St. James's.—8, The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Princess's.—8, The Star of India.

Opera Comique.—8.15, Shamús O'Brien. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Shaftesbury.—8.15, A Matchmaker.

Daly's.—8, The Gheisha; A story of a Tea-House. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Garrick.—8, The Rogue's Comedy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Vaudeville.—8.15, Papa's wife. 9, A night out. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Royalty.—8.20, Kitty Clive. 9.10, The new baby.

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. (Last day.)

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Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.

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Mohawk Minstrels.—(Agricultural Hall.)—Daily.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.

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NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
957 Leigh, Freemason's Hall
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Witham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid Love & Lib. Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
543 Royal, Fife
671 Prince of Wales, Llanely
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
890 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travelers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fermor, Hesketh, Bootle
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, St. Saviourgate
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kildgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellingt'n
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Norfolk
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone

Tuesday.

235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace and Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
606 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot

764 Harbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
829 Sydney, Sidcup
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
900 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1702 Machen, Coleshill
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

Festival Royal Masonic Institution
for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, 6
Committee Royal Masonic Benevo-
lent Institution, at 4.
5 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle of Fellowship, Guernsey
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
146 Antiquity, Bolton
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
274 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
483 Sympathy, Gravesend
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
679 St. David, Aberdare
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Aboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing Friars, Worthing
854 Albert, Shaw
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1107 Cornwallis, Chislehurst
1112 Shirley, Southampton
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Wokington
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1692 Hervey, Bromley
1703 Windrush, Witney
1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands
1798 Zion, Manchester
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1947 Stanford, Hove
1958 St. George, Portsea
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2284 Smyth, Grimsby
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2483 Hadrian, Westham
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill

Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
879 Southwark, Southwark

1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
1358 Duke of Connaught, Camberwell
35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
97 Palatine, Sunderland
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
191 St. John, Bury
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
442 St. Peter, Peterboro
477 Mersey, Birkenhead
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
546 Etruscan, Longton
561 Zetland, Guisborough
586 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
588 St. Boto-ph, Sleaford
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
816 Royd, Littleboro
945 Abbey, Abingdon
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
1055 Derby, Manchester
1061 Triumph, Lancashire
1098 St. George, Tredegar
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145 Equality, Accrington
1147 St. David, Manchester
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1204 Royd, Malvern
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon

1863 Priory, Tynemouth
2016 Shaldon, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2105 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2420 F'd. de Rothschild, Waddes'dn
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Delaval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

Annual General Meeting Benevolent
Institution, Freemasons' Tav, 12.
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-h.
152 Virtue, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Lipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plums'd
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2508 Thomas Ralling, Chingford

To-morrow is what is known as "Chestnut Sunday," and if the fine weather we have lately enjoyed continues we may expect to see thousands of visitors to the famous avenue at Bushey Park, where the chestnut trees, although not perhaps as forward as usual—probably for want of a little rain—are a splendid sight. Adjoining the gates of the avenue is the Greyhound Hotel, under the new proprietorship of Mrs. Caulfield, who, our musical friends will be pleased to learn, is none other than the sweet voiced Constance Loseby of former days, when she was well known alike on the theatrical stage and the concert platform.

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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, Ridler's Hotel, High Holborn, 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
 118 Joppa, Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 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 Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor Road, Peckham, S.E., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington, 7-30
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, High Street, S.E., 8
 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, 8
 1766 St. Leonard, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park Road, South Hackney, 8
 1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes Square, Kensington, 8
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, 6-30
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cannon Street, 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, 8
 2032 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8-30
 2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, The Feathers, 116 Lambeth Walk, S.E., 8
 2206 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, 8
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., 8
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, Phoenix Street, St. Pancras, 8

Wednesday.

- 8 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
 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
 1703 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-Countts, 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, Marylebone, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, 7
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
 1381 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, 7-30
 1607 Loyalty, 206 Mars 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, Montpelier 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

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 Road, 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1348 Libby, 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.