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CONSERVING THE SECRETS OF MASONRY.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire is reported as having come to a decision in regard to displays of Masonic regalia, outside the doors of our Lodges, that will doubtless set Brethren thinking, and will probably give rise to varied expressions of opinion for and against what has long been regarded as a recognised order of things—the wearing of Masonic clothing and jewels at what are termed Masonic balls, of course with the sanction of those at the head of the Craft of the Province or District. The “Sheffield Independent” is our authority for stating that an order has been issued by the local Provincial Grand Lodge, that no regalia shall be worn at any ball or similar function in the future, and we may at once say we are not at all surprised at such an edict, as it is well known many of the leaders of the Craft are averse to the practice, and sanction to wear Masonic regalia at public meetings is very often only given because it has been the custom to allow it in the past, and those in authority are unable to supply sufficient evidence to warrant their departing from established usage—at heart they object to the custom, but they do not wish to make themselves unpopular by asserting their authority in opposition to the wishes of their subordinates.

Our readers may remember that some time back we devoted attention to this subject in connection with the action of a West of England Provincial Grand Master who, apparently opposed to the public display of Masonic regalia and jewellery, issued his dispensation allowing it, on condition that a certain sum was contributed to the Masonic Charities. We condemned such a compromise at the time, and are still of opinion that the official who made such a bargain did so contrary to what he felt was best for the interests of Freemasonry, and in opposition to what he considered right—he would have liked to have forbidden the public display of Masonic regalia, but had not the heart to refuse the request of his Brethren; still, we question, as we did then, the desirability of selling such dispensations, even though the proceeds are devoted to the best of all good objects—the furtherance of Masonic Charity; and the action of such a distinguished Craftsman as the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire in definitely objecting to these public displays may have wide and marked influence in the future.

While we recognise that no particular harm may arise from these public displays of Masonic emblems, we feel that the secrecy of Freemasonry is very apt to be violated by their adoption, for the reason that the responsibility of seeing that all is right does not rest upon any particular individual—it is everybody's business to have the laws obeyed, and consequently nobody does it, and our reason for forming this opinion goes back to a very early date in our Masonic career, when we were asked by a business friend, who was not a member of the Order, to lend him our apron, collar and jewels. Explaining that as a Master Mason we only possessed the former, and asking what he wanted it for, we were answered that he was invited to a Masonic ball which he had attended for several years past, and that he had always managed to borrow regalia enough to make

himself appear a dignitary in the Craft. We doubted the truth of his boast at the time, but after subsequent inquiry found he had not exaggerated much upon what he had done on more than one occasion in the past, and probably repeated afterwards. Are we to believe this was an exceptional case, or would it not rather be better to regard it as proof that it is as possible for a non-Mason to masquerade in the guise of a Freemason as in any other “fancy” dress he may be disposed to procure for a special occasion?

We should be very sorry to say anything likely to curtail the enjoyment of our Brethren, or cut short any of the legitimate work of the Craft, but remembering what we have heard in our official capacity—often mentioned after exacting a promise of secrecy—we see no reason to object to the course adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, in refusing to allow Masonic emblems to be worn at public meetings, and we even hope other heads of the Craft may consider the desirability of adopting a similar policy, so long as it is desired to admit gentlemen who are not Masons to such assemblies. There may not be any great danger in the wearing of Masonic regalia at assemblies limited to Brethren of the Craft and their ladies, but a hard and fast line should be drawn when it is intended to allow gentlemen who are not Masons to be also present. If for no other reason it should be prohibitive because it savours too much of touting for candidates, to allow non-Masons to participate in a public gathering where the insignia of the Craft is freely displayed.

THE POLICE AND MASONIC MEETINGS.

IT will be remembered attention has lately been directed to the very great power possessed by the police, to enter Masonic and other secret society meetings when held on licensed premises, and although the authorities of the Masonic Order do not appear to think the question worthy of official notice, it seems the Oddfellows, at least, are more alive to what they regard as unnecessary interference. Accordingly Mr. J. Diprose P.G.M. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, recently attended before the Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws, to submit that the Commission should embody in its report a recommendation that the police should not have the power to enter the society's club-rooms in public houses. Business meetings had often been interrupted, he argued, and although lecture halls and schoolrooms were used by the Oddfellows when possible, public-houses had generally to be resorted to.

Now that attention has been so prominently directed to this question it is probable we shall hear of more frequent interference on the part of the police, who may at least be excused if the natural inquisitiveness of humanity prompts them to exercise the power they possess, to look inside what are really closed doors to ordinary individuals. At a time when the whole subject of the Licensing Laws is being inquired into by a Royal Commission it seems to us the

Craft of Freemasonry might well add the weight of its support to what is being done by other Societies, which are very similarly circumstanced, in this direction. Moral encouragement might be given, without any loss of dignity, but we suppose the law had so seldom been put in force that the matter may be dismissed for the time being as unworthy of serious consideration at the hands of the Craft. If ever it becomes a common practice for the police to exercise their power and enter our Lodge rooms at most inconvenient times we suppose such action will be taken as may then appear best.

ROYALTY AND THE CRAFT.

THE Welsh Masonic paper, the "Craftsman," has heard from a trustworthy source, and publishes the statement in its February issue, that His Royal Highness the Duke of York is to be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry during the present year. Rumours of a like character have been so frequently circulated that we look upon the announcement as belonging to the very hardy "big gooseberry" crop, still there is no reason why the Duke of York should not become a Freemason, rather, on the contrary, many reasons why he should, and we believe his admission into the ranks of the Craft would be generally hailed with an outburst of loyal enthusiasm, although such an initiation—to be in keeping with similar events in the past—would be arranged and carried through in a quiet dignified manner, without any fuss or excess of ceremony such as many among us would like to witness.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

IT is stated that, at the instance of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, a vote of one thousand guineas in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund will be proposed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday, 3rd March.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland is also proposing to aid the Fund, the suggestion there being to make a donation of £100, a course that has the heartiest approval of the Senior Grand Warden the Earl of Rosslyn, who, on the occasion of a recent official "visitation," when he presided in place of the Grand Master of Scotland, who was snowed up at Fraserburgh, urged the Brethren of the country to give the movement their warmest support. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow has already voted £25 for the help of their Indian fellow subjects.

CORNWALL BENEVOLENCE.

THE annual financial report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund has been issued, and is a most encouraging and satisfactory publication. The invested capital is now £5,591, producing an annual income of £241. Since the start of this most useful society, in 1864, the large sum of £10,689 has been received. The expenses of management during the last thirty-two years have been £446 19s 11d, or only about £14 per annum, the economical management of the fund being a feature of the good work achieved by the Officers and the Committee. There are at present four male annuitants receiving together the sum of £60 per annum, seven female annuitants with a total of £105 per annum, and eleven educational grants amounting to £310 per annum.—"Western Morning News."

PAPAL TOLERATION.

FROM a Masonic point of view we are probably wrong in allowing the insertion of the following comments, but the writer is a well known member of the Fraternity, and desires to offer his protest in our pages, which have lately afforded many instances of the lack of toleration on the part of Roman Catholics towards the Masonic Brotherhood. The remarks here given go far to prove it is not Freemasonry alone that calls forth the uncharitable interference of the Romish Church.

THE writer of this paragraph was some years ago actively connected with various Friendly Societies, and often attended Sunday services promoted in the cause of charity. He noticed that on these occasions several prominent members who belonged to the Romish Church, although they joined in the processions, and paraded the streets in company with the Brethren, invariably absented themselves from the service itself. Not being able to assign a

sufficient reason for this abstention, he made enquiries, and was emphatically told by a respected connection of a very old Catholic family, that the members of his Church were taught and expressly forbidden to enter the precincts of a building which was devoted to any religion other than their own. The writer has long hesitated to believe that such intolerance and bigotry could be formulated by any religious body, but what can he now think in face of the following paragraph, which went the rounds of the newspapers bearing date 1st February?

CORK CORPORATION AND A PROTESTANT BISHOP.

The Mayor and other Catholic members of the Cork Corporation having accepted the invitation to attend the ceremony of consecration of the Protestant Bishop of Killaloe to-morrow, the Catholic Dean M'Swiney writes:—"I feel I would be wanting in my duty if, in the Bishop's absence, I did not draw the attention of those gentlemen and of Catholic people at large, to the grave sinfulness of such an action, forbidden as it is under special penalties by divine and ecclesiastical laws."

Surely Dean M'Swiney does not represent the intelligent portion of the Roman Catholic community, and we anxiously wait for some denial of the above newspaper statement, or at least a modification of the same.

DEVON AND CORNWALL FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB Co.

BRO. J. R. Lord, chairman of the Directors of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Limited, presided, on the 29th ult., over the shareholders annual meeting at Plymouth. There were also present the following directors:—Bros. J. B. Gover, William Allsford, D. Cross, J. W. Cornish, John Goad, J. Wallis, and R. Cawsey.

The Chairman presented the report, which was adopted. It showed that 1896 had proved a successful year's working. It was estimated that the recent action taken by the Inland Revenue would prove a great advantage to the company, by giving every member a voice in the management. A dividend of three per cent. on Preference Shares and four per cent. on Ordinary Shares was agreed upon. It was pointed out that a recent change had been made in the Steward and Stewardess of the club, in consequence of the impaired health of Mrs. Harvey. In Bro. and Mrs. Batchelor the Directors were of opinion that they had a Steward and Stewardess who would maintain the status the Club had achieved under Bro. and Mrs. Harvey's management.

Bros. Wallis, Lord, and Littleton, the retiring Directors, offered themselves for re-election, and were unanimously replaced upon the directorate. Bro. T. Gibbons was also re-elected auditor. It is hoped that members of the Order, who have not yet taken a pecuniary interest in the club, will do so promptly, says the "Western Mercury," and thus relieve the Directors of mortgage on the building. With greater scope it is estimated that a much larger advantage would accrue to the Club Company. Votes of thanks to the Directors, Auditors, Secretary, Steward and Stewardess, and the general staff closed the proceedings.

Writing in his Masonic column in the "Glasgow Evening News," our contemporary "The Mallet" says:—"The Lodges in Edinburgh have been exemplary in the observance of the new law dealing with the interval to be observed between degrees. Whilst it was common to give two and even three degrees on one night, not a single case of such practice has been noted by the Visitation Committee during the past year." We should like to know that this rule had been observed, not only in Edinburgh, but in all Lodges under the Scottish Constitution, as being more in keeping with the practice of Freemasonry in the present age.

The "Western Mail," referring to the current number of the "Craftsman," says it is the best number yet produced, being of general interest, and then adds:—"more than this no one can say of a paper devoted to Freemasons, who seem to load their literature with the nods and winks and chains of capital letters which make their everyday conversation so mysterious." When one remembers the string of initials that usually appear in an ordinary report of an important Masonic gathering it is easy to imagine that the loading of Masonic literature "with the nods and winks and chains of capital letters" is regarded as an absurdity by the ordinary outsider.

The Brethren of Scotland are taking steps to induce the Grand Master of their Constitution to arrange for the presentation of a dutiful address to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. David Leyshon, of Pontypridd, took place on Saturday, 30th ult., at Glyntaff Cemetery. The procession was one of the most impressive ever seen in Pontypridd, and included representatives of the Freemasons, the Oddfellows, the Foresters, and many other bodies with which the deceased was associated.

THE death is announced of Brother Charles Harris, who had long taken a prominent part in the theatrical world of the metropolis. The deceased was the brother of the late Sir Augustus Harris P.G.Treas., and was associated with him in many of his theatrical enterprises.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Earl Amherst presided as M.E.Z., Comps. J. Thornhill Morland as H., and Lieut.-Col. Townley Caldwell as J. E. Letchworth S.E., Thomas Fenn as S.N., Baron de Ferrieres as P.S., Smithett 1st A.S., J. C. Malcolm as 2nd A.S., Sir George David Harris President of the Committee of General Purposes, Frank Richardson D.C., W. Lake Assistant G.S.E., George Graveley, W. A. Scurrah and James Boulton Standard Bearers, and many other present and past Grand Officers, together with several present and past Principals of private Royal Arch Chapters also attended. The business of the evening was very light, and the items on the agenda paper, as published in these columns last week, were all agreed to. Grand Chapter was then closed.

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

AT the annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Portsmouth, on Friday, 22nd ult., the following were appointed as the Officers of the year:

Comp. J. E. LeFeuvre 394	-	-	-	H.
T. A. Bramsdon 257	-	-	-	J.
E. Goble 309	-	-	-	Scribe E.
D. O. Hobbs 359	-	-	-	Scribe N.
R. Houghton-Smith 394	-	-	-	Treasurer
H. Durrant 175	-	-	-	Registrar
J. Jenkins 487	-	-	-	Principal Sojourner
J. Howarth 1776	-	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
J. Flewings 394	-	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
C. E. Pinnock 151	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. Payne 342	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. Taylor 1331	-	-	-	
W. Stewart 1428	-	-	-	
R. G. Pitter 2068	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. J. Miller 1461	-	-	-	} Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
F. Hazzard 903	-	-	-	
G. Blackler 309	-	-	-	
G. Pearman 903	-	-	-	Organist
G. F. Lancaster 257	-	-	-	Assist. Scribe E.
J. Exell 487	-	-	-	Janitor

MARK MASONRY.

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KENT.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, which was postponed owing to the death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, took place on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple, St. Peters Street, Canterbury, for the installation of the new Prov. Grand Master Viscount Dungarvan, who was appointed by the Prince of Wales to fill the place of the late Rev. Thomas Robinson. The Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, assisted by Provincial Grand Officers, performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner.

The usual banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Fountain Hotel.

The following Officers were appointed to assist the new Provincial ruler during the year:—

Bros. F. Hughes-Hallett 129 378	-	-	-	Deputy
Wm. J. Duncan Best, M.D., 152	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Sibert Saunders 262	-	-	-	Junior Warden
John W. Court 390	-	-	-	Master Overseer
Frank W. Williams 322	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
Harry F. Greig 309	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. A. W. N. Deacon 322	-	-	-	Chaplain
Herbert Black 69	-	-	-	Treasurer
Hugh M. Gordon 294	-	-	-	Registrar
J. George Podevin 162	-	-	-	Secretary
Solomon J. Brice jun. 237	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Octavius H. Smith 266	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
George F. Baker 255	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
Robert Derry 6	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Henry C. Jones 262	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Charles J. Clapham 44	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Lawrence Salt 69	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Frederick A. Clarke 152	-	-	-	Organist
Alfred T. Dealer 416	-	-	-	Assist. Secretary
William H. Burney 332	-	-	-	Inner Guard
James Farrier 226	-	-	-	} Stewards
William Judd 322	-	-	-	
Samuel R. Wilson 129	-	-	-	
Joseph Oram 237	-	-	-	Tyler.

BERKS AND OXON.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Master having accepted the invitation given to hold the annual meeting of his

Provincial Lodge under the banner of the Porchester, in Newbury, during the summer, Bro. C. E. Keyser W.M. of that Lodge has signified his intention to invite the whole of the Brethren to Aldermaston Park, saying it will afford him much pleasure to entertain them at dinner. Bro. Keyser's suggestion was mentioned at the recent meeting of his Lodge, and was very naturally fully approved by the Brethren, who, on the motion of Bro. Cosburn P.M., seconded by Bro. Knight P.M., passed a hearty vote of thanks to their Worshipful Master for his most liberal offer.

PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE Brethren assembled in Lodge at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Thursday, 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser Worshipful Master. The principal business was the election of W.M., and the choice of the Brethren unanimously fell upon the Senior Warden Bro. E. Hill, who was prevented attending through illness.

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GORDON LODGE, No. 364.

A MEETING took place on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend. Bro. J. Percy White W.M. presided, being supported by his Officers and a good attendance of Brethren.

Bro. James Kearney M.M. of the Engineer Lodge, No. 2599, having been approved, was advanced to the degree of Mark Master by the W.M.

This being the election meeting the Lodge proceeded to take the votes of the Brethren, with the result that Bro. William Russell P.M. P.Z. Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent was elected as W.M., Bro. Frederick Mitchell Treasurer, and George Martin Tyler. Bros. J. Davis and J. A. Axcell were appointed Auditors.

Bro. White proposed, and Bro. Russell seconded, that the Lodge sanction and recommend the formation of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be held under its Warrant. This was carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Barlow, Secretary, proposed, and Bro. Russell seconded, that the Provincial Grand Master be requested to honour the Lodge by accepting the honorary membership. This was also agreed to.

There being no further business the W.M. received the good wishes of the Brethren and the Lodge was closed.

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The twelfth annual North London Masonic ball took place on Thursday of last week, at Freemasons' Tavern, and was equally as successful as any of the very satisfactory gatherings of the past. A lengthy programme was gone through, to the enlivening strains of Bro. Hiram Henton's band. Supper was served at 1 a.m. in the Crown, Sussex, and Gleerooms, Bro. Herbert Sprake the President occupying the chair in the former, and Bros. H. E. Sanders and Alfred Humphreys in the other two. After the Loyal toast Bro. Sprake gave that of the Masonic Charities. He said it was unnecessary for him to explain to them the amount of money which was required to support the Institutions which comprised the Masonic Charities—he believed it was something like £50,000 per annum—but he reminded them that there were some hundreds of boys and girls and old people benefited every year by the subscriptions which were given by members of the Craft. He knew those gentlemen who were not Brethren, and those ladies who were not likely to become sisters, would excuse him and his Brethren for showing unusual energy and zeal on behalf of those Institutions. With Masons, and with those who organised the ball, the charities reigned supreme in their thoughts, and those charities were second to none in England. That was saying much in the most philanthropic country in the world. It was a satisfaction to everyone present to know that by patronising that ball they were aiding the charities to which he had referred. Other toasts followed and then dancing was resumed until half-past four o'clock.

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The Woodgrange Lodge is to be congratulated on the success attending their third annual ball at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Wednesday, 27th ult. Without disparaging any previous event, says the "West Ham Guardian," the gathering was one of the most brilliant of the present season, combining, as an American writer aptly put it, "good music, fair women, and good management, with just a soupçon of merriment to obviate dull moments." The gathering included many of the leading people of the district, notably the Grand Chaplain the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens; Mr. Ernest Gray, M.P., and Mrs. Gray; the candidate for the Romford division, Mr. Louis Sinclair; the Mayor, Ald. Govier, &c.

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The annual Masonic ball at St. Helens (Lancs.), which last year showed a surplus of £55 in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held on the 28th ult., with great success, there being about 230 persons present. It is hoped the result will equal, if it does not exceed, that of last year, as it is proposed to spend the surplus in the same good cause as then.

LODGE MEETINGS 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.

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| 5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, F.M.H. | 834 Ranelagh, Criterion |
| 29 St. Alban, Albion | 917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho. |
| 58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle | 933 Doric, Anderton's |
| 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall | 1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall |
| 193 Confidence, Anderton's | 1269 Stanhope, Camberwell |
| 957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall | 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich |
| 1303 Pelham, Lewes | 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall |
| 1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall | 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion |
| 1789 Ubique, Criterion | 1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square |
| 2012 Chiswick, Criterion | 1668 Samson, Café Royal |
| 2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l. | 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern |
| 2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall | 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall |
| 2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n. | 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall |
| 2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road | 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane |
| | 2427 Hampden, St. Pancras |
| | 2546 Rahere, Frascati |
| 40 Derwent, Hastings | 80 St. John, Sunderland |
| 68 Royal Clarence, Bristol | 93 Social, Norwich |
| 75 Love and Honour, Falmouth | 131 Fortitude, Truro |
| 88 Scientific, Cambridge | 160 True Friendship, Rochford |
| 104 St. John, Stockport | 184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton |
| 105 Fortitude, Plymouth | 241 Merchant, Liverpool |
| 106 Sun, Exmouth | 272 Harmony, Boston |
| 133 Harmony, Faversham | 284 Shakespeare, Warwick |
| 151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight | 319 New Forest, Lymington |
| 189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse | 366 St. David, Milford |
| 237 Indefatigable, Swansea | 371 Perseverance, Maryport |
| 240 St. Hilda, South Shields | 473 Faithful, Birmingham |
| 262 Salopian, Shrewsbury | 484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows |
| 292 Sincerity, Liverpool | 494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster |
| 296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield | 495 Wakefield, Wakefield |
| 297 Whitham, Lincoln | 496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell |
| 303 Benevolent, Teignmouth | 502 Rectitude, Rugby |
| 313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth | 503 Belvedere, Maidstone |
| 314 Peace and Unity, Preston | 567 Unity, Warwick |
| 330 One and All, Bodmin | 573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen |
| 339 Unanimity, Penrith | 593 St. Ann, Alderney |
| 379 Honour, Bath | 603 Zetland, Cleckheaton |
| 411 Commercial, Nottingham | 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent |
| 481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne | 626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham |
| 587 Howe, Birmingham | 650 Star in the East, Harwich |
| 589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth | 686 Jerusalem, Bristol |
| 632 Concord, Trowbridge | 696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury |
| 643 Royal, Filey | 723 Panmure, Aldershot |
| 665 Montagu, Lyme Regis | 764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l. |
| 671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli | 771 Windsor Castle, Windsor |
| 721 Independence, Chester | 789 Dunheved, Launceston |
| 797 Hauley, Dartmouth | 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern |
| 884 Derwent, Wirksworth | 877 Royal Alfred, Jersey |
| 893 Meridan, Millbrook | 892 Royal Edward, Leominster |
| 941 De Tabley, Knutsford | 897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's |
| 1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth | 903 Gosport, Gosport |
| 1149 Dorking, Dorking | 967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn |
| 1174 Pentangle, Chatham | 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe |
| 1221 Defence, Leeds | 990 Neyland, Neyland |
| 1237 Enfield, Enfield | 1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness |
| 1253 Travellers, Manchester | 1073 Greta, Keswick |
| 1302 De Warren, Halifax | 1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge |
| 1350 Fernor Hesketh, Bootle | 1138 Devon, Newton Abbot |
| 1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool | 1214 Scarborough, Batley |
| 1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'ge | 1220 Solway, Aspatria |
| 1436 Castle, Sandgate | 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington |
| 1449 Royal Military, Canterbury | 1267 Kenlis, Egremont |
| 1474 Israel, Birmingham | 1373 St. Hubert, Andover |
| 1496 Trafford, Moss Side | 1402 Jordan, Torquay |
| 1564 St. John, Woking | 1414 Knole, Sevenoaks |
| 1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds | 1476 Blackpool, Blackpool |
| 1611 Eboracum, York | 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle |
| 1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea | 1528 Fort, Newquay |
| 1730 Urmston, Urmston | 1545 Baildon, Baildon |
| 1792 Tudor, Harborne | 1560 Albert Edward, Leicester |
| 1802 Vernon, Retford | 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill |
| 1852 Forest, Mansfield | 1782 Machen, Colehill |
| 1885 Torridge, Great Torrington | 1837 Lullington, Willmington |
| 1914 St. Thomas, Kildgrove | 1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse |
| 1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall | 1883 William of Wykeham, W'nc'h'ter |
| 1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith | 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington |
| 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington | 2001 Narberth, Narberth |
| 2034 Masefield, Moseley | 2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay |
| 2144 De Tatton, Altrincham | 2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees |
| 2185 Ardwick, Manchester | 2134 Wilberforce, Hull |
| 2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas | 2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man |
| 2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells | 2256 Warner, Chingford |
| 2376 Carnarvon, Leyland | 2324 Horwich, Horwich |
| 2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea | 2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe |
| 2487 St. Michael, Stone | 2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome |
| 2505 County Palatine, Birkdale | |
| 2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester | |

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4.

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| 3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall |
| 11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall |
| 13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead |
| 15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall |
| 87 Vitruvian, Southwark |
| 136 Good Report, Albion |

Tuesday.

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| 96 Burlington, Albion |
| 180 St. James Union, F.M.H. |
| 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle |
| 211 St. Michael, Albion |
| 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav. |
| 235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross |
| 781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse |

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| 548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho. |
| 1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern |
| 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall |
| 1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn |
| 1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel |
| 1815 Penge, Anerley |
| 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Ct. Hl. |
| 1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via. H't'l. |
| 2347 Grafton, Regent Street |
| 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St. |
| 2410 Æsculapius, Café Royal |
| 2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle |
| 2528 Lancastrian, Frascati |

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| 54 Hope, Rochdale |
| 84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey |
| 86 Loyalty, Prescott |
| 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe |
| 146 Antiquity, Bolton |
| 187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol |
| 204 Caledonian, Manchester |
| 225 St. Luke, Ipswich |
| 244 Yarrowburgh, Jersey |
| 258 Amphibious, Hackmondwike |
| 274 Tranquility, Newchurch |
| 277 Friendship, Oldham |
| 281 Fortitude, Lancaster |
| 288 Harmony, Todmorden |
| 320 Loyalty, Mottram |
| 323 Concord, Stockport |
| 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil |
| 341 Wellington, Rye |
| 368 Samaritan, Sandbach |
| 380 Integrity, Morley |
| 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest |
| 498 Royal Standard, Dudley |
| 580 Harmony, Ormskirk |
| 654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills |
| 661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour |
| 666 Benevolence, Dartmoor |
| 679 St. David, Aberdare |
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| 730 Ellesmere, Chelmsford |
| 731 Arboretum, Derby |
| 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno |
| 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny |
| 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing |
| 854 Albert, Shaw |
| 910 St. Oswald, Pontefract |
| 1005 Zetland, Gloucester |
| 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford |
| 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham |
| 1060 Marmion, Tamworth |
| 1064 Borough, Burnley |
| 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge |
| 1091 Erme, Ivybridge |
| 1094 Temple, Liverpool |
| 1101 Grey Friars, Reading |
| 1112 Shirley, Southampton |
| 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton |
| 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe |
| 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor |
| 1181 De la Pole, Seaton |
| 1193 Doric, Wymondham |
| 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate |
| 1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man |
| 1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham |
| 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot |
| 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne |
| 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool |
| 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury |
| 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness |
| 1400 Curwen, Workington |
| 1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield |
| 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood |
| 1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Tw'k'nh'm |
| 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool |
| 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes |
| 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford |
| 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne |
| 1663 Hartismere, Eye |
| 1703 Windrush, Witney |
| 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield |
| 1798 Zion, Manchester |
| 1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands |
| 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough |
| 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton |
| 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble |
| 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor |
| 1947 Stanford, Hove |
| 1958 St. George, Portsea |
| 2046 Robinson, Maidstone |
| 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester |
| 2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hamptn Ct. |
| 2284 Smyth, Grimsby |
| 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree |
| 2355 Chantrey, Dore |
| 2389 Avondale, Middlewich |
| 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay |
| 2483 Hadrian, Westham |
| 2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill |
| 2540 Ember, East Molesey |

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| 19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho. |
| 91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall |
| 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle |

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| 33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall |
| 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle |
| 157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall |

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| 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall |
| 263 Bank of England, Albion |
| 534 Polish National, F.M.H. |
| 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's |
| 879 Southwark, Southwark |
| 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern |
| 1471 Islington, Highbury |
| 1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mbr'well |
| 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle |
| 1708 Plucknet, North Finchley |
| 1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall |
| 1804 Coborn, Bow |
| 1987 Strand, Piccadilly |
| 2047 Beckenham, Beckenham |
| 2509 Barnet, New Barnet |
| 35 Medina, Cowes |
| 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley |
| 71 Unity, Lowestoft |
| 97 Palatine, Sunderland |
| 112 St. George, Exeter |
| 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne |
| 130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton |
| 191 St. John, Bury |
| 208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury |
| 216 Harmonic, Liverpool |
| 275 Harmony, Huddersfield |
| 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford |
| 283 Amity, Haslingden |
| 318 True and Faithful, Helston |
| 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh |
| 333 Royal Preston, Preston |
| 337 Candour, Uppermill |
| 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, Gnisborough |
| 585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury |
| 588 St. Botolph, Sleaford |
| 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden |
| 710 Pleiades, Totnes |
| 725 Stoneleigh, Coventry |
| 732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton |
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| 784 Wellington, Deal |
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| 973 Royal Somerset, Frome |
| 991 Tyne, Wallsend |
| 1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool |
| 1055 Derby, Manchester |
| 1061 Triumph, Lancaster |
| 1098 St. George, Tredegar |
| 1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport |
| 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray |
| 1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh |
| 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne |
| 1145 Equality, Accrington |
| 1147 St. David, Manchester |
| 1164 Eliot, St. Germans |
| 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool |
| 1204 Royd, Malvern |
| 1213 Bridgewater, Eccles |
| 1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton |
| 1247 St. John, Plymouth |
| 1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne |
| 1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy |
| 1416 Falcon, Thirsk |
| 1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't. |
| 1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath |
| 1515 Bertie, Oxford |
| 1583 Corbet, Towyn |
| 1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot |
| 1750 Coleridge, Clevedon |
| 1863 Priory, Tynemouth |
| 1911 De la Pré, Northampton |
| 1915 Graystone, Whitstable |
| 1992 Tennant, Cardiff |
| 2016 Shaldon, Alton |
| 2028 Granite, Narborough |
| 2038 Portcullis, Langport |
| 2091 Castleberg, Settle |
| 2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor |
| 2132 Egerton, Seacombe |
| 2217 Windermere, Windermere |
| 2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth |
| 2227 White Horse, Westbury |
| 2234 Onslow, Guildford |
| 2285 Eden, Workington |
| 2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch |
| 2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford |
| 2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon |
| 2428 Gracedieu, Coalville |
| 2449 Duke of York, Manchester |
| 2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man |
| 2529 Abbey, Whalley |
| 2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne |

177 Domatic, Anderton's	1289 Rock, Birkenhead
749 Belgrave, Anderton's	1428 United Service, Landport
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall	1605 De la Pole, Hull
1559 New Cross, Greenwich	1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
Anchor, Café Royal	1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead	1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke N'gton	1983 Martyn, Southwold
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff	1997 John Carpenter, Albion
81 Doric, Woodbridge	2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
170 All Souls, Weymouth	2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill	2554 Manchester, Manchester
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn	2558 Furnival, Sheffield
404 Watford, Watford	
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby	
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Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall
1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Southwark
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing
1671 Mizpah, Albion
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.
2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
149 Peace, Meltham
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
1347 Lorne, Sutton
1755 Eldon, Portishead
1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
2359 Doric, Didsbury

STONEHENGE SPIRITUALISM AND MASONRY.

THE following letter, which appeared in a recent number of "Light" will no doubt interest many of our readers:—

SIR,—In your issue of 24th October last, under the heading of 'Important Archaeological Discoveries,' I stated the different discoveries that I had made in connection with the celestomundane construction of 'England's greatest archaeological gem,' viz., Stonehenge Druidic Temple, in which I made the startling statement that it was (when pointed out to the occult student) a veritable prototype of a Masonic (Scottish constitution) Royal Arch Jewel, which shows, hieroglyphically, the seven northern signs of the Zodiac, and the solar orb at 'high noon' on 21st June, throwing its life-giving rays upon the 'Volume of the Sacred Law' (Old Testament).

Since the publication of my letter I have been, in a desultory way, constantly trying to obtain more scientific data, and on 10th November I made another special journey there. Before doing so I purchased a good and reliable compass for scientific purposes, with the object of substantiating, or disproving, certain statements in regard to the positions of prominent stones, forming a component part of the Temple. I had the assistance of a man and a boy in taking accurate measurements with my tape line, &c., which I also took.

The result of my labour has been profoundly prolific, and, owing to the data and critical observations that I made during the two hours I was there, viz., from 11.50 a.m. to 1.45 p.m., two days after my return, that is, on 12th November, when arranging (or trying to) the positions of the two outer circles, and two inner ovals, including what is known as the five pair of trilothoi (three stones strangely grouped together, emblematical of the ancient trinity, besides their corresponding to signs of the northern Zodiac, as stated in my last letter); in brief, what has puzzled all our antiquaries, archaeologists, and other savants, for ages past, your humble servant and 'psychical researcher' professes to be able to scientifically and practically explain and objectively illustrate. As I first said, it was on 12th November, two days after my last special visit to the 'Ancient Royal Arch Temple,' that I discovered the mathematical solution of this unique and antiquated British Druidic ruin.

I can (in fact I have already designed it, and illuminated the plan) now draw out the foundation of the original Temple (a solar clock, or timepiece, hence Temple—tempus, Time), and mathematically fix the exact position of every one of the 117 stones of the celestial-mundane clock. This is easily comprehended when I tell you—and all other occult students interested in my researches—that the ancient Druidic priests and architects were fully acquainted with the thirty-two points of the compass; the true circle of 360 degrees; an angle of ninety degrees (90 deg.), or a fourth part of a circle; the Apsis, Masonic 'High Noon,' i.e., the line of meridian at mid-day, due south; the Solstices and equinoxes; and in fact knew absolutely every astronomical fact worth knowing in connection with celestial and mundane Free Masonry and geometry—or the analysis and dissection of the heavens, our earth, &c.

What has this to do with Spiritualism? You and many more of your readers will by this time probably think. This much, that, but for my persistent researches 'into the hidden mysteries of nature and science' (including the science of spirit intercourse—for it is to me based on fixed, though subtle laws) I should never have discovered the profound truth of post-mortem existence, as well as the mathematical solution of Stonehenge and St. Paul's Cathedral, &c.

From working out my plans—bearing on what I am pleased to term Ancient Free or Celestial (i.e., unrestricted—the heavens are limitless) Masonry, I have discovered (a) the true or celestial origin of the single and double triangle; (b) the pentagon; (c) the Archimedean screw; (d) the Gothic, Norman, and Moorish or Sarazenic ecclesiastical Arch; (e) a simple way of working plane or solid geometry; (f) a reasonable proof that the Great Architect of the Universe works or operates by fixed and immutable principles, geometry being the basis of His mighty works; and many other interesting occult facts in geometry, astronomy, &c.

Surely, these several subjects are of sufficient importance to induce your readers to ask: 'How is it possible you could find out these things?' I answer, 'by exercising the knowledge and cerebral or intellectual faculties "the Great Architect" has blessed me with.'

On 22nd November I made a special visit to London, and metaphorically killed several birds (business matters, mundane and spiritual) with one stone.

Whilst there I called on Mr. Z., the 'shadow' photographer (where I got the spirit forms of my father-in-law and his daughter, fully reported in 'Light,' 14th December 1895, and 22nd February 1896), and during my stay, whilst in a desultory conversation, he seemed to get under control. I importuned him to try and find out if there were any spirits who wished to send me a message, because I felt impressed that I had been drawn or influenced to go to Mr. Z. In brief, he described a very ancient patriarchal form of a spirit, who stated that it was he that had been influencing (impressing) me with facts, &c., relating to Stonehenge; that he was an ancient Druid, and lived on earth 1,020 years ago; that I was one out of seven mundane human instruments who were psychologically and spiritually prepared to receive and impart certain hitherto obscured scientific and religious subjects, which had got buried owing to Christian priests persecuting rival hierarchies! On 23rd November I paid a special visit to St. Paul's Cathedral (another celestial Temple), and whilst there, seeking for 'more light,' I discovered that this Temple, or 'House of God,' is absolutely laid out on the same mathematical lines as Stonehenge Temple, and both are Exoteric Royal Arch—or celestial Temples! In due time I hope to appear before an audience in camera, and then, as an hierophant, illustrate and explain many of the ancient scientific mysteries.

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P.S.—Since the above was written I have made a number of other important discoveries in connection with astro-Masonic geometrical signs and symbols, embracing Craft, Royal Arch, and Trinitarian Freemasonry, of profound import. For fear of being misunderstood by those who are "in the Dark Corner," I will at present say no more.—B.T.H.

The oft-repeated question, How should a mason wear his apron? and others of like character, count for nought in our estimation, says the "Masonic Record," when compared with the questions: "Has the surviving family of our deceased Brother a sufficiency of food in the house?" "Are they supplied with coal enough to keep them comfortable?" "Are their clothes warm enough to keep off the cold?" "Has Bro. — a situation whereby he can earn enough to support his family?" &c. Make it practical, Brethren, in each act of your every day life. Should you chance to learn of the surviving relatives of a Brother Mason requiring assistance, do not wait until the family make request to the Lodge for aid, but hustle yourself and see to it that their immediate wants are supplied. Do not permit a Brother Mason to be out of employment a single day if through your endeavours he can be put to work. Do not practice saying what you will do, but do it—do it quickly and effectually.—"Masonry."

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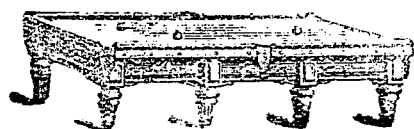
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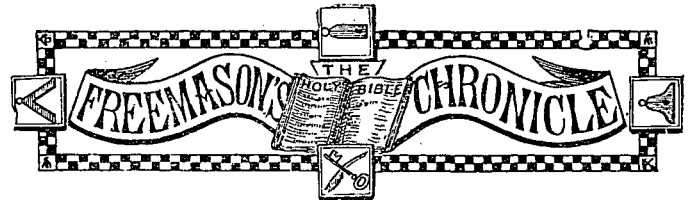
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SATURDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 1897.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

WE have received a very pathetic letter from the Grand Lodge of Spain (Soberana Gran Logia Simbolica Espanola), held at Madrid, calling attention to the deplorable state of Freemasonry in that country, owing to the intrigues and persecutions of a Clerical Government, chiefly composed of adherents to the doctrines of Lozola. Several leading Freemasons have been sent to rigorous imprisonment for the most trifling offences, and their lives rendered intolerable by malicious falsehoods promulgated by their enemies. In formally protesting against such a state of affairs, our Brethren express their firm decision to sacrifice their lives and property rather than submit without a struggle, but consider that the critical situation of the Masonic fraternity in Spain calls for an efficacious intervention on the part of Brethren all over the globe. The present situation threatens to deal a mortal blow to Freemasonry in Spain, and the Grand Lodge hopes that the Brethren in other countries will, on hearing their sound of alarm, pass spontaneously and without delay such resolutions of protest as they may think fit, for morally assisting them in their trouble and struggle against their opponents.

This letter was sent to the Editor of this Journal, and we are not aware whether or no a similar communication has been addressed to the Grand Lodge of England, but in any case, whilst deeply sympathising with our Spanish Brethren, it is difficult to see what can be done in such a delicate matter. However, we consider it our duty to bring the subject before our readers.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on the 28th ult.

There was a large attendance of members, including Bros. W. T. Oakley W.M., P. Rogers I.P.M., H. Pearce S.W., A. M. Archer J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treas., C. Lorkin P.M. Sec., E. Frisby S.D., H. B. Burgess J.D., P. Felthensal Org.; Past Masters A. Dignam, J. L. Payne, A. Ferrar, W. Beasley, G. J. Turnbull, and J. H. Rich; Bros. M. Friedlander, F. Kitch, H. Meyer, C. H. May, Otto Puck, H. Zender, A. S. Black, T. Stockton, A. Smith, A. H. Smith, G. T. Dobson, C. J. Jacques, Harding, Goldberg, James, Stow, Watts, Thompson, Allardyce, Hammond, T. Young, J. H. Robinson, W. W. Robinson, and others.

Visitors: Brothers Hoad P.M. 1000, S. C. F. Vernon 455, G. W. Grace 73, J. Johnson 1632, E. T. Ginder 1563, F. J. Hawkins 860, J. Gillespie 1865, F. Keibell 1662, H. C. Mullens 211, H. Cross 211, Durrant P.M. 121, T. Dodson P.M. 860, T. W. Howard 12, Partington P.M., and others.

After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of minutes, Bro. W. T. Oakley concluded an arduous and very satisfactory year of office by installing his successor Bro. Harry Pearce, in an impressive and dignified manner, worthy of all praise.

The following Officers were invested: Archer S.W., Frisby J.W., Brand P.M. Treas., Lorkin P.M. Sec., Burgess S.D., J. Bedford J.D., P. Felthensal I.G., H. Pharo D.C. and Org., Smith and Henderson Stewards.

The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel by the W.M., and the gift was suitably acknowledged.

The ballot was taken for Mr. H. M. Wakeley and Mr. W. J. Williams, and being unanimous, the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the new Master, who performed the work in a very praise-worthy manner.

The business of the Lodge being ended, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied in Bro. Clemow's usual recherche style, and this was followed by the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts. The speeches in connection with these were commendably brief, in order that an excellent selection of music might be enjoyed. The musical programme was most ably carried out under the direction of Bros. W. Harmer and E. Frisby, assisted by Madame Ada Clemow, Miss Emerson Hurst, Mr. Tom Day, and the Morris combination.

The Brethren separated after spending a most delightful evening.

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STUDHOLME LODGE, No. 1591.

THE installation of the Right Hon. Bro. Walter Long, M.P., took place at the Masonic Hall, Golden Square. The Brethren afterwards celebrated the event and the completion by the Lodge of the twenty-first year of its existence by a banquet at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole. A large and distinguished company was present, including the Earl of Lathom, the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker, the Earls of Yarborough, Essex, Portarlington, and Euston, Viscount Dungarvan, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Amptill, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Charles Montagu, Lord Herschell, Lord Addington, Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest, Sir Matthew White Ridley, M.P., Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., Sir M. Hicks-Beach, M.P., Bro. Akers Douglas, M.P., Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and others.

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE installation meeting was held at Blanchard's, Regent Street, W., on Thursday, 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Thomas E. Forster W.M., who was supported by Bros. Charles Morrison S.W. W.M.-elect, G. B. Fletcher P.M. J.W., G. Barclay P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Brooks P.M. Sec., George Victor Wood P.M. acting S.D., James Edge J.D., G. H. Hilder I.G., T. Shepperd Tyler, J. Stephens P.M., Dr. H. W. Kiallmark P.M., Haswell Turner P.M., G. H. Bartleman, L. Stern, C. Joy P.M., S. Haworth, W. Bacon, W. A. Mercer, G. H. Hilder, J. Whitlock, Joachim, G. E. Brewers, A. Ginger, H. St. John Leamington Percival, S. T. Sinclair, R. Shepherd, Percy Ravenscroft, Bartleman, A. J. Turk, and several others.

Visitors:—Bros. R. J. Rogers P.M. 733, T. H. Roberts Prov.G.D. Surrey 2502, Lewis Lake 87, D. Spencer 180, Fred J. Buhl 2054, Phillips P.M. 715, E. H. Ewen P.M. 858, A. Holmes 1285, A. P. Lowthian J.D. 1900, N. Cowley J.D. 172, W. D. Meffan 1559, G. H. Denny W.M. 1671, G. Salmon P.M. 1260, J. J. Thomas P.M. 753, Joseph Williams 190, G. Miller 2535, T. W. Dew 1425, H. Tayler S.D. 2420, W. J. Styles 91, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and then resumed to the first, when the auditors' reports were presented, and proved very satisfactory, showing a good amount in hand.

Bros. S. T. Haworth and H. St. John L. Percival were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and both those Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts.

By desire of the W.M. Brother S. Brooks P.M. Secretary took the chair to instal the new Master. Bro. J. Stephens P.M. acted as D.C., and he presented Brother Charles Morrison S.W. to be installed as W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. After the obligation the elected Master was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, and he afterwards had the pleasure of investing his Officers:—Thomas E. Forster I.P.M., Haswell Turner P.M. S.W., James Edge J.W., G. Barclay P.M. Treas., Sam. Brooks P.M. Sec., Percy Ravenscroft S.D., G. H. Hilder J.D., J. Burleigh I.G., E. R. Terry Org., J. Stephens P.M. D.C., A. Ginger A.D.O., H. Turner P.M. Std., G. Bartleman Assist. Std., T. Shepperd Tyler.

After the investment of the Officers Bro. Samuel Brooks P.M. Sec. delivered the addresses in a most perfect and impressive manner.

It was proposed by Bro. H. Turner P.M. S.W., and seconded by Bro. H. Kiallmark P.M., that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, for which the W.M. will act as Steward, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Several Brethren were elected as joining members, and the W.M. had much pleasure in proposing two gentlemen for initiation at the next meeting.

After hearty good wishes from the visitors the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was provided, one of those for which the proprietors, Messrs. Blanchard, are so highly renowned.

The first toast the W.M. had much pleasure to propose was that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was given in a most Loyal manner and received with musical honours.

The next was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, which toast was also heartily proposed and duly honoured.

The I.P.M. then rose. He said he was proud to be in the position to propose the health of the W.M. By the excellent way in which he had invested his Officers he was sure the W.M. would distinguish himself during his year of office, and would not require much assistance from him or any other Past Master.

The W.M., who was received with quite an ovation, said he most sincerely thanked the Brethren for the hearty manner they had received the toast. He had had much pleasure in being initiated five years ago, and had always tried to do his duties in Freemasonry. He felt he had succeeded, seeing the honour he had received that evening, in being presented with the collar of Worshipful Master of the Kilburn Lodge. When his time came to leave the chair to the next Master he hoped to hand him over the Warrant as unpolluted as he received it that evening. Again he thanked the Brethren one and all.

The W.M. now had much pleasure in proposing the health of the I.P.M. He said they were initiated together, and were received in the Lodge on the proposition of Bro. Turner. Since that time they had worked together, and he never had a friend and Brother like him. It was now a most happy moment for him, as he had to present his friend and predecessor in the chair of the Lodge with the Past Master's jewel voted by the Brethren, and which had been well earned. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. THOMAS E. FORSTER,

by the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608,

as a mark of esteem and recognition of his valuable services as W.M.

1896-1897.

Replying, the Immediate Past Master said he thanked the Brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. He assured them it was most gratifying to him to be in so honourable a position as that he then occupied. Whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he should be happy to carry out. He also most sincerely thanked the members of the Lodge for the handsome jewel they had presented him with that evening, and promised them that so long as the Great Architect of the Universe gave him health and strength he should hope to wear it in their presence.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given by Bro. Brooks P.M. Secretary, who remarked that the cause of charity was never neglected at the Kilburn Lodge, where they never passed a year without showing their sympathy towards their poorer Brethren or their dependents. He was happy to say the Lodge had given £2,500 in twenty years, or an average of £125 a year, a sum every member might well be proud of. The Worshipful Master would represent the Lodge this year as a Steward on behalf of the Boys School, and they must all hope his list on the occasion of the Festival would be well supported. They must really do the best in their power to help those who were in need. In conclusion he said he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of prosperity to the Masonic Charities, coupling with it the name of Past Master Stephens, who was widely known as a most zealous supporter of the Masonic Charity Funds.

Bro. James Stephens, in his reply, said he was most delighted to be associated with the toast of the Masonic Charities. He gave a brief outline of the working of the different Funds, and concluded with a forcible appeal to the Brethren to do what lay in their power on behalf of the Institutions.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of the Past Masters, whom he characterised as a good-hearted band, always willing to give any assistance that lay in their power.

Bro. Brooks P.M., replying, said he felt highly gratified at the remarks of the W.M., and thanked him for the able manner in which he had submitted the toast of the Past Masters. He was sorry to see so many of the old Brethren had left, but was particularly grateful that, thanks to the Great Architect, he was still amongst them—the only one of the founders of the Lodge yet remaining. He felt the Lodge might congratulate itself on having such a Master as the one now in the chair, who, he was sure, would give the greatest satisfaction; indeed, by the manner in which the new Master had invested his Officers he felt positive that he would become an honour to the Lodge. As Preceptor of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction he felt particularly pleased to see young Masons in the position of the W.M., whose working he was indeed pleased with and exceedingly proud of.

Bro. H. Kiallmark P.M. also responded, thanking the company for the way in which the toast of the Past Masters had been honoured, and the Worshipful Master for coupling his name with it. Addressing the Master he said the honourable reputation of the Kilburn Lodge was in his hands, and he felt most happy in being able to say it could not be in better ones. He was sure the present ruler would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in the chair, and with the firm assistance of his Officers would be able to ensure the continued success of the Lodge.

Bros. Fletcher, Wood, and other Past Masters likewise responded in brief but appropriate terms.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, to whom a hearty welcome was extended.

Bro. G. H. Denny W.M. 1671 replied, saying he was most delighted to see the Worshipful Master in the chair of the Lodge, and particularly pleased at the perfect way in which he had been installed. He had had the pleasure of meeting the Worshipful Master at several Lodges of Instruction, and had always found him a hard working member of the Craft.

Bros. T. H. Roberts P.M. 2502 P.P.G.D., Phillips P.M. 715, J. Thomas P.M. 753, and several others among the guests also responded to the toast.

In submitting the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Worshipful Master congratulated himself and complimented the Lodge on having two such worthy and indefatigable Brethren to assist him in the conduct of the affairs of the Lodge. The toast was heartily received, and duly acknowledged.

The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The Master said he had had much pleasure in placing them in the different positions they at present occupied, and hoped they would all endeavour to fulfil the duties attached thereto with satisfaction to the Lodge and credit to themselves. He and the Lodge required their assistance in carrying on the work, and therefore he

implored them to act together in harmony to insure the future prosperity of the Lodge and uphold its honourable reputation. With the assistance of his Officers he felt the Lodge would be sure to prosper.

The two Wardens acknowledged the toast, and then the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment and the proceedings terminated.

An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. Charles Joy, who was most ably assisted by Miss Maggie Purvis, Madame Alice Sampson, Mr. Henry Marriott, Mr. Ambrose Thorne, and others.

Bro. Charles Morrison, the present Master of the Kilburn Lodge, was born on 29th August 1863, at Crathie, Aberdeenshire, and was initiated into Freemasonry, in the Lodge over which he now presides, in October 1891, so that his promotion has been rapid. We wish him every success in the management of his Lodge, and trust it may enjoy a prosperous future.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

ON Wednesday, 27th ult., the members held a Cinderella at the Clarence Hall, Anerley Road. The hall, which has just recently been enlarged and thoroughly renovated, presented a picturesque appearance. The floral decorations on the stage were tastefully arranged, and suspended from the roof were baskets of evergreens and flowers. The company commenced to arrive at 7 o'clock, the members of the Craft appearing in Masonic clothing, and when dancing commenced at 7:30 there was a brilliant scene. Dancing was kept up until 12:30.

INSTRUCTION.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

A VERY large meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Bro. Jones's, the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., on Tuesday. Present:—Bros. Miller S.W. 2362 W.M., George Weaver S.W., T. W. Mogford W.M. 2362 J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. D. Mogford I.P.M. 2362 Sec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., C. Halston S.D., Lilley J.D., Barter I.G., G. Jackson Crow Steward, Butters P.M., Major Reed, Beesley, C. T. Brown W.M.-elect 733, W. Roberts W.M. 733, Meek, Shields, Wynman, G. Goddard.

The Lodge being opened Bro. Meek answered the questions leading to the second degree and afterwards retired. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. W. Roberts acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. resumed his chair and Bro. Roberts was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed in his favour.

The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Roberts, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. was presented by Bro. H. Dehane as W.M.-elect, and was duly installed, after which the Brethren saluted the W.M.

The working of the W.M. Bro. J. L. Miller S.W. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge was highly appreciated by all present. Bro. Mead was elected a member, and Bro. George Weaver W.M. for next Tuesday.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 3rd inst., Bro. G. H. Fennell W.M., J. Goulston S.W., Lewsey J.W., W. Bettinson S.D., Grabb J.D., Mitchell I.G., DeCasseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Holmes, Cuthbertson, Green, Bird, Joss, Tyler, Creswell, Boyce P.M., and Panting.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Holmes acting as candidate. The Brethren assisted Bro. Goulston to work the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Cuthbertson answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Creswell answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Cuthbertson was elected a member, and Bro. Goulston was appointed to the chair for Wednesday next.

PROVINCIAL.

EAST MEDINA LODGE, No. 175.

ON the 21st ult. there was a large assemblage of members and visiting Brethren, at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, when the retiring W.M. Bro. Capt. C. Sweetwan ably conducted a full agenda of business and impressively installed Bro. C. Langdon as his successor in the chair.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Sweetwan, in recognition of his efficient services in the chair during the past year.

Great interest in Masonic circles attaches to another presentation which was also made during the evening, viz., to Bro. Francis Newman, on the occasion of his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as an Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. The presentation was on behalf of the East Medina, the Ryde, and the Chine Lodges, of each of which Bro. Newman is a member, and consisted of a jewel appropriate to the office of Grand Standard Bearer, and a handsome piece of silver plate.

ANCIENT UNION LODGE, No. 203.

ON Thursday, 21st ult., Bro. David Nicholson was installed as W.M. at a successful gathering of members and visitors at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the attendance numbering about ninety Brethren. Bro. John Craig I.P.M. very ably performed the installation ceremony, and was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

ROYAL FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 270.

THE annual installation festival was held at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, Berkeley, on Tuesday, 19th ult., when there was a numerous gathering of Brethren. The retiring Master of the Lodge was Bro. J. Owner P.G.S.B., and his successor Bro. H. Hodder S.W. The ceremony of installation was

impressively performed by Bros. J. Gamble. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and Bro. Owner also took part in the ceremony.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 328.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, 1st inst., at the Bath Saloons, Torquay, when Bro. Arthur Westley S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. Grant P.P.G.D., Bro. E. Richards impressively delivering the address.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

THE Brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Monday, 18th ult., when Bro. T. E. Smith S.W. was installed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. Long, the outgoing Master, the ceremony being admirably worked throughout. There was a very large attendance.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro Long was warmly thanked for his services as Installing Master, and a formal vote of thanks was accorded to him for the way in which he had filled the chair during the past year, the Lodge at the same time voting him a Past Master's jewel.

The installation banquet, supplied by Bro. Biggs, was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, and was partaken of by nearly ninety brethren. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual round of Loyal and Masonic toasts was gone through, the D.P.G.M., as a member of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, taking occasion in his speech to warmly defend the action of the Board in the proposed removal of the School from Wood Green to Bushey, one result of the removal being, he said, that the Institution would be able to educate 400 boys instead of 279 as now, and in a few years the number would probably be raised to 500.

The health of the W.M. was cordially drunk, and hearty good wishes were tendered him on all hands for a happy and prosperous year of office.

SYMPATHY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 483.

ON the 1st inst., at the Star Hotel, Parrock Street, Gravesend, Bro. Alfred J. Walklin W.M., Charles Lane S.W., Harry White J.W., R. J. Beamish P.M. P.P.D.C. Acting Preceptor, Ernest Ingman Secretary, Spencer Bowers I.G., F. Pettingale, T. A. Mummery, C. F. Lavis, I. N. Willis, Geo. Martin Tyler. Visitors: D. Leach 2404, Devereux 558.

Bro. Walklin rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with the assistance of the above mentioned Officers, Bro. Pettingale being the candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree and Bro. Lavis, having answered the usual questions, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Both these ceremonies were very creditably performed by Bro. Walklin, and fully deserved the vote of thanks accorded by the Brethren.

FAITH LODGE, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Fairfield, Manchester, on Wednesday, 20th ult., Bro. William Jones W.M. The principal business of the evening was that of initiating Mr. Matthew Goth and Mr. Robert Hartley Beard, both of West Gorton, Manchester, two gentlemen whose names had been successfully submitted to the ballot. The W.M. performed both ceremonies, being afterwards very highly complimented for his successful first attempts.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs and recitations. The following were present:—Bros. Joseph Lever I.P.M., Robert Adshead S.W., Dr. E. E. Jones J.W., Chas. H. Griffiths S.D., Samuel Andrew I.G., Hy. B. Brown P.M. Treas., G. E. Mellor Sec., J. H. Keighley P.M., J. C. Brown, J. M. Frost P.M., Arthur Mellor, J. H. Smith P.M., G. H. Barnes P.M., J. T. Moorhouse, Walter Taylor, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. B. Whitwam W.M. 1219, W. M. B. Boyd 1166, S. G. Harrison 1166, and A. H. Barber 1459.

COTTESWOLD LODGE, No. 592.

THE annual festival was held at the King's Head Hotel, Cirencester, on Wednesday, 20th ult., when Bro. H. F. Sare was installed W.M. by the retiring Master Bro. A. H. Gibbons. The usual banquet followed.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

THE members celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Monday, 18th ult., when Bro. John Davey S.W. was impressively installed W.M. by Bro. R. A. F. Frizell P.P.J.G.W. The following sums were voted:—Boscawen Charity Association, £3 3s; Cornwall Charity Association, £2 2s; Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, £3; Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, £2 2s.

The Brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. Upstone, of the Britannia Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Edgar Richard Organist presided at the piano, and songs and recitations were given by Bros. Kistler, Kinsman, Mills, Clarke, and several others.

REPOSE LODGE, No. 802.

THE annual gathering took place in the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday, 28th ult., there being a large attendance of members and friends. The W.M.-elect was Bro. W. S. Gilman S.W., a well-known Derby journalist, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. J. Piper P.M. P.P.G.T., assisted by Bro. Dr. Rowan the retiring Master. During the proceedings the latter was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge for the past twelve months.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held in the lower room, and proved most successful. The repast was served in excellent style, under the supervision of Bro. Drinkwater. The tables were charmingly decorated with flowers, the menu was an excellent one, and in the course of the speeches touching reference was made to the death of the late Bros. Raymond and Harry Slater. A large number of the Past Masters of the Lodge were present.

CABELL LODGE, No. 807.

ON Thursday, 28th ult., the installation meeting was held at Norwich. A very numerous body of well-known Masons met for the occasion, among the company being the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hamon le Strange. The ceremony of installing Bro. C. E. Todd as W.M. was performed by the outgoing Master Bro. E. Austen, and the charges were very effectively given by Bro. A. Berry.

At the banquet which was afterwards held Bro. Hamon le Strange proposed the health of the W.M. of the Cabbell Lodge, which was received with enthusiasm; and Bro. Todd suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The health of the retiring Master was also heartily pledged, at the instance of Bro. Todd, who presented Bro. Austin with a Past Master's jewel subscribed for by the members.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 943.

ON Tuesday, 26th ult., a large company assembled at the Masonic Rooms, St. Giles's, Norwich, to witness the installation of Bro. T. J. M. Palmer as W.M. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring Master Bro. C. B. Cross, and the charges were delivered by Bro. J. B. Bridgman. A banquet was subsequently held, and a truly enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. EDWARD LODGE, No. 966.

ON Thursday, 28th ult., the annual installation took place at the Lodge Room, at the Mechanics Institute, Russell Street, Leek, the occasion being the festival of St. John, when Brother W. H. T. Norfolk was installed W.M. for the year.

A banquet was afterwards held at the George Hotel.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1039.

THE annual festival took place at the George Hotel, Lichfield, on Wednesday, 27th ult., when Bro. William Perry P.M. 564 P.P.G.P. Worcester was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being impressively conducted by Bro. W. A. Wood the retiring Master.

A banquet was subsequently held, when the toast of the visiting Brethren was responded to by Bro. J. B. Squire, of Burton-on-Trent, and the Masonic Charities were represented by Bro. J. Bodenham, of Newport, Salop.

SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

ON Tuesday, 2nd inst., there was a large gathering at the Masonic-hall, Wrexham, the occasion being the installation of Bro. J. W. Bishop jun., of Newbridge, Ruabon, as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Gwilt Cathrall P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., Howell Davies P.M. P.P.J.G.W., and T. B. Barton P.M. P.P.G.S.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel. There was a large company, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 1511.

ON Wednesday, 20th ult., there was a large gathering at the Masonic Hall, Hornsea, to witness the installation of Brother T. B. Redfern P.P.G.W. P.A.G.Sec., who was duly installed by Bro. G. W. Dimpleby P.M.

The annual banquet was subsequently served at the Mere Hotel. The Worshipful Master was supported by several Masters of Lodges and Provincial Officers. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

EARL OF SHREWSBURY LODGE, No. 1520.

THE annual festival was celebrated at the Council House, Cannock, on Wednesday, 20th ult., when Bro. A. B. Forsythe was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A., Prov.G.Chap. Staffs.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Colonel H. Tester P.P.G.W.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Alfred Upton as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Colonel Tester, who was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

The Lodge having been duly closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet.

Bro. Colonel H. Tester gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Upton, he said, had been a resident in the town for many years, and was highly respected by the medical profession and also by the inhabitants generally. In 1888 he joined the St. Cecilia Lodge, and had occupied nearly every office in it. He believed Bro. Upton fully appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him and, as W.M., would do his utmost to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. He assured him that he would receive the most thorough and loyal support of the Brethren, so that at the year's end he might be heartily congratulated upon having added to the happiness and prosperity of the Lodge.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was greeted with enthusiasm. Thanking the Brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by Colonel Tester, he said he would do his best to carry out the duties of his office, but he was sensible of the fact that he had no ordinary task in reaching the high standard attained by Bro. Tester. He was gratified to realise that all the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren were anxious to give him their hearty support, and would spare no pains to make his year of office a happy and prosperous one.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Clare, on Tuesday, 12th ult., when Brother the Rev. J. Manners Smith S.W.

P.P.G.Chap. was regularly installed by Bro. Rev. B. B. Syer P.M. of the Lodge.

The W.M. afterwards presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, provided by the subscriptions of the Brethren, and invested his Officers.

The Brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the Half Moon Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and the evening was passed in harmony and good fellowship, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured.

CASTLEBERG LODGE, No. 2091.

ON Thursday, 14th ult., the Brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. H. B. Shepherd as W.M. for the ensuing year. Representatives from Manchester, Keighley, Otley, Kirkby Lonsdale, Skipton, Clitheroe, and Slaiddburn Lodges were present as visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Bruce I.P.M., Waugh, T. Brayshaw, and J. L. Brayshaw. The Treasurer's report showed the Lodge to be in a good financial position.

Subsequently the Brethren assembled at a banquet to celebrate the festival of St. John.

MISTLEY LODGE, No. 2339.

THE installation festival was held at the White Hart Hotel, Manningtree, on the 19th ult., when Bro. Offwood Bendall was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Geo. T. Taylor.

The installation banquet was subsequently held, and at the conclusion of the repast the toasts were honoured.

Bro. Ralling, replying to that of the Provincial Officers, mentioned that £70,000 was subscribed in charities during the past year, notwithstanding the hard times, and of this amount the Province of Essex had contributed a very substantial sum.

The health of the W.M. was given in felicitous terms by the I.P.M. Bro. Taylor, who said the election of Bro. Bendall for the chair was another landmark in the history of the Mistley Lodge. He trusted that during his year of office the W.M. would have plenty of work. He congratulated the Master on the large attendance.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the Brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in placing him in the chair of K.S. He felt great responsibility in the obligations which devolved upon him, and assured the Brethren that he would do the utmost in his power to make the Mistley Lodge even more prosperous in the future, if possible, than in the past.

HEDWORTH LODGE, No. 2418.

ON Thursday, 28th ult., the annual meeting was held for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year and the investiture of Officers, at the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields. Bro. R. W. Graham W.M. presided, and there was a large gathering of members and visiting Brethren.

Bro. James B. Nelson was presented for installation by Bro. W. E. Moffett D.C., and the ceremony was carried out in an able and impressive manner, Bro. R. W. Graham officiating as Installing Master.

The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered in a very efficient manner by the South Shields Masonic Choir, under the direction of Bro. Winstone Organist.

The W.M., on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to Bro. R. W. Graham a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and as a mark of esteem. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Subsequently the annual banquet took place in the Victoria Assembly Rooms, Fowler Street, when there was a large attendance. Afterwards the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, songs and glees being rendered by the members of the Masonic Choir.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting took place at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 14th ult., Bro. T. T. Hardicker W.M., there being a good attendance of members.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. George Walton, Timperley, Cheshire, was successfully balloted for, and afterwards duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Robert Meggitt J.W.

Following this ceremony Bros. William Simpson and William Greenhalgh were passed to the degree of F.C., the former by Bro. Wm. Boden P.M., and the latter by the W.M.

Upon the completion of Lodge business an adjournment took place to the festive board, where a very pleasant evening was spent, many Brethren being laid under contribution for songs, &c.

Besides those mentioned above we noticed that the following were present, viz., Bros. Clement J. Hall S.W., J. Kinsey Secretary, A. Scarlett J.D., T. H. Stott Org., J. Fairbairn, W. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D., R. H. Whatham, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. John Richardson P.M. 246 and T. A. Lever W.M. 2482.

ROYAL ARCH.

DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE election convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, when there were present Comps. A. Harvey Z., J. A. Randall H., W. G. Boswell J., J. Wyer P.Z., J. W. Folkard P.Z., Charlie Woods S.E., Sam G. Bonner S.N., A. Robertson Treas., J. Mitchell 1st A.S., T. Morris 2nd A.S., C. J. Fitch acting Steward, J. Smith, A. Barton, Fred W. Sinclair, Beckwith, Geo. Taylor, C. Patrick Janitor. Visitor:—Comp. C. Stone P.Z. 1275.

The elections took place, with unanimous results, as follow:—Comps. Randall as Z., Boswell H., Bonner J., Woods S.E., Munslow S.N., Robertson Treas., J. Mitchell P.S., T. Morris 1st Assist. Soj., C. J. Fitch 2nd Assist Soj., J. Smith Steward, J. A. Barton Organist, C. Patrick Janitor.

Comps. Sinclair and Taylor were elected as Auditors. Comp. J. D. Clayton was elected a Country Member.

On the motion of Comp. Folkard P.Z., seconded by Comp. Wyer, a P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Harvey for his valuable and esteemed services to the Chapter.

As the Chapter was adjourning a telegram was received from Comp. J. Rafferty, whose ship had reached Liverpool. For the first time since his exaltation Comp. Rafferty was in England on a meeting night, but was unable to manage to get to London.

All business being ended the Companions dined together under the presidency of the M.E.Z., who proposed the usual Loyal and Arch toasts, which were enthusiastically received.

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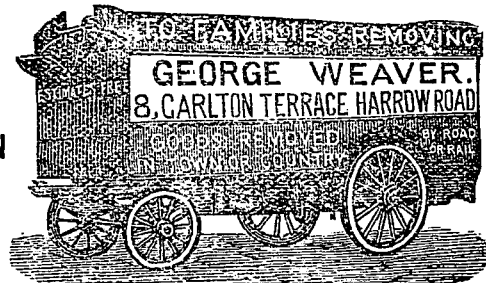
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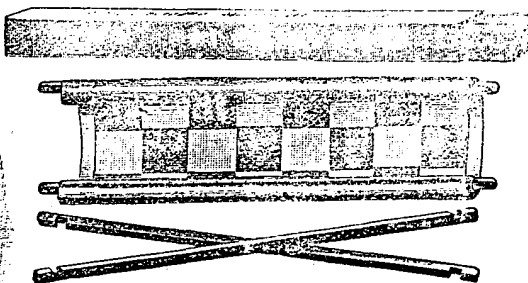
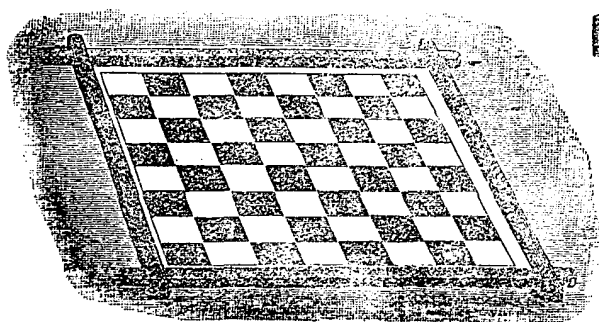
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