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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, who was supported by Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight as Past Grand Master, Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. as Senior Warden, Robert Grey P.G.W. as Junior Warden, W. H. Bailey G.Treasurer, E. Letchworth G.Secretary, and a large number of other present and past Grand Officers, together with a numerous assembly of other members of Grand Codge.

The minutes having been confirmed the Pro Grand Master submitted the recommendation standing in the name of the Grand Master, which Earl Amherst seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the proposed grant of one thousand guineas to the Indian Famine Fund should be made from the funds of Grand Lodge, upon which Bro. Bailey Grand Treasurer said he would send a cheque for the amount at once, without waiting for the confirmation of the grant at the next Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. George Lancelot Eyles P.M. 197 formally moved the Bro. George Lancelot Eyles P.M. 197 formally moved the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The proposal was seconded by Bro. Malcolm Morris P.G. Steward, and on being put by the Earl of Lathom was agreed to amid general manifestations of approval. H.R.H. was then formally proclaimed by Bro. J. D. Langton Deputy G.Dir. of Cers. as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. James Stephens P.M. 2308 proposed the election of Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan P.M. 96 as Grand Treasurer. Bro. J. Gordon Langton P.M. 96 seconded the nomination, and there being no opposition Bro. W. V. Morgan was declared duly

there being no opposition Bro. W. V. Morgan was declared duly elected.

Bro. W. Woodward explained that the Brother he had had the pleasure of nominating for the office—Major Clifford Probyn—had withdrawn his candidature at the request of many friends, who felt a contest for the post was undesirable. He hoped next year to again appeal to the Craft on behalf of Major Probyn, and trusted he would then receive the support of his Masonic

The Report of the Board of Benevolence was submitted, and, on the proposition of Bro. J. H. Matthews, seconded by Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, agreed to.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes, as given in our last week's issue, was received, and on the proposition of Bro. Loveland-Loveland, seconded by Bro. J. J. Thomas, the

recommendation therein contained was agreed to.

His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar then brought forward the proposals standing in his name, dealing with the question of the establishment of independent Grand Lodges by colonial and other Brethren, and his suggestions were seconded by Bro. Thos. Fenn.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes, as was the usual custom when an alteration was desired in the Constitutions of Grand Lodge, and quoted Rule 266 of the Constitutions in support of his contention. His amendment was

seconded by Bro. John Glass.

General Laurie gave his experiences, as Grand Master of Nova Scotia, from 1865 to 1868, and said that Lodges working under different jurisdictions in the one district, with variations in ritual and other forms, were apt to bring about a state of chaos that might easily become a disgrace and a scandal. He supported the original proposals, and hoped that Colonial District Grand Lodges might be allowed to exercise their discretion on all matters affecting their individual interests.

Bro. Philbrick explained that no change was intended in the existing rules but, rather, concessions were being proposed to Colonial Lodges so as to put their Brethren on terms of equality with those at home.

On a show of hands Earl Amherst, who now occupied the chair of Grand Lodge, as Earl Lathom had been compelled to

leave, declared that the amendment was lost, but as there appeared to be a difference of opinion the Deacons were told off to count, with the result that 148 voted for the amendment and 248 against it.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. felt that, while Grand Lodge had the fullest confidence in the judgment and legal ability of Bro. Philbrick, many Brethren required time to fully consider the important propositions he had submitted to Grand Lodge. He felt it would be better if Bro. Philbrick called into consultation the members of the Colonial Committee of Grand Lodge and others who had expressed themselves in this matter, and bring up a report at the part quarterly meeting. His and bring up a report at the next quarterly meeting. His amendment really was that the motion be read in three months time, when the Brethren would have had an opportunity of considering the different points, and it would probably be that the motion would go forth as the unanimous opinion of Grand

Bro. Philbrick agreed to the appointment of a Sub-Committee, which was then nominated, to consist of Bros. Philbrick, General Laurie, Thomas Fenn, Richard Eve, and the Colonial Committee of the Board of General Purposes, they to report at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

The appeal of Bro. R. W. Bourne P.M. 32 was then brought up by Bro. Philbrick, who explained the case and moved that if

Bro. Bourne was in attendance he be heard in Grand Lodge. It appeared the appellant made serious charges against the founders of the Lancastrian Lodge, in London, and when he was called upon to substantiate them, or apologise, he neglected to do so. He was a subscribing member of a Lodge in Liverpool, and the Earl of Lathom, as Grand Master of the Province, appointed a Committee to enquire into the case, summoning Bro. Bourne to attend at Liverpool, which he failed to do, making the excuse that he was in London. The Earl of Lathom then instructed the Committee to hold a meeting in London, and the appellant was summoned thereto, but again Bro. Bourne absented himself, and as he refused to apologise or explain his position Lord Lathom suspended him from all Masonic privileges until he should do so. It was stated the appellant was not in attendance, and that the basis of his appeal was that he disputed the jurisdiction of his Provincial Grand Master, who, it will be remembered, was the first Worshipul Master of the Lancastrian Lodge, in regard to which the trouble arose. Bro. Philbrick argued that as Bro. Bourne was still a subscribing member of a Liverpool Lodge he was within Lord Lathom's jurisdiction, and he therefore moved that the appeal be dismissed.

This course was seconded by Bro. R. Horton-Smith, Q.C., Deputy Grand Registrar, while Bro. J. J. Lambert P.Prov.G.R. West Lancs. supported, by still further explaining the case as it concerned Lord Lathom.

On being put to Grand Lodge the Brethren agreed to dismiss

Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treas. R.M.B.I. proposed that the

alteration of Rule 1 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as agreed to at a special meeting of Governors and Subscribers on 10th February last, be approved of, and this having been seconded by Bro. George Fairchild was agreed to.

The business being thus completed Grand Lodge was closed.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly meeting was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was re-elected to the position of Grand Master, and Bro. G. H. Parke was elected, without

opposition, as Grand Treasurer for the year.

The report of the General Board, given in extenso in our last issue, was, on the proposition of the President Bro. Loveland Loveland, seconded by Bro. Frank Richardson, taken as read and agreed to.

CONSECRATIONS.

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ALLEYN LODGE.

THE consecration of this addition to the English register, numbered 2647, and named after the founder of Dulwich College, took place on Saturday, at the Half Moon Hotel, Dulwich, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary. Bro. C. J. Axford P.P.G.D. Middlesex was installed as the first Master, while Bros. G. W. Capel and J. Joel received the collar of Senior and Junior Warden respectively.

CHALONER LODGE.

NE of the most imposing Masonic ceremonies which have lately been held in Wiltshire took place on Saturday, at Melksham, when the consecration of the Chaloner Lodge, No. 2644, took place. There was a very large assembly of members of the Chaloner Lodge has been the consecration of the Chaloner Lodge. of the Craft, and the ceremony was undertaken by the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Radnor.

The Brethren assembled in the Free Hall, at two o'clock, and the impressive service was then commenced. The oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was given with due solemnity by the Rev. S. T. Wood (rector of Hilperton and Grand Chaplain of Wilts).

After the consecration, a procession was formed, and marched from the Lodge to the church. By a special dispensation the Brethren were allowed to wear their regalia in the street, and, as may be easily imagined, the sight was a most imposing one, says the "Bristol Times."

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The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Macdonald P.G.Chap. England P.P.G.Chap. Wilts, rector of Wishford.

After the service the installation of the W.M. Designate Captain Chaloner took place, and he duly invested his Officers.

A banquet followed at the Town Hall, and about 120 sat down.

The founders of the new Lodge are Brothers Captain Richard Godolphin Walmesley Chaloner, M.P., Charles Saxty, Edward Lowther, Henry Sawtell, John Parker, Robert John Parker, Joseph Collett, George Childe, Charles Sawtell, and Frederick William Bascomb. Frederick William Bascomb.

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE LODGE.

SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 24th ult., for the purpose of consecrating this new Lodge, No. 2649 on the English register. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Bro. G. C. Davie Deputy Prov.Grand Master presided over a very large and influential gathering.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. John Stocker P.M. 39

read the petition, which had been acceded to by H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, and which bore the signatures of Bro. Hugh David Sandeman (Indian Civil Service), Colonel Hy. M. Burlton 651, George A. Collum 1704, Major G. B. G. Dick 2258, Edgar Dudley 112, Captain J. Lindsay Lloyd, R.E., 2258, Commander J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., 954, F. E. Remfrey 1529, and the Rev. Eugene Sullivan 1099.

The consecration over, Bro. H. D. Sandeman was installed as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge by the Provincial Grand Secretary, who conducted the ceremony in a manner that elicited the warmest admiration. The proceedings throughout were highly impressive, and the way in which the work was carried

out reflects credit on all concerned.

The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. E. Remfrey S.W., Colonel Burlton J.W., Rev. E. Sullivan Chap., Major Dick Treasurer, Captain Lloyd Secretary, Commander Quinn S.D., George Collum J.D., E. Dudley I.G., and W. H. Phillips Tyler.—"Western Mercury."

AMITY MARK LODGE.

N 19th January last, a committee, consisting of Bros. Alexander Clarke Chapin J.W. of the St. Cutherga Mark Lodge, No. 99; John Henry Whatcoat of Fearnley, No. 58; and Frederick Philps Oakley S.D. of the St. Cuthberga, No. 99 and P.P.G.M.St.B. Dorset, called a meeting of the Mark Masons of the district, when it was decided to resuscitate the Mark Lodge

Bro. Chapin informed the Brethren that he had heard from the Grand Mark Secretary that it was necessary for three members of the present Lodge to pay Grand Mark Lodge dues

years from 1886 to 1896 inclusive. Bros. Dugdale, Sydenham, and Furnell's names were returned, and Grand Mark Lodge gave Bro. W. D. Dugdale permission to hold two Lodges of Emergency to rank as Regular Lodges. The first Lodge was held on 4th February, for the election of Worshipful Master and Treasurer, when Bros. Alexander Clarke Chapin and W. D. Dugdale P.M. 132 and P.P.G.M.S.W. Dorset were chosen. The second Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th ult., when Bro. Alexander Clarke Chapin was duly installed Worshipful Master by Bro. H. J. Sydenham P.M. 182 and P.P.G.M.O. of Dorset. The addresses were given by Bro. Edward Worth P.M. 125 P.P.G.M.O. of Hants.

The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. John Henry Whadcoat S.W., F. P. Oakley J.W., George Hobbs M.O., W. D. Dugdale Treasurer, T. S. Furnell R. of M., J. A. Cocker Chaplain, Edward Howell S.D., Thomas Griffiths J.D., Stephen Short P.M., &c. D.C., and George

Squibb Tyler.

The Brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, The Brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and having partaken of refreshment, were called to labour again, and Bros. J. J. Lawrence, W. J. Bacon, W. J. White, George Hodges, G. A. Mate, and George Wood were regularly advanced to the Mark degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. William Humphrey P.M. 125 P.P.G.M.O. of Hants.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested Bro. G. A. Mate Secretary, W. J. White Organist, George Wood I.G., and George Hodges Steward.

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The Secretary read letters regretting inability to be present, from several Brethren.

General Laurie, M.P., has been appointed by the Prince of Wales Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales, in succession to the late Lord Kensington. The general is a distinguished Mason, and has held the position of Grand Master of Nova Scotia. His appointment will be hailed with the utmost satisfaction by every Lodge in his Province.

We do not know how the English Chapters would show in comparison with the details given below, and it would be very difficult to collect statistics to guide us to an opinion, but it will doubtless be of interest to those associated with the Royal Arch Degree to know that in some parts it is apparently more popular than is the case under the Grand Chapter of England. The Provincial Grand Chapter of Glasgow has prepared a careful report of the work of its subordinate Chapters, from which we learn there was an average of eleven meetings per Chapter during the year, and an average attendance at the meetings of twenty-five. It will be seen that the Scotch Chapters meet more frequently than is the custom in this country, and, as has been pointed out in our pages at different times, it may be that an alteration in this particular might add to the prosperity of the Degree in England. The Glasgow Province shows an addition of 156 new members during the year, which, with one exception (1893) is a record number. A feature unknown under our Jurisdiction is that of Life Membership, but in the Glasgow Province no less than 469 Companions have availed themselves of the privilege there accorded in this direction, which shows an increase of 144 as compared with the previous year. The cash standing to the credit of the various Chapters of the Province amounts to £684, which may be taken as further proof of prosperity in the district.

The Rio Janeiro correspondent of the "Osservatore Cattolico," in telegraphing to it the aunouncement of the death of the Archbishop of that See, gives circulation to a rumour preferring a serious charge against the Freemasons. This prelate, whose death is no small loss to Brazil and to the Church, was a man of most earnest zeal and indefatigable energy. He was rigid in the discharge of his duty, and as he died suddenly, after having refused to bury a member of the Masonic sect with religious rites, the rumour arose that he had been poisoned by the Freemasons. The correspondent states that after having made special inquiries he finds that the report lacks confirmation. No doubt the suddenness of the Archbishop's death can be accounted for by a natural cause, but the fact of its having occurred after he had refused Christian burial to a Freemason suggested the idea that the members of the Craft had resorted to foul play. It is curious how quickly such rumours take wing in warm latitudes, especially when the people are of an imaginative temperament. But the condemnation of Freemasonry by the Church should make Catholics all the more slow to accept accusations against them, unless they are unmistakably proved .-- "Catholic Times."

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SCHOOLS.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE General Committee, in presenting the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1896. have accounts for the year ending 31st December 1896, have the pleasure to report that the very satisfactory reduction, under most of the headings of expenditure, referred to in their last report, have been practically maintained during the year 1896. They also draw attention to the fact that, with the gratifying exception of the investment below referred to, the outlay on Capital Account has again been exceptionally low.

Among the special expenses of the year it may be mentioned that it was found necessary to thoroughly make up one of the roadways in the grounds, which was done at a cost of £84 10s; and also to paint the outside of the Junior School at a cost of

£78 11s 7d.

The Committee are very thankful to be again able to report that during the year there has been no epidemic illness in the School, and that the general health of the girls has been

exceptionally good.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge that during the year it was again possible to make a further addition to the invested capital by the purchase, at a cost of £6,000, of £5,435 19s 4d India three per cent. Stock, but they once more desire to point out the great necessity still existing for a large increase in this fund, in order that the permanent income may be materially strengthened and placed upon a footing more in accord with the responsibilities of the Institution, arising from the great development in its work and usefulness, happily rendered possible by the successful Centenary Celebration in 1888.

The Committee with pleasure take this opportunity to remind the Governors and Subscribers that the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock Prov.G.M. of South Wales Eastern Division has very kindly consented to preside at the 109th Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday, the 12th of May next, and they very earnestly solicit the services of Brethren willing to act as

Stewards on this important occasion.

The Committee also desire to draw attention to the following examination particulars:-

- (a) Cambridge Local Examination (1896-7), twenty-two girls competed, the result of which has not yet been declared.
- (b) Preliminary Cambridge Examination (1896-7), nineteen entered, eighteen passed.
- (c) College of Preceptors (1896-7), thirty-one entered, twenty-five passed.
- (d) Associated Board of the Royal College and the Royal Academy of Music, School Examination (1896), eleven entered, all passed.
- (c) Swimming, at the recent annual test, four prizes, two silver medals, and twenty-one certificates were

The Committee have also pleasure in stating that the House Committee, in order to keep fully abreast of the requirements of the times, have now instituted a Civil Service Class, that those Girls whose abilities specially fit them for Civil Service appointments may be suitably trained.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON (P.G.W.), Patron, in the chair. 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. 25th February 1897.

* The result has since been made known, as follows: twentytwo girls competed, twenty passed, three Honours and four Distinctions.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE Board of Management has much pleasure in submitting to each Subscriber (with the April Voting Paper) the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1896,

which have been prepared and audited in accordance with the Laws, and agreed to by the Council.

The Board is glad to be able again to congratulate the subscribers on another very successful year's working, and takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks for their continued and most liberal support

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It will be noted that whilst everything has been done to maintain the School in a thoroughly efficient manner, and although increased benefits in the way of higher education, &c., have been conferred, the cost per head shows a decrease compared

with previous years.

The standard and tone of the School (greatly raised during the time of the present management) have been well maintained,

and attention is specially directed to the Report of the Third Annual Examination of the whole School, conducted by the Cambridge University Syndicate, which accompanies the accounts. This Report, when read in conjunction with the many successes gained by the boys in public examinations, will testify to the excellent results achieved.

The health of the Boys during the past year has, on the whole, been satisfactory, and the Sanatorium has again proved a most valuable safeguard in preventing the spread of any

infection.

The Buildings, Drains, &c., have been maintained in a thoroughly efficient condition, and the Premises throughout are

in a good state of repair.

Having acquired (with the sanction of the Quarterly Court of October last) an admirable Estate of about sixty-seven acres at Bushey, Herts., for the erection of new and enlarged School premises, the Board has energetically applied itself to develop the same, and will report further progress at the Quarterly Court in April.

The Board desires to take this opportunity of thanking the numerous Provincial Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies for the hearty approval they have given to the scheme for the removal of the School, and for the votes of confidence expressed. The Board feels that the practically unanimous decision of the large and thoroughly representative Quarterly Court of October last will weigh with the few dissentients, and that all will join hands to make the Institution the greater success so much desired, which can only be secured with enlarged and more favourably situated premises.

The amount of Invested Funds, as stated in the Balance Sheet, is £58,814 12s 5d. In this amount the following

Presentations and Bequests are included:-

PERPETUAL PRESENTATIONS.

	Province of East Lancashire, "Blair"	•••	£1,050	0	0							
	Province of West Yorkshire, "De Grey"	•••	1,050	0	0							
	Province of West Yorkshire, "Marquess of Ripon"	•••	1,050	0	0							
	Province of Cheshire	•••	1,050	0	0							
	Province of Northumberland, "Hubert Laws Memorial	" ·	1,050	0	0							
	Province of Kent, "Eastes"	• • • •	1,260	0	0							
LIFE PRESENTATIONS.												
	Province of North Wales and Shropshire, "Sir Watkin'	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	525	0	0							
	Province of Devonshire, "John Huyshe"		525	0	. 0							
	Province of Staffordshire, "Duke of Connaught"	•••	525	0	0							
	Province of Warwickshire, "In commemoration of	Her										
	Majesty's Jubilee "	•••	525	0	0							
	PRIZE FUNDS.											
	W. Winn	•••	525	0	0							
	C. Greenwood Memorial	•••	103	13	0							
	E. Cox	•••	84	0	0							
	Edgar Bowyer Memorial	•••	45	14	0							
	Raymond H. Thrupp, Province of Middlesex	•••	136	10	0							
	Escott Memorial		71	13	6							
	Wm. Masters Memorial	•••	43	1	0							
	•		£9.619	11	6							

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The number of boys on the books of the Institution during the past year was 278, and for the current year is 279, being an

increase of 19 during the past six years.

The Board is very desirous that this Commemoration Year of Her Majesty the Queen (who for 45 years has honoured the Institution by graciously accepting the position of Grand Patron) should be marked by a continuance of the generous support of the subscribers in the past, in order that so glorious a reign may be chronicled in the annals of the Institution by the receipt of a "record" income. It therefore hopes that each Lodge and Chapter will take into consideration the desirability of sending a Steward to the Anniversary Festival, to be held on the 30th June next, under the distinguished presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmonth.

The annual assured income being but £1,750, a balance of £12,000 is required for the ordinary expenditure of the year, but it is specially desired to increase the invested capital so as to meet the necessary expenditure for the increased benefits to be

conferred.

The pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with the assistance of the staff at Wood Green, have contributed £5 10s to the Lord Mayor's Indian Famine Relief Fund. The subscription was got up entirely by the boys, and it does them further credit to hear they are now organising an Annual Subscription to the Grand Master's Hospital Fund, out of their small allowance of pocket money.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

N Monday, 1st inst., a pleasing ceremony of much interest to the Freemasons of Scotland took place at Tyninghame, on the occasion of the presentation to the family of the Earl of Haddington of a bust of his lordship. The bust is in bronze, an excellent likeness of Lord Haddington, and has been executed by Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., on the order of Grand Lodge, in recognition of the able services of his lordship on behalf of Freemasonry during his tenure of office of Grand Master. presentation was made by the present Grand Master Lord Saltoun, who was accompanied by the Earl of Rosslyn, Major F. W. Allan, Bro. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, Bro. David Reid Grand Treasurer, and many other distinguished members.

On arriving at Tyninghame about noon the party were received by Lady Ruth and her sisters, Lady Grisell and Lady Cecely, and Major the Hon. Henry Robert Baillie Hamilton, being introduced individually by the Grand Secretary.

Lord Saltoun, in unveiling the bust, said the pleasing duty devolved on him of carrying out the wish of Grand Lodge in making this presentation. He could assure Lord Haddington that Grand Lodge was very sincerely and greatly indebted to him for all that he did during the time that he presided over its him for all that he did during the time that he presided over its business as Grand Master. In 1892 he succeeded Lord Blythswood, who had for long held the reins of office, and with his characteristic energy he did excellent work for Grand Lodge, amongst which might be mentioned the manner in which he organised and carried out a very large and complete list of visitations to various Provincial Grand Lodges. His lordship believed that everywhere Lord Haddington was received with kindness and with the greatest respect, and that he left behind him everywhere he went nothing but thoughts of gratitude and of his charming manner and the pleasant way in which he carried out the work. On one occasion he believed his lordship was occupied a whole week in visiting the Provincial Grand Lodges in the north of Scotland, and among his other work for which Grand Lodge was greatly indebted was that he introduced Masonry into the county of Sutherland. perhaps, scarcely appropriate that he should there go on to recall the great work which his lordship had so successfully and so ably accomplished, but he was sure it was interesting to his family at all events to know that he was not the first of his line who had been connected with Freemasonry. His ancestors had for long been very closely associated and had held many high and honourable posts in Freemasonry. So long ago as the year 1620 there was a certain Alexander Hamilton, who was a general of artillery and master of ordnance in the Scottish army. He was a member of Mary's Chapel, No. 1, and at the time when the Scottish army was lying at Newcastle there was a meeting of Mary's Chapel, and a quartermaster of the army was made a Mason, and Alexander Hamilton was one of the witnesses who attested his signature. That took his lordship back a long way in his family history, and there he believed was found its first connection with Freemasonry. After that, in the year 1788, Lord Binning was Grand Master Depute of Scotland, and still later on his lordship the late Earl was also Grand Master Depute under both the Earl of Dalhousie and the late Lord Rosslyn, and without doubt he would have succeeded to the position which the present Earl so lately held, that of Grand Master Mason, had it not been for the most lamented fact of his early death. These were the chief points in the history of Mason, These were the chief points in the history of Masonry with which the family had connected itself, and in unveiling this bust and presenting it to his family he thought it was worthy of comment that the Grand Lodge itself was presenting it. Other busts had been presented to Grand Masters, but that had been done by private subscription amongst the Brethren. This came from the whole of the Grand Lodge as a mark of its respect for him and as in a small way offering its thanks to him for the time which he devoted to preside over its business, and the most excellent way in which he presided, and also as an indication of their appreciation of his character and of his uprightness and kindness, and the firmness with which he always conducted the business. It remained for him now simply, in name of Grand Lodge, to unveil the bust, which had been executed by his friend Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, and which he was quite convinced everybody would say was worthy of the artist who had made it, and worthy of the great man whose family was to receive it.

Lord Rosslyn said that, as Senior Grand Warden, he welcomed the opportunity afforded him by the Grand Master of

supporting what had just been said, and he welcomed it because Lord Haddington's family, and his own too, had had very close ties in the work of Freemasonry, as the Grand Master had mentioned. Another reason was that when he first took an interest in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Lord Haddington first gave him a start in the Junior Grand Warden's chair, and if he should ever reach the coveted Masonic throne, he should always

look back with gratification to that. He wished his lordship happiness and long life, and expressed the hope of the members of Grand Lodge that they would see him in it as often as

Lord Haddington, in acknowledgment, said he and his family would value this handsome testimonial not only for its intrinsic value—not only as a work of art worthy of that great artist, Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, from whose studio it emanated, but he should value it essentially as a mark of esteem and friendship from the Masons of Scotland. He would value it as a good likeness, which it was said to be by those who were better able to judge of it than himself, and it would always be retained in his family with kindly reminiscences of the kindness that had been given to him as Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Certainly during his term of office he had endeavoured to instil into the younger members of the Craft a right feeling of the true spirit of Freemasonry. He endeavoured to show them that Freemasonry was not simply a convivial institution, but that the great virtues of Brotherly love, charity, and faith were the stones upon which it was founded, and if he had led some to take a deeper and more sincere view of the right and true spirit of it, then he should feel indeed that the two years during which he occupied the Masonic throne had not been entirely in vain. In making the visitations which had been referred to he only did what was his duty, and he was happy to say that his successor in office recognised the importance of them, and carried them on to as full an extent as he had done, and he felt sure that Lord Saltoun would not regard them lightly, and that his energy and Masonic ability would enable him to perform more work than he had done. He trusted these visitations not only infused new life and stirred up, supported, and stimulated the Lodges for the time being, but were productive of good to the best interests of Masonry in those Provinces that were visited. In conclusion, he thanked those present and assured them that the testimonial would be prized by his family, and that when he looked on the old head many memories would be recalled—memories of the past, of those visitations, the pleasant journeys, those kind receptions in public and in private-memories of friends bound to him by the Masonic tie-golden memories which would never fade from his heart, until the last connection which linked him with earth had passed

The bust is placed on a pedestal of scagliola marble work, and bears this inscripion :-

Presented by

the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the family of the RIGHT HON. the EARL OF HADDINGTON,

in acknowledgment of his lordship's services as Grand Master Mason, 1892-3.

A duplicate in marble is being executed also by Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., and will be unveiled at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge in May, and placed in the Freemasons' Hall amongst those of other illustrious Past Grand

After the ceremony the visitors partook of the hospitality at Tyninghame, and thereafter one or two toasts were proposed.—"Glasgow Herald."

NEW HALL AT GLASGOW.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held on the 26th ult., in the central hall of the new Masonic Chambers, 100 West Regent Street, on the occasion of a Grand Lodge visitation and the consecration of the halls. The Grand Lodge deputation was headed by Lord Saltoun Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and there were present about 200 Brethren, including a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, P.G.M. and Substitute Grand Master of Scotland presided.

The mallet of office having been handed over to Lord Saltoun, the form of Masonic ceremonial of consecration was duly gone through, the oration being delivered by the Rev. Dr. Tulloch, who expressed thankfulness that Masonry had now found a home of its own in the Province of Glasgow. A choir, under the direction of Bro. Gideon Duncan, assisted in the singing. The Grand Master and several of the P.G. Officers also singing. The Grand Master and severaconsecrated the upper and lower halls.

A number of toasts were afterwards proposed in the large hall, under the chairmanship of Bro. John Graham. The toast of the three Grand Lodges was proposed by Bro. Simons, and

replied to by Lord Saltoun.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was submitted by the Earl of Rosslyn, and replied to by Bro. Graham. "Success to the Glasgow Masonic Hall Company (Limited)" was proposed by Brother W. M. Denholm, and responded to by Brother R. A. M'Gilvray.

THE INCREASE OF FREEMASONS.

It is never to be forgotten that proselyting is forbidden in Freemasonry. No effort is permitted to bring over to Masonry any profane who has not of himself manifested a desire to unite with the Fraternity.

Persuasion, or any inducement, cannot be used to bring into the Craft any one who thus is influenced, for he would not be worthy of the trust to be devolved on him as a Mason. It must be of his own free will, by the exercise of his intelligence and conscience, that his judgment is impressed and causes him to seek admission into, and association with, the Brotherhood of Freemasons.

All the information he may require to decide for himself can be found in the exoteric teaching of recognised Masonic authority.

The history of Masonry is sufficiently well-known, its principles explained, its influence on society open to investigation, the character of the whole Craft before the world clearly portrayed, so that the true, earnest and honest aspirant for Masonic membership needs no inducements or allurements to excite compulsion to present his application for admission.

Masonry is not, never has been, and so long as its fundamental principles are maintained, never can be composed of men who seek the benefits or advantages which mark the incitements to enter profane organisations.

Entering Masonry, all must divest themselves of those motives and considerations which give to all other associations which glitter with enticements, excuse or pretexts, to attract members.

Masonry pays no premiums, nor bounties for membership. Its laws are as rigid as those of the "Medes and Persians," which history has made into a proverb, that they are unalterable.

These laws are few and plain, originating with the earliest of days in a system of jurisprudence that is to-day older than empires, languages or organised society; is therefore free from those modern policies which are liable to all sorts of interpretations.

Justice and equity are the corner-stones of Masonic jurisprudence. Justice, that has been sanctioned as right by the wisest of the generations of men; equity which is the conscience of the fathers since the aforetime. Both were living principles set forth before the "Ten Tables" of the pre-Christian era. St. John and St. Paul, nearly two thousand years ago, taught the

principles of that justice and equity.

Therefore it is beyond contradiction that Freemasonry is a law unto itself, and he who seeks to be a Freemason must come

asking admission on the basis of obedience to the laws and regulations of the Fraternity.

These have been tried by many generations of men; they have been tested by long and close investigation and examination; they have been honoured, commended and approved by the wise

and good.

It is not to be supposed then, that such an institution as Freemasonry needs to offer, or present, any inducements to secure membership. It cannot be asserted, for it is proclaimed that any such effort is not permitted. If any such influence was used in any individual case, and it tried to be hidden, as though it could not be discovered in the "Light," so that if made manifest it would destroy the possibility of its successful operation.

Thus it is, and therefore, that Freemasonry has maintained its character; defeated all attempts to impair its existence; in the full possession of its rank and power in the State, it has lost neither "jot nor tittle" of its principles, its esotericism, its landmarks or its symbology. Beyond reproach of all right-thinking men, assailed only by one-sided cecityists, whose blindness would be total, unless their vision was excited by

phantoms.

What need then has Freemasonry to proselyte? It is wise enough to know that those who seek to enter its portals from persuasions of friends, or some unworthy motives, or for self-interest, or for what could be of personal advantage or benefit, would prove themselves destructive of the harmony of the Craft, bring reproach on the Masonic character, and go to justify the belief that Freemasons were their worst enemies, for they were found in the household of the Craft.

Careful watchfulness should be the duty of the members of a Lodge to prevent unworthy men from obtaining the rights and

privileges of Masonry.

Watch the preparing-room door; test every application by the inexorable law which permits his initiation. - "Keystone."

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE UPTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THERE was a very large and enthusiastic gathering on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on the occasion of the fourth annual dinner and concert of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227,

when Bro. G. A. Peters W.M. of the Mother Lodge presided, faced by Bro. H. Hyde and Bro. W. J. Carroll in the chairs of Wardens. An enjoyable dinner was well served, after which, the tables having been cleared, the after proceedings were commenced

The President had much pleasure in proposing the first toast of the evening—that of Hor Majesty the Queen. For a period of sixty years the country had been ruled by a lady who had won the esteem and regard of every citizen, and he felt no words were needed from him to ensure a hearty welcome for the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

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Later in the evening Bro. Hyde submitted the health of the President. This, he said, was a most important toast—really the chief one of the evening—the health of the W.M. of the Lodge Bro. G. A. Peters President of the meeting. He need not say much in introducing this toast, as they could see for themselves what a splendid President he made. In the Lodge he was equally able in carrying out the duties of his office. He had conducted all the work of the Lodge to their satisfaction and in so pleasing a way as to ensure comfort and enjoyment for all.

Bro. Peters replied. He thanked the company most sincerely for the hearty reception of the toast. At that moment he was reminded of the first dinner they had in connection with their Lodge of Instruction. On that occasion, in the selfish way for which men were proverbial, they had all the fun to themselves, but since then they had found out how much better it was to do away for the time with some of their selfishness and invite their wives and lady friends to partake with them of the pleasures of their social evenings. Next year they hoped to be able to have more than one such gathering.

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Bro. E. M. Jeffrey I.P.M. of the Upton Lodge deemed it a pleasing duty having to propose the toast of the Ladies, who really deserved the special thanks of the company for rallying round them on that occasion, and gracing the assembly that evening. For four consecutive years the Lodge of Instruction had held these meetings, and each had proved more successful than the previous one—certainly such was the case that night, and he could but hope that any future meetings that might be arranged would be as well supported by the Ladies, and prove equally successful.

Bro. Rowberry, who had acted as Secretary to the Dinner Committee, and whose hard work in that capacity had contributed to a considerable extent to the success of the meeting, was associated with the toast. He said, in reply, that it afforded him very great pleasure indeed to respond to the very hearty welcome accorded the Ladies on that occasion, and on their behalf he tendered thanks to the Committee and Brethren of the Upton Lodge of Instruction for their entertainment that day. The Ladies had all enjoyed themselves very much, and locked forward with pleasurable anticipation to another such gathering on some future occasion.

During the evening a gift was made to each of the Ladies of a little souvenir of the meeting, which, in every respect must be described as an unqualified success. The concert was under the direction of Bro. R. Chitson 1278, who was supported by Madame Clare Pettitt, Bro. F. F. Norman, Bro. F. Fiestel, Professor H. Ivatts, and Messrs. Havelock Mason, Isadore Isaacs, Charles Chitson, Sadleur Browne, Charles Thewlis, J. Boswell, S. D'Harcourt, and H. Fullbrook.

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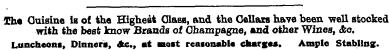
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SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH 1897.

DEVONSHIRE BENEVOLENCE.

MEETING of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, for the purpose of deciding on the number of candidates, if any, to be placed on the fund at the election in April. Bro. C. Stuart Stebbing W.M.

156 presided.

The Hon. Treasurer Bro. Lord reported that there were nineteen children on the fund, at a cost of £285 per annum, that the net profit on the recent concert in Plymouth Guildhall, including sums voted by several Lodges, was £104, and that the Fund was now worth £1,716.

There was a difference of opinion as to whether two or three children should be elected in April, but in view of the fact stated by the Hon. Secretary that there would be at least six, and probably seven candidates, seeking election, it was decided, on the motion of Bro. C. Mutten, seconded by Bro. C. Piper, to elect three. The annual meeting and election will be held on the first Wednesday in April.

THE Aged Widows' Annuity Fund was started in August last by the Freemasons of Devon, with a view to aid deserving cases which for various reasons were unlikely to be successful in obtaining help from the central charities of the Order in London.

On Wednesday, 24th ult., the donors and subscribers met in the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to appoint the Officers for the ensuing year, and to elect two aged widows, who will receive an annuity of £20 for life.

Brother Major Geo. S. Strode-Lowe, J.P., presided, and congratulated the meeting on the unexpected success which had attended the establishment of the Fund.

The Treasurer's report showed that £1,200 had been

guaranteed, and that £600 had been deposited as a reserve in the bank in the names of three trustees. With such a gratifying result it was felt that it would be unwise to make any change in the staff of Officers or of the Executive Committee, and the whole were therefore re-appointed for the ensuing twelve months, whole were therefore re-appointed for the ensuing twelve months, with the addition of Bros. J. R. Wilson and C. S. Stebbing W.M. 156 as Auditors. There were four candidates for annuities, whose claims were supported by Lodges 105, 156, 159 and 666. The voting resulted in the election of the candidates from Lodges 156 and 159, who polled 247 votes each. The unsuccessful applicants from Lodges 105 and 666 secured 110 and 29 votes applicants and those votes are considered to the candidates. respectively, and those votes are carried forward to the credit of the candidates at the next election. One of the winning candidates has for twelve years been an unsuccessful applicant for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London.—
"Western Morning News."

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.

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, at the Guildhall Tavern Gresham Street, E.C.
Bro. W. G. Mills W.M. presided, supported by Bros. J. Cuer S.W., L. S. Fountaine P.M. acting J.W., G. Symons P.M. Treas., W. Briggs and T. J. Burgess Secretaries, J. Briggs S.D., Edward Stofford J.D., J. Jenkinson I.G., A. M. Whitby D.C., G. Maliet Tyler, D. A. Langdon I.P.M, William Bull P.M., A. Davies P.M., A. L. Simmons, A. L. Guittard, John Drift, C. J. Brown, J. Reading, G. Smith, A. G. Peckham, C. Yates, W. Sammes, Mark Ashford, J. King, H. Durell, E. J. Vidler, J. W. Williams, G. F. Ward, and others. others.
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The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. A. L. Simmons and A. G. Peckham answered the questions and proved themselves proficient as Craftsmen. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree and those two Brethren were raised as Master Masons, taking their place amongst the Brethren as such. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. A. L. Guittard was examined and entrusted, he being subsequently passed as a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Henry Edgar Craddock being presented as a candidate for initiation, was duly accepted and admitted to the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.
Great praise is due to the W.M. for his most perfect and faultless rendering of the different ceremonies.

Bro. G. G. Symons P.M. Treas. announced that he would represent the Lodge as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the sum of £10 10s was voted for his list from the Lodge.

After a few more items of business had been disposed of the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to supper. This was followed by a splendid musical evening, provided by the W.M. Amongst others who assisted were Bro. A. Victor Medcalf, who gave a solo on the violin; Bro. Arthur Briscoe P.P.G.O. Surrey, who presided at the pianoforte; Bro. J. W. Williams, Mr. Steele, Mr. Watkins, and Bro. John Briggs.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate, in short but eloquent terms.

In reply, the Initiate thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having

In reply, the Initiate thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother, and was sorry he could not attend next month, as he was leaving England the following day for Australia, but he would remember, or try to remember, all he had that day heard. He would have liked to say more, but he was not used to speech making in public, being more accustomed to speaking on board ship. He thanked the Brethren again for their kindness.

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The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., alluding to his excellent working that evening. If the Lodge could confer upon him a higher honour than that of W.M. they would be happy to do so.

The W.M., in his usual eloquent manner, thanked the Brethren most heartily. They could depend on it that he would always try to do his best.

The W.M. had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Visitors, who were always welcome at the Strong Man Lodge. He hoped to see them very often.

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The Visitors separately responded, and later on the W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary, which was also suitably responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a termination.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE, No. 1446.

THE annual Ball was held on Friday, 19th ult., at the Trocadero, Piccadilly, and proved a great success. The ball had originally been arranged to take place at the Hotel Cecil, but owing to an oversight on the part of the Hotel authorities, who had also let their chief rooms by inadvertence for another event, the Trocadero had to be engaged almost at the last moment. Notwithstanding this hitch, which caused very many disappointments, over 250 Brethren, ladies and gentlemen assembled and took part in the dancing, which lasted from 9 p.m. till 5 a.m. Wellington's Light Cavalry hand was in attendance.

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Just after midnight the guests sat down to a cold collation, over which Bro. Mullins W.M. presided, and at the close of supper he proposed, in felicitous terms, the Queen, which was heartily honoured.

Bro. Darling I.P.M. briefly gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and congratulated the Lodge on having in the chair such an ardent Mason as Bro. Mullins. A kindly reference to Mrs. Mullins in connection with the toast clicited hearty applause.

Bro. Mullins thanked the Brethren and Visitors for the cordial way the toast had been received, both on his own behalf and on the part of his wife. He was afraid he did not deserve the kind things which had been said of him, but did his best and tried to earn them. The speaker had been assisted in making the arrangements for the ball by a hard working Committee, whom he thanked sincerely. Bro. Hamilton P.M. had been especially zealous, while Bro. Tofts, the Ball Secretary, had thrown an energy into the affair which did him infinite credit. The reception given to himself and wife would always be a happy memory to him. He thanked them heartily for their good wishes, which he warmly reciprocated.

The only other toast was that of the Ladies, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Dr. Thompson.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THERE was a large attendance of members and their friends on Thursday, 26th ult. at Blanchard's Restaurant Part of State and S Both ult., at Blanchard's Restaurant, Regent Street, W., to support Bro. Charles Morrison W.M., who then presided for the first time since his installation into the chair of the Lodge. He was supported by Bros. G. Victor Wood P.M. as I.P.M., Ingram Moar W.M.-elect 813 as S.W., James

Edge J.W., Samuel Brooks P.M. Secretary, Percy Ravenscroft S.D., G. H. Hilder J.D., J. Burleigh I.G., A. Ginger D.C., G. Bartleman Steward, E. R. Terry Organist, T. Shepperd Tyler, G. B. Fletcher P.M., Albert Ginger, S. T. Haworth, Joachim G. E. Brewer, A. A. Webber, R. Sheppard, W. Bacon, S. T. Sinclair, L. Stern, Fred. Whitlock, W. Bacon, &c. Visitors:—Bros. A. S. Best 1704, G. H. Bartleman 858, David Spence 180, C. A. Cottebrune P.M. 733 P.G.P., Ingram Moar W.M. elect 813, C. H. Denny W.M. 1671, W. D. Miffan 1559, H. A. Pettipher 700. T. Donkin 1676, Collison, Wynman, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and Bro. S. T. Haworth having answered the usual questions, the Lodge was further advanced and that Brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. A. A. Webber was examined and entrusted, he being afterwards passed as a Fellow Craft.

The W.M. again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Cock. This proved unanimous in his favour, and he was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the W.M. rendering each of the ceremonies in a faultless and impressive manier. Several communications were read from Brethren who were unable to attend, and then, after hearty good wishes from the Brethren and visitors, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. An adjournment was now made to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was provided, under the able supervision of Bro. W. Gale head waiter.

After the toasts of the Queen and the Grand Master the W.M. submitted that of the Grand Officers, associating with it the name of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., and that Brother duly responded. The Worshipful Master was quite right in saying the Grand Officers did everything in their power for the good of the Craft. He had the honour of being appointed to Grand Lodge office some twenty-three or twenty-fou

ability he had displayed that evening in the different ceremonies he had been called upon to perform. He again thanked the Brethren for their kind reception.

The acting I.P.M. Bro. G. V. Wood had much pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., although he regretted that the absence of the I.P.M. had imposed the task upon him. He had the pleasure of initiating the present Master five years since, and he felt they could well imagine he had worked hard to attain his present position in so short a time. Still, his work had not suffered on that account, as they had themselves seen that night, when he had so ably worked the three degrees. That working in itself showed what an excellent Master they had, and he felt sure all would unite in wishing for him a prosperous term of office. There was the probability of the same amount of work presenting itself at the next meeting, and little doubt but that the Master would prove equally ready and able to deal with it then as he had proved himself able to do that day.

The toast was heartily received and duly acknowledged by the W.M., who next proposed the health of the Past Masters. He was very sorry to see so few of the former rulers among them that night. The I.P.M. was quite unable to attend on account of ill-health, and the same was the case with their respected Treasurer. He trusted that when the Lodge met again those Brethren would be restored to health, and in their places, as the Past Masters were really the stay of the Lodge.

The next toast was that of the Initiate, in proposing which the W.M. said he had known the Brother received that evening for the last ten years; from what he had learnt during that time, and the attention paid by the Initiate to the ceremony of the evening, he felt sure their new Brother would become an excellent Mason and be a credit to the Kilburn Lodge. The nitiate duly replied, thanking the W.M. and other members of the Lodge for his reception.

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Bro. Pettipher expressed his regret that ill health had prevented his being present at the Worshipful Master's installation, but he was very pleased in having the opportunity of attending that night and witnessing the able manner in which he had performed the different ceremonies.

The toast of the Officers was next honoured, and the different Officers responded, after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

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An excellent programme of music was provided, among the artistes being Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxeroft, Mr. Charles Joy, Mr. Wallis Arthur and Bro. Berry Lindon.

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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

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THE annual "Ladies Night" entertainment in connection with this Lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, 27th ult., when Bro. George Tarran W.M. presided over a gathering of nearly 100. Among those present were Bros. Lord Glenesk, Henniker Heaton, M.P., Canon Ingram, R. Eve, Dr. Scott Gibson, J. A. Arnold, and G. S. Recknell. After dinner a handsome gold bracelet was presented to Mrs. Husk, wife of the I.P.M. The following artistes took part in the musical programme:—Miss Ada Kempton, Messrs. J. Proctor, W. Nicholl, Templar Saxe, Cheesewright, Hopkins (silver bells), F. Russell (ventriloquist), Vernon Taylor, and H. Archer.

CLISSOLD LODGE, No. 2551.

A T the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Highbury Station Hotel, on the 18th ult., Bro. J. Lamigeon W.M. presiding, Bros. Matthew Faulkner and Charles Otto Steffen were passed as Fellow Crafts, and Bros. J. S. Keith and Edward Le Bas were raised to the sublime degree of Master

Mason.

This being election night according to the Bye-laws, the Brethren voted for Bro. Harry Townsend J.W. as Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. Mason Stiles P.G. Treasurer was re-elected Treasurer. It was stated that sanction had been given for the removal of the Lodge to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., where the installation meeting will take place on the 8th April.

INSTRUCTION.

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ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE Fifteen sections were worked on Sunday, at this Lodge of Instruction, which holds its meetings every Sunday, at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe Road, Mile End, E., and there were present about sixty Brethren, many of them well-known for their loyal devotion to Masonic work in every part of the metropolis: Bros. Basil Stewart P.M., Jarrett, J Isaacs, J. J. Roberts, Harris, McCarthy, Thornton, Peacock, Rosenthal, Blyth, Haward, Collings, J. Dancyger, Englander, Ridpath, Goldner, A. Isaacs P.M., Oxley P.M., Dr. Panting, I. Davis. M. Da Costa, Goodman, Myers P.M., Burden, N. Goldman, Goulston, W. H. Toyé P.M., A. Toyé, W. H. Haylock, and others.

The W.M. was Bro. J. De Casseres P.M. 1349, and he was supported by Bro. L. A. Da Costa P.M. as I.P.M., B. Da Costa P.M. as S.W., and J. Oxley P.M. as J.W.

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Lodge having been opened in due form the W.M. proceeded to work the sections, in which he was assisted by the following Brethren:

FIRST LECTURE.—Bros. B. I. Feldman 1563, I. Davis 1349, L. Solomon, M. Da Costa J.W. 1349, B. Da Costa P.M. 1349, B. Stewart P.M. 1349, N. Goldman Std. 1349.

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Bros. H. M. Belleck 2501, H. F. Brombord P.M.

SECOND LECTURE.—Bros. H. M. Pollock 2501, H. F. Bromhead P.M. 2318, I. Goulston Std. 1349, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, L. Simmons 1278.

THIRD LECTURE.—Bros. J. Dancyger 205, I. Hinderwell P.M. 1625, H.

Third Lecture.—Bros. J. Dancyger 205, I. Hinderwell P.M. 1625, H. Harris S.W. 1349.

Eleven new members were proposed and unanimously elected, Brother Roberts responding on their behalf.

A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., and the Brethren testified their sincere appreciation of the really excellent manner in which the proceedings had been conducted by Bro. De Casseres by the hearty manner in which the vote was accorded. Votes of thanks were also given to those Brethren who had assisted to work the sections; no praise can be too high for designating the quality of the Masonic work done.

A letter was received from Lady Richardson, thanking the Brethren for their sympathy in her recent loss.

Lodge was subsequently closed and adjourned.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

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A T Bro. Jones's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bro. Major Reed W.M., C. T. Brown W.M. 733 S.W., G. Weaver J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, G. D. Mogford I.P.M. 2362 Secretary, Lilly S.D., J. L. Miller J.D., Barter I.G., Busby, Handover, Thomas, T. W. Mogford W.M. 2362, Wynman, Wortham, Wall, Halston, Williams, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Busby candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, when the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Wortham was entrusted and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, he acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were faultlessly rendered. Bro. Williams I.G. 733 was elected a member, and Bro. C. T. Brown W.M. 733 chosen as W.M. for next meeting. The annual dinner will take place on Tuesday, 23rd inst. Tuesday, 23rd inst.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

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A VERY successful meeting was held on Wednesday, at Bro. Percy Day's, the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, E.C., when Bro. W. H. Latham acted as W.M., with Bros. A. Clarkson S.W., H. Kobelt J.W., A. V. H. Pauncefort P.M. Preceptor, J. C. Tilt P.M. Secretary, Victor J. Wright S.D., Percy Day J.D., G. Hartley I.G., S. H. Latham, H. E. Wright, W. S. Wright, Wynman, Kemp, A. Collins, Edward H. Ridge, and others.

After formalities the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, which ceremony was most faultlessly rendered, to the satisfaction of all present. By desire of the W.M., Bro. Kobelt, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first and second sections.

Bro. E. H. Ridge was elected a member, and a hearty vote was put on the minutes for the excellent working of the W.M. Bro. Kobelt was elected W.M. for next week.

The annual supper of this Lodge is in course of arrangement; due notice will be given of the date and other particulars.

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EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

O^N Saturday, 27th ult., the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. C. Woods, when there were present Bros. Woods W.M., Coote S.W., Coates J.W., Beste Secretary, Ward S.D., Brangwin J.D., Manners I.G., Speller P.M. P.P.G.D. Essex Preceptor, Thomas P.M., Hunter P.M., and others

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Bro. Coote was candidate for installation. Bro. Wheatley rehearsed the investiture of Officers.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed, in its entirety, at this Lodge of Instruction on Saturday, 27th March.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

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A T the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., Bro. I. Goulston W.M., W. Boyce P.M. S.W., Weeks J.W., Goodman S.D., W. Johnson J.D., Butcher I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., Marks, Holmes, Cuthbertson, Soar, Spencer, Burden, Alabaster, Panting, W. Joss, W. West.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Marks acting as candidate. The Brethren assisted Bro. Goulston to work the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Soar, Cuthbertson, and West answered the questions leading to the third degree.

Bro. Soar 2626 became a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Boyce P.M. was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

We shall be pleased to send forms for reporting the meetings of Lodges of Instruction, and insert same regularly if forwarded.

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HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE members held their annual banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Thursday, 18th ult. About seventy Brethren were present, and Bro. and Mrs. Batchelor, the steward and stewardess of the Club, catered so well for the company that during the evening the W.M. personally thanked Bro. Batchelor, in the name of the Lodge, for the admirable manner in which the dinner had been laid and served. Bro. C. S. Stebbing, who was recently elected as W.M. for a second term, presided. presided.

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Letters were read from Brethren from several parts of the Province, expressing regret at their inability to be present.

The Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., wrote to the W.M.—"It would have been a great pleasure to me to have accepted your kind invitation, but unfortunately I must remain in London at present. May I ask you, however, to convey to the Brethren my sincere thanks for their kindness in sending me so cordial an invitation. Let me congratulate you personally on the high honour you have received at the hands of the Brethren in being called a second time to the chair. I feel sure they have made an excellent choice."

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed. That of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon and Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bros. F. B. Westlake and J. B. Gover. Bro. Westlake once more called attention to the splendid work that was being done by the various Masonic charities in London, as well as in the Province of Devon, and make an earnest appeal to the Brethren to give all the support they could to those Institutions.

The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Edwin T. Clemens S.W., who spoke in warm terms of the valuable services Bro. Stebbing had rendered to the Lodge and the Masonic charities for many years past, and added that when the members of Lodge Harmony recently found themselves in a position, owing to unforseen circumstances, to elect Bro. Stebbing to the chair for a second time they gladly and readily availed themselves in a position, owing to unforseen circumstances, to elect Bro. Stebbing to the chair for a second time they gladly and readily availed themselves in the a position, owing to unforseen circumstances, to elect Bro. Stebbing to the chair for a second time they gladly and readily availed themselves of the o

a degree, to assist in this work.

Bro. Stebbing then presented Bro. Widger, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, in recognition of the able and dignified manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. The Lodge had had a most successful year, and for this result they were largely indebted to Bro. Widger.

Bro. Widger briefly acknowledged the gift, and other toasts followed.

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.FORESTERS LODGE, No. 456.

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THE festival of St. John the Evangelist and installation of Bro. Dr. W. J. H. Fletcher took place at the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, on Thursday, 18th ult. The Foresters Lodge has an interesting record, and its Warrant, dating from 1838, places it sixth in point of seniority among the thirty-two Lodges of the Province of Staffordshire. As a point of special interest in connection with the installation, it may be mentioned that Dr. Fletcher, the new Master, is son of Bro. Dr. W. Fletcher, who was Master of the Lodge in 1858, and at the present time is one of the cldest Past Masters in the Province. Three of his seniors, still happily with us, are Bro. James Marson, who was Master of the Lodge of Fortitude (now erased) at Stafford, in 1836; Bro. S. Hill, Master of the Etruscan Lodge, Longton, in 1851; and Bro. Frank James P.D.P.G.M. Master of St. Matthew Lodge, Walsall, in 1855. Bro. Dr. W. Fletcher hoped to have been present at the installation of his son, but was prevented by indisposition, and it was also a matter for regret that Bro. H. Orton Goodwin, the retiring W.M., was unable to be present from a like cause.

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In the absence of Bro. Goodwin Bro. J. Payne Hall W.M. in 1874, and first Master of St. Giles's Lodge, Cheadle, opened the Lodge. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch P.M. 418 I.P.M. 2487 P.P.G.S.W.

Apologies expressing regret for absence were received from Bro. Lieut-Colonel Bindley Deputy Provincial Grand Master P.G. Deacon England, and

Colonel Bindley Deputy Florincial Class and Corded to Bro. Greatbatch for the admirable manner in which he conducted the installation ceremony, and a resolution of sympathy was passed with Bro. Orton Goodwin.

Bro. W. Vernon presented a book on Masonry to the Lodge, and was thanked for the gift.

After the closing of the Lodge, a banquet was held at the Cross Keys Hotel, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, at which the usual toasts were honoured.

LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Grausmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., Bro William Jones W.M. The principal business of the evening was that of passing Bros. Matthew Goth and Robert Hartley Beard to the degree of F.C., the first ceremony being performed by Bro. H. J. Harrison P.M., the latter being undertaken by the W.M. The usual festive board followed, a very pleasant evening being spent. There were present:—Bros. Robert Adshead S.W., George H. Scott J.W., C. H. Griffiths S.D., Dr. E. E. Jones J.D., S. Andrews I.G., Henry B. Brown P.M. Treasurer, G. E. Mellor Secretary, J. M. Frost P.M., S. Whitaker P.M., Thos. Tyers P.M., J. H. Smith P.M., W. Whyte McLeod I.P.M. C.R. 1166, J. C. Brown, and others.

Visitors:—Bros. Wm. Hy. Beastow P.M. 1459 P.P.G.S., A. Moxon J.W. 1166, H. G. Walker S.D. 2185, F. Robinson I.G. 361.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 22nd ult., Bro. Fred Hilton P.P.G.D.C. W.M. As there was no particular business to engage the attention of the Officers, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harry Bowes acting as candidate. An early adjournment was made to supper, this being followed by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to.

ST. CLEMENT LODGE, No. 2442.

THE members met at the Lodge room at the Bell Hotel, Leigh, on Saturday, 13th ult., for general business and the installation of the new W.M. Bro. H. Barrow, of Forest Gate, who succeeds Bro. William Beecroft. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. E. Bridgland

P.M., in an admirable manner.

Other business included the raising of Bro. J. R. Deeley, the acceptance of Bro. W. T. Buxton and the proposal of Bro. W. F. Saunt as joining

After the Installation had been completed a banquet took place at the Middleton Hotel, when Bro. William Beecroft was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and the usual toast list was gone through.

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EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

A T a meeting held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Great George-street, Lecds, Comps. John Basil Mays and John Ripley were installed in the chairs of Z. and H. respectively, for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Comp. William Flockton P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, and James Wood Blackburn I.P.Z.

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EMPIRE CHAPTER, No. 2108.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Monday, 1st inst. Comp. Frank Jameson M.E.Z. opened the convocation, assisted by Comps. E. W. Denniss H., and Hermann

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The mystical lecture was explained by Comp. William Shurmur P.P.G.J. Essex in his usual impressive manner, and he afterwards conducted the ceremonies of installation of the Principals, namely Comps. E. Warden Denniss as Z., Hermann Klein as H., and James Speller as J. The following Officers were also appointed:—Comps. William Shurmur Scribe E., A. Davidson Kemp Scribe N., E. E. Harding Treasurer, J. Sefton Mayors P.S., Vincent S Galsworthy A.S. Ernest Courage Std., and H. Evenden Janitor.

With a very pleasant and cordial speech the M.E.Z., on behalf of the Chapter, thanked Comp. Frank Jameson for his able services during the past year, and presented him with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel as a souvenir of his term of office.

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Comp. A. J. R. Trendall P.G.S.B. England was accepted as a joining member. Three Brethren were proposed as exaltees at the next convocation, and the Treasurer's report, showing a very satisfactory balance, was accepted. Comp. Warden Denniss received the congratulations of the Companions, and there being no further business the Chapter was closed in solemn form and the company adjourned to dinner. The customary congratulatory speeches ensued, and a very pleasant evening was passed, several of the Companions present contributing to the entertainment.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE AT BOURNEMOUTH.

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To Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, belongs the credit of having initiated and carried out the unique and interesting function which took place at the Bournemouth Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 23rd ult. In London and some other parts of the country it is by no means a novelty for Brethren to arrange for the occasional entertainment of lady guests at Masonic Lodge rooms; but nothing of the kind has ever been attempted in Bournemouth till Lodge Horsa took the matter in hand. There has, of course, been an annual ball—for which all the local Lodges have joined forces—but never before have the doors of the Lodge room been thrown open, and ladies been invited to assemble and make merry within the sacred portals. That they gave as ready and eager response to so unique an invitation almost goes without saying; and it is equally certain that the experiment having proved so great a success, will be repeated till Masonic Conversaziones probably become as regular, and as much auticipated a fixture, as the Masonic Ball. The arrangements made by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge were admirable; there was only one matter for regret, and that was entirely beyond their control. Had it been within their power to extend the accommodation of the premises, they would have invited a larger company, and also have given those who attended some fuller facilities for the inspection of the many Masonic treasures and works of art which they had so industriously collected. Besides a veritable museum of curiosities, works of art, and Masonic regalia and insignia, the evening's programme included an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music; a revelation of some of the mysteries of nature and science, including demonstrations of the marvellous powers of the Rontgen X Rays—for which the thanks of the Lodge are due to Bro. Macgillieuddy M.R.C.S., and Bro. G. E. Bridge—and an exhibition of microscopes and electrical and chemical apparatus, with slides illustrating the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms, i

The guests were received by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. C. Pearce, who subsequently expressed the very great joy it gave him to see so many ladies visiting Lodge Horsa. The "outside world," as a rule, thought

that the ladies did not appreciate Masonic work, but he took the presence of the ladies there that evening as a proof that they did.

Bro. Pearce also took occasion to express his thanks, and the thanks of the Lodge, to the many friends who had assisted them, remarking that they had cheering messages and kindnesses from all parts of the country, near and remote—while the old Lodge of Hengist, Amity, Unity, and, indeed, all the Lodges of the district, had held out friendly hands to them, demonstrating that they were one united body, with one common end.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. Speth followed with a humorous address, mainly with reference to some of the exhibits which he had brought from London, making particular mention of two sets of prints, which professed—he only said professed—to reveal the working of a Masonic Lodge. The ladies were at liberty to infer what they liked from them; perhaps with their natural intuition they would be able to comprehend the mysteries, but the difficulty was to say which of the two sets was correct, for they did not show the same thing.

The musical programme, which had been arranged under the direction of Bro. G. E. Bridge, was, like other features of the festival, carried out in a most satisfactory manner.

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W. Mate, and J. M. McLeod Secretary Royal Masonic Institution Boys, were also among the exhibitors.

Bro. Harvey's collection included, besides other "objets d'art," some beautiful miniatures of William Pitt (Earl Chatham), Her Majesty Queen Caroline, Marie Stuart, &c. An old map of Hampshire (date about 1750), sent by Bro. C. T. Miles, excited special attention from the fact that it shows "Bascomb" (Boscombe), but has no mention of "Bournemouth,"—and the Burn, though shown as rather a pretentious stream, is without a name, and wholly in the county of Dorset. "Bascomb" is located nearly up to Christchurch Head,—at about the spot where Southbourne now stands. Another historic item was an oil painting by J. W. Carmichael (lent by Mr. W. J. Day), giving a view of Bournemouth from the sea, as it appeared in 1861, when Thornbury's pier was in course of erection. The picture is by an artist of recognised position, and is valuable as a means of judging what Bournemouth was thirty-six years ago, and of noting the wonderful transformation which has since taken place.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY have again issued a very handy book, containing lists of the principal Dog and Poultry Shows, Cattle and Horse Fairs, Racing Fixtures, and Agricultural Shows for 1897. The list is produced in convenient pocket form, and copies may be obtained gratis on application to the Superintendent of the line, King's Cross Station, G.N.R., or to the Company's Provincial Agents.

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).

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5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, F.M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H't'l.
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2030 The Abbey, Westminster
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.
40 Derwent. Hastings

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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
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury
292 Sincerity, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield
297 Whitham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
314 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
379 Honour, Bath
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
887 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Filey
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle
1368 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'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, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2277 Earl of Leicester, Wells
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2279 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

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

917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane
2400 Brentford, Brentford
80 St. John Sunderland 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane
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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 & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
666 Jerusalem, Bristol
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bromley
1373 St. Hubert Andover 1220 Solway, Aspatria
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1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bromley
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
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
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883 William of Wykeh'm, W'nch'ter
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2492 Concordia, Wendover
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

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11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
87 Vitruvian, Southwark
136 Good Report, Albion
147 Justice, Deptford
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern
1629 United, Freemasons'-hall
1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel
1815 Penge, Anerley
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
1986 Honor Cak, Upper Norwood
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.
2470 Telegraph Cable, Ship & Turtle
2484 Second Mid. Artillery, F.M.H.
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati
54 Hope, Rochdale

54 Hope, Rochdale 84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey 125 Prince Edwin, Hythe

146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
277 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon
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 Arboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
852 Zetland, Salford
854 Albert, Shaw
1005 Zetland, Gloucester
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
1060 Marmion, Tamworth
1064 Borough, Burnley
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
1091 Erme, lvybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1101 Grey Friars, Reading
1112 Shirley, Southampton
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
1331 Addershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1598 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1465 Ockenden, Cucktield
1547 Liverpool, Liverpoor
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
2046 Robinson, Maidstone
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hamptn Ct
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Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
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
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
1471 Islington, Highbury
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall
1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal
1987 Strand, Piccadilly
2033 University of London, F.M.H.
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras 19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho. 2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
2417 Bolingbroke, Lavender Hill
2509 Barnet, New Barnet

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35 Medina, Cowes
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
71 Unity, Lowestoft
97 Palatine, Sunderland
112 St. George, Exeter
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
139 Britannia, Sheffield
191 St. John, Bury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Preston
344 Faith, Radcliffe
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe

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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
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
739 Temperance, Birmingham
784 Wellington, Deal
816 Royd, Littleboro'
945 Abbey, Abingdon
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
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
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.
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton
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 Shadon, Alton
2038 Portcullis, Langport
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
2132 Egerton, Seacombe
2217 Windermere, Windermere
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
2227 White Horse, Westbury
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2255 Eden, Workington
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2529 Abbey, Whalley
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall 33 Britannic, Freemasons'-hall
134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
177 Domatic, Anderton's
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
780 Royal Alfred, Kew Bridge
1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
1 104 Anchor, Café Royal
1997 John Carpenter, Albion
2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke N'gton 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff 81 Doric, Woodbridge 170 All Souls, Weymouth 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby 445 Fidelity, Towcester 458 Aire and Calder, Goole 445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
516 Phœnix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
680 Sefton, Liverpool
712 Lindsey, Louth
786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
815 Blair, Manchester
916 Hartington, Eastbourne
951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1289 Rock, Birkenhead
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2244 Cowner and Newton, Olney 1983 Martyn, Southwold 2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney 2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle 173 Phenix, Freemasons'-hall 176 Caveac, Albion 1328 Granite, Holborn Restanrant 1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern 1686 Paxton, Camberwell 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's

1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h. 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h. 2206 Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel

308 Prince George, Eastwood 336 Benevolence, Marple 1755 Eldon, Portishead 2095 Caterham, Caterham 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray 2246 Cyclist, Croydon 2359 Doric, Didsbury

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Drury Lane.—7:30, Aladdin. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 1:30 also.
Lyceum.—8, Richard III.
Haymarket.—8:30, Under the Red Robe. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
St. James's.—8, As you like it. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2: Savoy.—7:50, Weather or No. 8:30, His Majesty. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Daly's.—8:15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Vaudeville.—8:15, Round a Tree. 9, A Night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—8:15, La Poupee. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30. Other afternoons, at 2:45, A Pierrot's Life, &c.
Gaiety.—8, The Circus Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Adelphi.—7:45, All that glitters is not gold. 9, Black Ey'd Susan.
Strand.—8:15, My Aunt's advice. 9, The Prodigal Father. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Terry's.—8:15, Delicate Ground. 9, The Eider-down Quilt. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Comedy.—On Wednesday, at 8, Byeways. 9, Saucy Sally.
Lyric.—8:15 The daughters of Babylon. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday. Criterion.—8:30, Rosemary. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Court.—8:15, A bit of old Chelsea. 9, Sweet Nancy. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Avenue.—8:30, Nelson's Enchantress. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Globe.—8, The Confederates. 8:45, The Mac Haggis. Matinée, Saturday, 2:45.
Garrick.—8:15, The man in the street. 9, My friend the Prince. Matineé,

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Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday. Grand.—Next week, The Duchess of Coolgardie.

Parkhurst.—Next week, at 8, His little Dodge.

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. 8, Rip Van Winkle. The Animatographe. 10.25, The Tzigane.

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