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THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

AS the day draws near for the celebration of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution it seems to be more and more apparent that the counter attraction of the Boys School Centenary will have a very serious effect on the returns for the year, but we yet hope sufficient will be collected to prevent an actual deficit, despite the fact that the amount required for the Annuities of the year is so large as £16,384, in addition to which there are the working expenses to be provided for, with a small sum, in comparison, available in the shape of assured income.

In our first issue this year we wrote at some length as to the needs of this Institution, and the splendid work it is engaged in carrying on. The recipients of its bounty now number close on 500, each of whom receives such an amount as to relieve them of all trouble so far as the actual provision of the necessities of life are concerned, and not a few of them must look upon the amount regularly sent them from the Offices of the Institution as a veritable Godsend.

We have been very pleased to learn that different members of the Craft have specially taken up the cause of the Old People during the last few weeks, recognising that the alarm expressed in various quarters has a real existence, and feeling it would indeed be a calamity if the Festival turned out as badly as some were apt to predict it would do, a couple of months back. But there is ample room, nay, almost a necessity, for further workers, and even at this late hour we once more appeal to our readers to see if it is possible for them to do anything to increase the total for the year.

The worthy Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry, is making strenuous exertions on behalf of the Fund he has so zealously served for many years past, and we cheerfully add our voice in support of his appeal. The Festival is to be held on Tuesday week, the 22nd instant, so that there is no time to be lost—yet there is ample in which to achieve much, if the task is enthusiastically started upon. There is room for more names on the roll of Stewards, and if any of our readers can see their way to fill up one of the blanks yet on the list we are sure they will never regret having acted in support of so good a cause.

UNPUNCTUALITY.

THE fatal mistake of unpunctuality in commencing the work of the Craft led several members of a Provincial Lodge into serious trouble last month, and as a result thirteen Brethren had to appear at the Farnham Petty Sessions on the 10th inst., to answer the charge of being found on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

It was urged for the defence that the business of the

Lodge which the Brethren had attended was commenced an hour late, and thus everything was thrown out of gear. The Bench took a lenient view of the case, and dismissed the summonses, but at the same time they—very wisely we think—expressed the opinion that the police were perfectly right and justified in taking the proceedings they did, and were only doing their duty.

It is a great pity that a Masonic Lodge, the first care of whose members should be to conform to the laws of the country, should so carelessly lay themselves open to such a charge as this—which in the natural course of events is widely reported in the general press of the country—as it gives the enemies of Freemasonry such strong evidence in support of their case against the Craft.

The annual ladies' night in connection with the Cator Lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, 31st ult., when Bro. Dr. F. A. Barton W.M. presided over a very large gathering of 180 Brethren. In former years the Cator Lodge has usually united with the Lewis in arranging for its annual ladies' gathering, but this year both have decided to run alone, and, so far as the Cator is concerned, the general success of the evening warrants it doing so in the future. Soon after six o'clock, the company having assembled in the reception room of the Holborn Restaurant, a move was made to the magnificent Masonic Temple, where the Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen, were duly presented to the W.M. The banquet was held in the Council Chamber, and at the conclusion the W.M. briefly proposed the toast of the Queen, and announced that speeches were to be extremely few in number and brief in character. On such an occasion, of course, the toast of the Ladies was sure to be received with the greatest enthusiasm, and was proposed in very graceful terms by the W.M.

The fifth annual banquet, concert, and ball in connection with the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Wednesday, 12th ult., and passed off very successfully. Bro. Wm. Hile W.M. presided at the banquet, and gave the usual toasts. Bro. J. Morgan P.M. proposed the Worshipful Master, and expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of the Immediate Past Master Bro. L. F. Side. In Bro. W. Hile they had an excellent W.M. and they all hoped that his year of office would be attended with much success. The chairman, in responding, said he believed gatherings of that kind did much to cement friendships and to bring new members into the Lodge.

The large ball room at the Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, presented a very brilliant appearance on Wednesday night, 2nd inst., the occasion being a Masonic ball arranged by the Noel Money Lodge, No. 2521. Although the youngest Lodge in the locality, the Noel Money is one of the strongest, and the success attending the organisation of this gathering afforded gratifying proof of its vigour. By a dispensation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Brethren attending the ball were permitted to wear Craft clothing.

The Brethren of Meridian Lodge, No. 893, held their annual ball in the Boys Schoolroom, Millbrook, on Monday, 31st ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

ON Friday afternoon, 4th inst., a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by the Grand Master Lord Saltoun, visited Newhailes House, and presented a bust in marble of Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., to his family. The bust is placed on a marble pillar, to which is affixed a silver plate bearing the following inscription :

Presented by the Grand Lodge of Scotland
to the family of Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., of Newhailes, M.P.,
in acknowledgment of their father's services as Grand Master Mason
in 1894-95-96.

Mr. W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., Edinburgh, executed the work, and a duplicate of the bust, in marble, is to be placed in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.

The Grand Master, in presenting the bust, said that Sir Charles had for many years been a Provincial Grand Master, and in that capacity, as well as in others, as a Mason, had endeared himself to his Province in a most singular manner, and from all parts of the district of Argyll and the Isles, over which he presided, there was nothing but praise as to the manner in which he took care of that charge. He had now been reappointed to his old office, and his lordship trusted that he might long be spared to fill that most dignified and honourable position. His career as Grand Master Mason came, of course, very particularly under his eye, because Sir Charles did him the honour of appointing him as one of his lieutenants, and during the whole time he had the honour of working under him as Grand Master he knew the excellent way in which he carried on the work of the Grand Lodge, and the self-denial which was so very often implied by the journeys and distances he had to go in order to carry on visitations and other work for the Grand Lodge. It was a fact well known to the whole of Grand Lodge that the continuing of that work which Lord Haddington instituted was of very great gain to the whole of Masonry. From Lord Haddington and Sir Charles having commenced and carried on that system of visiting, had arisen a very much better feeling amongst Masons for Grand Lodge, and a very much greater amount of respect for Grand Lodge and for the Grand Master; and Sir Charles had a share of the respect of Masons all over Scotland, which was, if possible, more than any Grand Master ever had before he had the honour to take the chair. In Grand Lodge there were a large number of busts of Past Grand Masters of Scotland, and he felt perfectly sure that another place would be most worthily filled by this bust, and that those who came after him in the long series of illustrious men who had occupied the Masonic throne, would recognise that Sir Charles Dalrymple was not the least amongst them. He had not as yet had an opportunity of seeing the bust, but from what he had seen of the work which the artist, Mr. Grant Stevenson, had done before, and the likeness of Lord Haddington which he had produced, he felt sure that Sir Charles' bust would also be an excellent work of art, and a striking likeness. He now presented to Sir Charles Dalrymple, and to those who would succeed him in the future—which he trusted would be long delayed—that bust from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in acknowledgment of the great and good work which he had done for that Grand Lodge and for Masonry. He trusted it might long remain in that house as a fitting reminder to him of the affection and regard in which he was, and had been, held by Grand Lodge, and that those who came after him might perhaps walk in his footsteps, and become good Masons, and, he trusted, aspire and succeed to the office which he had so well and worthily filled.

The bust, which was then unveiled, has been produced by Mr. Stevenson from a beautiful block of white marble, and bears a splendid likeness to the Past Grand Master. The Ladies, some of whom, it was said, had seen it before, and all who were present, admired it very much, and congratulated the modest sculptor on his great success. The bust is to be placed in the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy.

Sir Charles Dalrymple thanked the Grand Master for his expression of the mind of Grand Lodge. He said he wished his son, a midshipman of the Royal Navy, could have been present, but that his two sisters were very sensible of the interest and importance of the occasion, and the gift would be most carefully preserved in all time coming within the old home of theirs. It would always be a valuable and prized remembrance of his period of office as Grand Master. Mr. Grant Stevenson, the sculptor, was with them that day, and those who were present were able to congratulate him on the completion of the task assigned to

him by Grand Lodge. As the Grand Master had said, they knew the works of art he had already presented to the public, and he was sure those who saw this bust would feel that he had not fallen behind his previous attainments. This was not an occasion for long speech-making. When a man saw his own bust he must have it suggested to him that silence was an excellent thing. To look on a bust was a reproof to talkativeness. Therefore, a man who had his bust presented to him should obviously talk less in time to come. On behalf of his family, he thanked Grand Lodge and the representatives thereof.

After partaking of the hospitality of Newhailes, and admiring its rich stores of antiquities, literature and art, the deputation returned to Edinburgh.—“Aberdeen Journal.”

We are pleased to hear there is an immediate prospect of a new Lodge being formed in Wandsworth, under the title of the “Wandle,” with a probable number approaching 2699. As this Lodge will hold its meetings in Wandsworth, and among the founders are such names as Bros. Baker, Tiedeman, Clark, Penman, Kendall, Major Bosworth, Dr. Maitland Coffin, Hudson, Harden, Budge, Stacey, Wharton, its success is more than assured, says a contemporary. It is the intention to hold the meetings at the Town Hall for the present, until suitable rooms are provided.

The honour of the Grand Treasurership for 1899-1900 seems likely to be more keenly fought for than has been the case for some years past, several names being already mentioned as probable candidates. The latest in the field is Bro. Harry Manfield P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts P.M. of two Northampton Lodges and a Vice-President of all three Institutions, who will be nominated and supported by his Province in due course.

We regret to hear that Bro. Charles Wyndham's indisposition has developed into an attack of influenza, which is now so prevalent. His part in “The Liars” at the Criterion is being played by Bro. Henry Neville.

H.R.H. the Grand Master has sent a cheque for twenty guineas towards the fund being raised to complete the restoration of the Church at Stratford-on-Avon, wherein lay the remains of our great dramatist William Shakespeare.

Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., P. Junior Grand Warden has been elected M.P. for York, and took the oath at the opening of Parliament.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

THE remains of Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey P.M. of the Tennant Lodge, and P.P.G. Registrar of the Eastern Division of South Wales, one of the best known Freemasons of Cardiff, were interred on Saturday, 5th inst., at the local Cemetery, in the presence of a large assemblage of Officers and Brethren of the several Lodges in the district. The Brethren, each wearing regalia and a sprig of acacia, marched in procession from the Masonic Temple to the late residence of the deceased in Fitzalan Place, where they took up a position in front of the hearse, thence to the Cemetery. There were in attendance also many members of the Castell Caerdydd Lodge of Oddfellows, of which the deceased was a member. A large number of wreaths had been received.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Henry Hall, for upwards of twenty-eight years Tyler to the Brethren of Lewes and district, took place at St. Anne's Churchyard, Lewes, on the 7th inst. The coffin was of polished elm, and on it were placed a number of beautiful wreaths, including the following:—“From the W.M. and Brethren of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, with deepest sympathy;” “From the W.M. and Brethren of the Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, with sincere sympathy and regret.”

THE funeral of Bro. William Handley Ball, the veteran Masonic Tyler, of Liverpool, whose death we reported last week, took place on the 4th inst., at Anfield Cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of Masonic and other friends, while wreaths were sent by relatives, friends, and several Lodges.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the 9th inst. Bro. G. E. Royle was installed to the premier position in the Lodge, Bros. W. Ascough and T. Raven being the Installing Masters, and he afterwards invested his Officers.

NORMAN LODGE, No. 1334.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the 19th ult., Bro. C. Rowlandson P.P.J.G.W. W.M. presiding.

Bro. W. T. Bowden S.W. was presented for installation, and the ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. C. Rowlandson.

At the conclusion of the installation proceedings the Brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where the annual festival of St. John was held.

During the banquet a more than usually interesting ceremony took place, in the presentation to Bro. C. Rowlandson of a handsome piece of plate in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge. The duty of making the presentation fell upon Bro. W. Gray P.M. P.P.G.St.B. the oldest P.M. of the Lodge present, and was performed by him in an appropriate and graceful manner. The eminent services rendered by Bro. Rowlandson, to the Norman Lodge in particular, and to Freemasonry generally, were recapitulated, and warmly commented upon by Bro. Gray, who handed over the plate to the recipient amid the hearty applause of the Brethren present.

Bro. C. Rowlandson, in accepting the gift, referred to his long connection with Freemasonry, and to the progress of the Craft not only in the Province of Durham, but throughout the Fraternity generally. He assured the Brethren of his unceasing loyalty to the Craft and of his desire to further its influence in every legitimate way. The plate consisted of a splendid silver salver, bearing an appropriate inscription.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE annual banquet was held on Saturday, 5th inst., when a large gathering of members and visiting Brethren sat down to a substantial repast at the Masonic Hall, Plymouth. The Worshipful Master Bro. S. G. Edwards presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens Bros. W. Pryor and A. B. Venning.

Previous to the evening function, at the usual meeting of the Lodge, Mr. J. Newman Pearce was initiated, and Bro. W. F. Boundy was passed to the second degree.

In the course of the evening Bros. Philp and Selleck, responding to the toast of the Treasurer and the Secretary respectively, testified to the healthy condition of the Lodge financially and numerically, and in the general tone of its membership. Special reference was made to "Prudence's" generous support of the various charities, examples of which had that day been given by the Lodge voting £10 10s to the Aged Widows' Annuity Fund, and £1 1s to the Channel Queen Disaster Distress Fund.

Bro. Pryor Senior Warden, in proposing the Worshipful Master, spoke in highly complimentary terms of Bro. Edwards, who had proved himself a thoroughly good Mason, and consequently an equally good man, doing his very best for his Lodge as a whole, and ever ready to extend to the Junior Officers that kind assistance and advice so necessary to the smooth and successful carrying out of the work.

Bro. Edwards, in responding, thanked the company for the enthusiastic manner in which they received his name, and said he had up to the present considered the period he had passed in the chair to be the happiest of his life. He regarded Masonry as a very serious business, inasmuch as it was an institution through which vast numbers of deserving persons received benefits, but for which they must of necessity have suffered great privations or become an additional burden on the already overtaxed portion of the general community.

HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

THE installation of Bro. W. S. Atkinson as Worshipful Master took place at Saltburn on Tuesday, 8th inst. There was a large attendance of Brethren from local Lodges.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Alexandra Hotel, where the usual toasts were honoured.

COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

ON Thursday, 10th inst., the annual installation was held at Regent House, Clevedon. Brother T. Grant was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the I.P.M. Rev. A. R. Cartwright.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 1942.

ON Tuesday, 8th inst., Bro. John Darlington was installed in the chair by his immediate predecessor, in the presence of one of the largest gatherings seen at Fenton, the number of Past Masters totalling about twenty-five, whilst the number of those who had not passed the chair was equally satisfactory, and testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Darlington is held.

A very pleasing presentation took place in the Lodge room, when Bro. W. T. McNeal presented the Tyler Bro. Thos. Warren with a very handsome bookcase, as a mark of appreciation of the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Office he had held since the formation of the Lodge in January 1882.

Bro. Warren, who has resigned the office of Tyler in consequence of other engagements, returned thanks to the Brethren.

MOLESWORTH LODGE, No. 1954.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on Monday, 7th inst., at Wadebridge, when Bro. H. B. Crabb S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean P.P.S.G.W.

The Brethren afterwards met at Bro. Bonney's Commercial Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided and the Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE annual supper was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon, on Monday, 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Ernest E. Eve W.M.

At the Lodge meeting held previously, Messrs. C. A. Shipman and H. O. Daughtry were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

The Brethren, including Visitors, numbered thirty. In responding for the Grand Officers present and past Bro. Ralling remarked that last year over £72,000 was subscribed to the Masonic Charities, and that besides this the Board of Benevolence distributed quietly and unostentatiously over £10,000 among poor and distressed Brethren. This year the Centenary Festival of the Boys School was to be held, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had promised to preside; it was proposed to raise £100,000, and he hoped every Lodge in the Province would send up a Steward. It was decided to remove the Institution farther from London, and a site had been purchased at Bushey, Herts, and a Brother from a neighbouring county had most generously promised the handsome donation of £5,000 towards the chapel. Bro. Ralling concluded by calling attention to the growth of Masonry in Essex. When he was first elected Prov.G.Sec. there were only nineteen Lodges, and now they numbered thirty-eight, with a membership roll of over 2,000.

WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

AT the installation meeting, held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at Birkenhead, Bro. A. H. Rigmaiden was installed W.M. at the hands of his predecessor, Bro. G. Proudman.

In the course of the proceedings the Mayor of Birkenhead Bro. E. G. Mason P.P.G.D. presented the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, a valuable case of cutlery, in recognition of his services in the chair.

ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 2541.

ON Saturday, 5th inst., the Brethren held their installation meeting, at Avonmouth. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. E. J. Pillers, after which the Master-elect Bro. Thomas Hoskins Gore was duly installed.

The Brethren then dined together at the Royal Hotel, and honoured the usual Masonic toasts.

WYRESIDE LODGE, No. 2605.

ON Friday, 4th inst., there was a large gathering of the members and friends at the Institute, Garstang, when Bro. James Harrison was installed W.M. for the coming year.

Subsequently a banquet was held, when a goodly number sat down to a well-served repast, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ROYAL ARCH.

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UNION WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 13.

THE installation meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, on Wednesday, 26th ult., when Comp. A. Penfold P.Z. 913 and 1472 P.P.G.S. Kent installed the three Principals:—Comps. W. H. Keeble as Z., G. Porter as H., and H. Crowley as J.

The I.P.Z. Companion J. Matthey was presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel, for his valuable services rendered the Chapter during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem of the Companions.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Companion Penfold for his splendid work as Installing Officer. A vote of condolence with Comp. G. Kennedy, on his illness, was passed, his familiar presence being greatly missed, and then the Chapter was closed.

FAITH AND UNANIMITY CHAPTER, No. 417.

THE annual festival was held at Dorchester, on Wednesday, 19th ult., when Comp. Knight was installed First Principal, the Second and Third Principals being Comps. Young and Barrow respectively.

TYNWALD CHAPTER, No. 1242.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at Douglas, Isle of Man, when Comp. Corkill was installed as Z., Comp. Mark Carine as H., and Comp. F. R. Rowe as J.

Comp. J. A. Brown P.Z. was the installing Principal, a vote of thanks being accorded to him for his services, this making the ninth installation which the Dep. Prov.G.M. has performed this winter.

MARK MASONRY.

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LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

A SUCCESSFUL meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday, 3rd inst., when the installation of Bro. Tom Payne Kerman S.W. P.P.G.J.O. took place. Bro. Kerman was presented by Bro. J. O. Marsh Provincial Grand Master Monmouthshire, and ably installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. S. O. Williams.

The installation banquet was postponed on account of the demise of Bro. F. J. Ferris Bailey.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting was held at Hayle, on Tuesday, 18th ult., the Visitors including the Deputy Prov.G.M. Bro. Colville Smith.

Brother A. Dunkin was installed W.M. by Brother Percy T. Chirgwin P.P.J.G.W., in an exceedingly able manner.

The accounts, presented by Bro. J. G. Osborn, were very satisfactory.

THE HUMOURS OF ADVERTISING.

A FEW weeks ago, a novelty was introduced into the west-end streets of London, which took the form of the "sandwich girl." One of the band appeared in costume at Marlborough Street, having been summoned for causing an obstruction in Regent Street. She was dressed in a long red gown, and wore on her head a white pointed clown's cap. In her hand, suspended by a string, was a large label,

"Eaten by the Queen."

A constable explained that on the afternoon of 11th January he saw defendant leading several other "sandwich girls" along the kerb, delivering bills, and requested her to go into the carriage-way, which she refused to do.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bernard Abrahams:—"A person did complain of the obstruction. The girls were carrying a picture of the Queen, in her donkey-chaise, eating one of the biscuits which were being advertised by them. He did not take a biscuit; he took the girl's name and address instead" (laughter).

The magistrate having been told that this girl got upon the pavement simply to avoid the traffic, said the lot of such girls could not be very happy, liable as they were to be run against by the carriages. Defendant must take care after the caution he would now give her. She must pay a fine of 5s, and 2s costs.

Devices of advertisers, almost from the moment when advertisements came generally into fashion, and the expedients which they have adopted to bring their wares and various qualifications into prominence, would more than represent the two types of fabulous mythology, Briareus with a hundred arms, and a Hydra with a hundred heads. If we could only believe, and rationally swallow the pabulum which is ostentatiously placed before us every day of our lives, we must come to the conclusion that there ought to be no more sickness upon this earth, for where is the single ailment the human frame is liable to which has not its instantaneous and infallible panacea, or where is the abuse which can be specialised that is incapable of remedy? From White's "Blacking," to Candle's "Soothing Syrup," and Fooler's "Pills" there may be a wide transition, but the fact stares you in the face at every morning sederunt when you lay hold of your favourite newspaper. The bachelor who is living alone in a miserable sheol, is offered a veritable paradise if he will only be ruled by the matrimonial agencies; the thin man, forced to dine on the unhealthy ægritundry attempts of a boarding-house cook, is promised a profile as capacious as that of Daniel Lambert; while he, who, like Goldsmith's pawnbroker's widow is a little in flesh, is assured that he may easily rid himself of abnormal distention if he will only take Dr. Ranting's advice, forwarded post free for twelve stamps.

Of all the forms of construction to which a language is capable, that adopted by the advertiser is the most variable, ambiguous, and amusing, and from this wide field I shall endeavour to gather a few humorous and characteristic examples.

According to the "Wolverhampton Express," 27th August 1897, "the most recent discovery at Herculanum quite dissipates the error that advertising is a modern invention. A column has been found in the streets of that buried city very closely resembling the structure to be seen on the boulevards of Paris, and known as Les Colonnes Morris. Upon its surface layers of advertisements, stuck one on the top of another, have been preserved for nearly 2,000 years under a layer of lava and scoræ. The sheets, presumably of papyrus, were separated by judicious treatment, and enough of the inscriptions could be deciphered to reveal that they related to theatrical performances, public meetings, and electoral addresses. Moreover, science declares that the substance used in place of our vulgar paste was pure gum arabic."

It may be known to the reader that the British Museum possesses a collection of old Greek advertisements printed on leaden plates. Papyrus leaves over 3,000 years old have been found at Thebes, describing runaway slaves and offering a reward for their capture; and at Pompeii ancient advertisements have been deciphered on the walls.

Although not actually the oldest which it is possible to adduce in this country, yet the following copy of an advertisement which appeared in the "Mercurius Elencticus" (No. 45) 4th October 1648, may be considered as probably one of the oldest on record* :—

"The Reader is desired to peruse A Sermon, Entitled A Looking-glasse for Levellers, Preached at St. Peter's, Paul's Wharf, on Sunday, Sept. 24, 1648, by Pavl Knell, Mr. of Arts. Another Tract called A Reflex upon our Reformers, with a Prayer for the Parliament."

A writer in the "Gentlewoman" says: "the other day I happened to be passing down Oxford Street, and on a tray of match-boxes was a card with the following lines:—'Oh, Lucifer, Lucifer, how art thou fallen! only one halfpenny a box.' Years ago, somewhere in the same vicinity, on Derby Day, a crowd of people might have been seen gathered before a closed shop, on the shutters of which were placards announcing that 'All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy. Gone to the races. Back again to-morrow. Tea cheaper than ever.'"

The following appeared in the "Times" (about 1850),—"Wanted a man and his wife to look after a horse and dairy with a religious turn of mind, without any incumbrance." Another curious "want" in the same paper read thus:—"Two sisters want washing." That by a shoemaker was equally as lucid:—"Ladies wishing cheap shoes will do well to call soon. They won't last long."

The "Daily Telegraph" (June 1890) published a list of "Found dogs in possession of the police at Portland Town Station," which included one small Manchester terrier, two French and Russian poodles and a bay cob, fourteen hands, two inches; age six years; star on forehead; sound. The announcement further says:—"Persons having lost dogs of above description are requested to call at Portland Town Station, where they are on view at any time."

A theatrical paper, after announcing a forthcoming benefit performance,

* The Rev. Johnson Barker, LL.B., in a lecture on "The Newspaper Press of England, its Origin and Growth," speaks of what he considers to be the first advertisement:—"In the 'Impartial Intelligencer' for March 1648, a gentleman of Candish, in Suffolk, offers a reward for the recovery of two horses of which some rogue had robbed him. The first of its class, the hint was soon taken by the booksellers, and the vendors of quack medicines, who, from that period began by degrees to gather into the columns of the newspaper, and therein cry their wares; although it was full ten years after this before the general public awoke to the power of the press as an organ of commercial publicity."

concludes:—"Of course every one will be there; and for the edification of those who are absent, a full report will be found in our next paper."

One advertiser informs the public that he has succeeded to a certain business, and that he has for sale or hire "Donkeys like his father." In an advertisement by a railway company of some uncalled-for goods, the letter "l" had by an accident been dropped from the word "lawful," and the announcement read:—"People to whom these packages are directed, are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same." A Manchester paper informs us that "A foreign gentleman could be received into the house of a gentleman who is desirous to learn English conversationally, and would have all home comforts." Another says:—"A vacancy occurs for a little girl in the family of a motherly lady requiring kind but firm treatment." A spinster advertises that she "wishes for two or three children, having none of her own."

The description of a church bazaar is enhanced by the fact that "the visitor's eye will be struck on entering the room with a porcelain umbrella," an advertisement upon which too literal an interpretation must not be placed. A country journal announced:—"Our new school-house which was burnt last week, was large enough to accommodate 300 pupils four storeys high. The school-house will be rebuilt by a brother of the former architect, who died last summer on a new and improved plan." Another advertisement, inserted in the interest of a schoolgirl read:—"Wanted a horse, for a young lady of a dark brown colour, a good trotter, a high stepper, and having a long tail." The advertiser who required "a house suitable for a small family that has been recently papered and painted, and is in good order," might have been satisfied with the following, viz.:—"a house for a family in good repair." "Punch," in referring to the latter "to let," suggested that a family in good repair must mean one in which none of the members were cracked.

Two druggists are responsible for the following. The first one in his recommendation of a patent medicine adds, "Try one box—no other medicine will ever after be taken," while the second says he is advertising for "a competent person to undertake the sale of some newly-imported drugs," and this is how he concludes:—"It will be very profitable to the undertaker." A chemist advertises in his window, "Artificial eyes," immediately beneath which, on the same placard, are the words, "Open all night."

Who has not seen the following? "Mr. and Mrs. ——— have left off clothing of every description; inspection of the public is invited," or "Piano for sale by a lady about to cross the sea in a wooden box with iron handles; guaranteed to be in correct tone." The following was, some thirty years ago, the subject of a humorous article in the "Saturday Review":—"To be sold, an Erard grand piano, the property of a lady, about to travel in a walnut case with carved legs." A writer says:—"Different commodities we know are often enclosed in one case, but it is seldom that we see so incongruous a mixture as that contemplated by the person who wanted 'an ice chest to hold two hundred pounds of ice and a new harness.'"

An advertisement appeared some few years ago as follows:—"Wanted a boy to open oysters with a reference," while another, which extolled the virtues of an infant's feeding bottle ended thus:—"When the baby has done drinking, it must be unscrewed, and laid in a cool place, say under a tap." We are all familiar with the different varieties of jewellery for sale which include a "splendid lady's gold watch," an "excellent lady's ditto," a "small gold-faced lady's ditto," and we sometimes come across a "beautiful lady's umbrella," or a "black highly ornamented lady's fan." We have also for sale, a "massive gentleman's gold chain," and a "most reliable gentleman's gold watch," which sometimes takes the variant, a "rich gentleman's gold chain."

An Irish paper once contained an announcement that a Dublin spirit merchant had "still on hand a small quantity of the whisky which was drunk by George IV. when in Dublin"; while another dealer in the vinous commodity introduced himself to the public as follows:—"The advertiser, having made an advantageous purchase, offers for sale, on very low terms, about six dozen of prime port wine, lately the property of a gentleman forty years of age, full in the body, and with a high bouquet." A Dublin paper of 29th August 1805, advertises as follows:—"Notice is hereby given that the fox cover of Turnant is poisoned for the preservation of the game." These are also copied from Irish papers:—"One pound reward. Lost a cameo brooch, representing Venus and Adonis on the Drumcondra Road, about ten o'clock on Tuesday evening." "To be sold cheap, a splendid gray horse, calculated for a charger, or would carry a lady with a switch tail." "To be sold cheap, a mail phaeton, the property of a gentleman with a movable head, as good as new."

The proclamation of an Irish mayor, copied from a newspaper, was to the effect that certain business was to be transacted in a particular city, "every Monday (Easter Sunday only excepted)." It is said that the above is not an inadvertency, but is deliberately copied from a precedent, set in England by a baronet formerly well-known in Parliament, who, in the preamble to a bill, proposed that certain regulations should take place "on every Monday (Tuesday excepted)."

Some years ago the mayor of a capital English city published a proclamation and advertisement, previous to the races, announcing that "no gentleman will be allowed to ride on the course, but the horses that are to run."

(To be continued.)

"Book of Rarities," by Bro. Edward Roberts P.M.

YE OLDE FRIENDS.

UNDER this quaint title a number of gentlemen connected with the large firm of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, have for the last five years been doing good by stealth, and, though they do not exactly blush to find it known, are anxious to further extend their operations for the relief of the poor and distressed. The sixth annual smoking concert was given at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Friday of last week, when Mr. T. M. Browning occupied the chair, and gave some interesting details as to the working of the "Friends" among the poor people of their district. It would appear that some 350 children were entertained about three weeks ago at Walworth, when the very poorest were invited—some came with their parent's boots or shoes, and some without any, but all enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and poured blessings on the "Old Friends." Surely a worthy cause to assist.

Mr. C. James proposed the health of Mr. Browning, and said that it was greatly owing to his energy and influence that such great success was attained, and, needless to say, the toast was drunk with enthusiasm, accompanied with musical honours.

Mr. Browning, in reply, said that the success of these concerts was not ensured by any one individual, but all helped, and so the satisfactory result was achieved. He could not help referring to the loss they had sustained by the death of Messrs. Cross and Schmidt since their last meeting; they were both good men, and worthy of all respect.

The concert was arranged by Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, assisted by Messrs. Percy Gough, John Sandbrook, Samuel Masters, Wingrove Ives, McCall Chambers, W. H. Noel, Fred Russell, and many others, and was a most enjoyable one. The principal item was, perhaps, a marvellous thought transmission by Mr. Sydney Gandy and Miss Inglefield, which was certainly wonderful.

THE DEMOCRACY OF FREEMASONRY.

THE Masonic form of government is democratic, taking the large sense of the word; but it is not mobocratic. It is based on wise laws and regulations for the permanent good of the whole Fraternity, and not to subserve selfish, ambitious or mercenary purposes. These laws inculcate allegiance and subordination to the lawful authorities constituted over the Craft, and are enforced by the infliction of appropriate penalties on all conspirators, disorganisers, and fomenters of discord. Any form of government without such laws being put into execution, when necessary, would soon lose its independence, and even its existence. The liberty of those living under it would be perverted into licentiousness, and the government itself become a "Cour du roi Petaud!" where everyone would seek to be master, and the utmost disorder and confusion prevail.

As is most appropriately said of Freemasonry itself, so of its empire—it is a unity; yet in each different department, which does not or should not interfere the one with the other, there are constitutional and legal provisions established, regulating the prerequisites for admission within its pale, and defining the rights and prerogatives, privileges and duties of each department. These being adapted to the peculiar character of the orders and degrees it embraces within its province, and the object of their institution, are necessarily somewhat diverse. Brethren not members of any particular department, who from whatever motive or cause do not fully approve of these provisions, are under no obligations to give in their submission to them. Even if possessed of the requisite qualifications, and the vote for their admission is favourable, it is still an universal rule, applicable to any and every department, that the door of admission can only be entered "of their own free will and accord." None but the turbulently disposed will seek for admission in a surreptitious manner; none but unworthy "Cowans" will seek to appropriate unlawfully the rights and privileges earned by "the accepted and true" brother. Any attempt to change the essential organic laws of a department, and convert into a "petaudiere" a branch of a society "where freedom, harmony, and love" unite its members in the grand design of its institution, may be fitting work for factious demagogues in Freemasonry, but can never receive the approbation of the good and faithful, and true lovers of our Order and of its time-honoured principles and laws.

The royal titles and regal forms which characterise some of the so-called higher degrees in Freemasonry, have been regarded by the designing, as well as the ignorant, as proof positive of the anti-republican character of the Masonic system. Those disposed to give credence to such an assumption lose sight of the fact that our "royal art" is symbolical, and that even our clothing and jewels are intended to inspire us with far worthier sentiments than those which regard earthly honours and distinctions.

Another sophistical argument is drawn from the ancient custom still kept up in England and other foreign lands, of selecting noblemen and princes for Grand Masters. Those thus selected are believed to be wise and accomplished Masons, and their social station, in the countries referred to, counts as a help to the Institution.

Honour may be done to the Craft by the example and countenance of Brethren of commanding influence, in high civil stations, and they may guarantee to our Freemasonic associations that political protection they require, especially in countries not republican; but the "ribands and stars" of the aristocracy are of course no indication of rank or power in any department of the Masonic empire in which their wearers may be rulers or subjects in a Masonic as well as in a civil community:—

"An honest man, though e'er so poor,
Is King of men for a' that,
Man to man the world o'er,
Shall Brothers be for a' that."

In this republican land there are no class distinctions. There is with us no aristocracy such as exists in England and other portions of Europe. The nearest legitimate approach to what would be recognised among the mass of the people of this land as giving rank to a man, will be found in public stations and offices of the State and general government. But these alas! are sometimes awarded to those who have little to recommend them save servile adherence and services rendered to some party-political clique. High places are "like the tops of pyramids,

which reptiles may reach as well as eagles." In nine cases out of ten, where the office holder is capable and honest, the engrossing nature of his public duties, or his turn of mind and tastes render him indisposed and unfit to cultivate our unobtrusive moral order and science. With us, the selection, as governors of our Order, of men in high stations in civil life, may result in a temporary eclat, but it will not necessarily offer any lasting good or advantage. Brethren who by their "works" and their worth can contribute to the edification of our Order, alone merit the Masonic crown, sceptre and mallet.

"The rank is but a guinea stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that
The pith o' sense and pride o' worth
Are higher ranks than a' that."

Birth is an accident. A title of nobility does not adorn the man: but the man who has the title may adorn it by his talents and character. With the wise and the good it is not the aristocracy of wealth nor of birth, but of mind and worth that is appreciated. In the words of an old Masonic song—

"Ensigns of State that feed the pride,
Distinctions troublesome and vain,
By Masons true are laid aside;
Art's freeborn sons such toys disdain,
Distinguished by the badge they wear,
Ennobled by the name they bear."

—Masonic Selections.

The use of the word "profane" is sometimes criticised by non-Masons as though it implied a stigma upon those not members of the Fraternity. This is solely due to a misunderstanding of the original meaning of the word. It is derived from "pro," before, and "fanum," temple, and denotes one before or outside the temple. In a Masonic sense it denotes simply an outsider, one that does not belong to the Fraternity. The sense of irreverence, as in the expression "profane language," is secondary and later than the original meaning. Much of the language of Masonry is old, and to some extent peculiar to itself. Efforts to modernise it, which we sometimes note, show a lack of appreciation of one of its distinctive features. Innovations in the body of Masonry are not allowed, but it is permitted to tell what its language means.—"Exchange"

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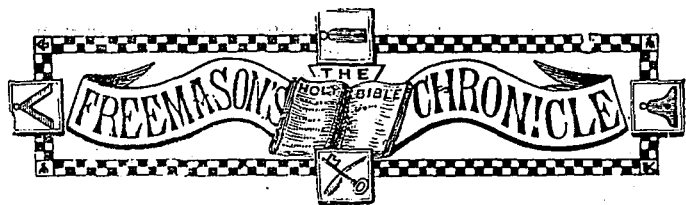
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R. M. I. BOYS.

OUR Boys have again scored well in the Preliminary Local Examination conducted by the Cambridge University Syndicate in December. The class list has just been issued, from which we find the Boys have gained two second class, one third class, and thirty passes, with four "distinctions." The average age of the successful candidates was thirteen years, only five of the boys being over the age of fourteen years.

The results of the Junior and Senior examinations are not yet published.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master has fixed Monday, 20th June, as the date for the Centenary Festival, which will take place under his presidency, at the Royal Albert Hall.

Bro. Charles Bertram has kindly arranged to give his celebrated Legerdemain and Mystical entertainment to the pupils at the Institution at Wood Green, on Friday next, 18th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. The Board of Management will be pleased to welcome friends of the Institution.

On the occasion of Sir Henry Irving's sixtieth birthday, the "supers" employed in the Lyceum production of "Peter the Great" have forwarded to him an engrossed testimonial, expressive of their good wishes, and appreciation of his treatment of them.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the Worshipful Master Bro. Wilfred J. Charles opened the Lodge in the presence of a large company of Brethren. The ceremony of installing Bro. W. C. Greaves as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months was performed by Bro. Walter Whiting P.M. S.D., who carried out the work in an admirable and eloquent manner.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the Immediate Past Master Bro. W. J. Charles proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, wishing him a joyful year of office, and the enjoyment of health and strength. The Master, he added, was a very earnest and painstaking Mason, and they might be certain, now that he had put his hand to the plough, that he would not turn back. At the end of his year of office he was sure they would find that he had thoroughly upheld and maintained the prestige of the Old Neptune Lodge.

Bro. W. C. Greaves, in response, said he was surrounded by friends and Masons. Professor Huxley, in one of his eloquent passages, referred to the difficulties of modern scientists and investigators, and said they reminded him of men mounting a hill and placing a stone on top, every man who followed having to put his stone higher. He was satisfied with the altitude the Neptune Lodge had reached, and if he could attain that altitude without knocking any of the stones down he should be satisfied.

Bro. Joseph Corbett P.M. and Sec. proposed the health of the I.P.M. It had been the practice, he explained, to talk of times far distant as the "good old times." He had the records of the Neptune Lodge for 100 years, and he could safely say that the halcyon days of the Lodge were the present, and not the past. Bro. Charles had performed the work of the Lodge with the greatest solemnity and reverence, so far as the ritual was concerned, and he had endeavoured to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and to study the happiness of every Brother. All had experienced the open-hearted generosity, the kindness of heart, and the utter unselfishness which had characterised his year of office.

Bro. Charles, after the toast had been cordially received, thanked the Brethren, and said that one of the greatest benefits that he had received from Freemasonry was that in that Lodge he had made friendships which had been the delight of his life. His year of office had been a successful one, but that had not been altogether due to him. He had undertaken the duties "con amore," and if his year had been a success it was due to the unstinted help he had received from the Officers and every individual lay member, each of whom was his friend.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was proposed by the W.M., says the "City Press," and responded to by Bro. James Terry Past Grand Sword Bearer of England and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose eloquence on behalf of the charity he represented resulted in a sum of £65 8s being subscribed to Bro. Greaves's list for the old people.

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ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

THE annual installation festival of this ancient Lodge—ancient both by its age, and by the fact that it was formerly on the roll of the Athole Grand Lodge—was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C. The Lodge room was ornamented by the tessellated carpet recently presented by Bro. Alfred Green, "the Father of the Lodge," and two handsome kneeling stools, the latest gift of the Worshipful Master Bro. A. B. Spawforth.

The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edwd. Thornton Stainforth, who was approved, and, being in attendance, he was introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by Bro. Spawforth. The ceremony was rendered in a very able manner, and evidently made a great impression on the candidate. Indeed, Bro. Spawforth was in excellent form, and both in this and the subsequent installation ceremony gained the hearty appreciation of the Brethren.

Bro. Albert Henry Collings W.M.-elect was then presented by a Past Master, and signified his assent to the ancient charges. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Collings was placed in the chair with the customary ceremonial. Having invested his predecessor, and congratulated Bro. Spawforth upon the brilliant termination of his successful reign over the Lodge, the Brethren were admitted, and saluted their new Master in accordance with tradition.

The following Officers for the year were then appointed:—Bros. Ernest G. Collings S.W., Fredk. W. Berry J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, Wm. Radcliffe P.M. (for the fifteenth year) Secretary, F. G. Johnson S.D., Howard E. Mullins J.D., Harry Cross I.G., Orilton Cooper P.M. D.C., C. J. Pinnell Steward, W. Senrab Tyler.

The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to head the list of Bro. W. J. Dyer P.M., who announced his intention to go up as Steward at the Boys School Festival, to be held at the Albert Hall, on 20th June next.

There being no further business Bro. Collings received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren, whose names are mentioned below, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

The banquet was served in the handsome dining hall, which presented a very pretty appearance, the floral decorations, which were tastefully arranged by Bro. Ede, being especially noticeable.

After grace the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M., and received by the Brethren with enthusiasm.

In graceful terms Bro. Collings gave the Initiate, to which Bro. Stainforth modestly replied.

Bro. Spawforth, in an exceedingly humorous speech, proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and wished him a happy term of office, with plenty of work to enjoy it.

Bro. Collings suitably acknowledged the compliment, and said that he thoroughly felt the dignity and responsibility of his position, but was most

anxious to prove his efficiency. He had now reached the summit of his Masonic ambition, and would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the Lodge.

In presenting Bro. Spawforth I.P.M. with the special Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge, the W.M. felicitated him upon the conclusion of his two years' reign, which had been a term of prosperity to the Lodge, and if it might be said, as of a poet, that a Master was born, not made, surely Bro. Spawforth was entitled to that distinction. He was a splendid worker of the ritual, and his genial nature endeared him to all the Brethren.

Bro. Past Master Green supplemented the speech of Bro. Collings, by a few remarks in which he said it was felt by the Brethren that the official jewel did not altogether express their appreciation of Bro. Spawforth, and they desired to offer him a further token of their esteem and regard. As he had contributed so greatly to their pleasure at the fourth degree, they asked his acceptance of a silver Loving Cup, and hoped it would serve to remind him of the happy time he had spent in the Lodge. The cup was of antique shape, and bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. A. B. SPAWFORTH,

by the members of the St. Michael Lodge,

in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge for the last two years.

February 1898.

Bro. Spawforth, who was greatly overcome with emotion at this unexpected gift, returned his grateful thanks to the Brethren, and for the generous manner in which they had always treated him. He did not know which present he valued the most, for while the jewel marked his Masonic preferment as a Past Master, the Cup would remind him that he had done something more than his duty, and so gained the affection of the Brethren.

Bros. Harry Nash, W. S. Hooper, and Dr. C. Simpson acknowledged the gratification of the Visitors at the hospitality extended to them; and the Officers of the Lodge having been complimented the proceedings were brought to a close at a somewhat advanced hour.

A capital musical programme was provided by Bro. John A. Collings, the items of which were contributed by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Lucy Clarke, Miss Nettie Carpenter (violinist), and Bros. Harrison Brockbank, Fred Upton, Sergeant Lee, and Wallis Arthur.

Besides those whose names are mentioned above there were present Bros. Harry Nash P.P.G.Reg. Cheshire, W. J. Nash P.P.G.D. Cheshire, W. Singleton Hooper W.M. 2488 and P.M. 1987, F. Brand George P.M. 446, R. N. Larter I.P.M. 1791, F. J. Burton P.M. 1672, C. J. Pinnell, G. E. Higginson P.M. 1793, Dr. C. Simpson 2410, G. A. Sturgess 538, C. C. Barber S.D. 1585, H. W. Lance 2546, W. G. Jennings, M. Beadle 1287, L. G. Hammond 1524, Percy Edsall 73, G. Wingrave S.D. 1818, H. N. Shaw No. 1 Victoria, Columbia, George Cockrell P.M., W. J. Dyer P.M., James Loverseed, Dudley F. Latham, &c.

HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

ON Wednesday, 2nd inst., Bro. Stocker W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Linzell a handsome astronomical telescope in recognition of his sixteen years energetic services as Secretary. At the same time a silver tea pot was handed him for Mrs. Linzell. The gifts were acknowledged in a brotherly and feeling speech.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE Installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday, 27th ult., the Worshipful Master Bro. Pearce presiding.

The W.M. installed Bro. Archer Mead Archer as Worshipful Master for the year, and was then himself invested with the collar of Immediate Past Master.

The new Worshipful Master, after the investment of his Officers was completed, and the charges had been delivered, immediately commenced his other duties by initiating into Freemasonry Mr. Walter Ockelford, Mr. William Robert Hutton, Mr. Horace Frederick Fidge, Mr. John Richard Bell, and Mr. John Rowland, the ceremony being witnessed by a very full Lodge.

This work concluded, the Lodge unanimously carried the following motion proposed by Bro. E. J. Turnbull P.M., and seconded by Bro. Brand P.M.: "That the sum of three guineas be voted from the Lodge funds towards the endowment of a bed for Freemasons in Guy's Hospital."

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a banquet. This was succeeded by the honouring of the usual toasts, and the production of a beautiful musical entertainment, under the direction of Bro. William Harmer, Mrs. Harmer being the accompanist, says the "City Press."

Bro. Turnbull P.M. said, with the permission of the W.M., he had to ask a favour on behalf of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. It would be in the recollection of the Brethren who had the pleasure of being present at the last meeting that they discussed the question of presenting a slight testimonial of their affection and esteem to a Brother who was now present, but who, he much regretted to say, would probably never be among them again, as he was going to Australia for the benefit, not only of his health, but of his fortune. The Brother in question, they all knew, had done good suit and service to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, particularly during the last two years; he had practically presided over their musical entertainments. It was thought that the present would be a fitting opportunity to give him something that he might take with him to Australia, to be treasured by him for many long and happy years. He had been asked to request the W.M. to hand to Bro. Harmer a testimonial from the members of the Lodge. The testimonial was an illuminated vellum in the following words:

Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1524.

We, the undersigned members of the above Lodge, present this illuminated Testimonial of our Loving and Fraternal Regard to our highly esteemed Brother, William Harmer, upon his leaving his native country for Australia, and desire to express our heartfelt wish that all possible success and happiness may attend him. We trust he may be spared to enjoy his new life, and experience every blessing that the Great Architect of the Universe can bestow upon him.

This was signed by thirteen Past Masters and about fifty of the other Brethren of the Lodge.

Bro. A. M. Archer W.M. asked the Brethren to be upstanding, and then, addressing Bro. W. Harmer, said: In the name of the Brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge I present you with this testimonial, on which you find the names of the Brethren inscribed, so that when you are in a far distant home you will be able to look on those names, the names of the Brethren you have associated with in this country; and I trust The Great Architect of the

Universe may give you and your wife and family health and strength, and prosper you in all your undertakings.

Bro. W. Harmer, in accepting the gift, said he thanked the Brethren sincerely for the mark of respect and esteem which they had presented to him. Three years ago he became a member of the Lodge, and since then it had been his pleasing duty to do what he could towards the harmony. He was sure the efforts he had made had been appreciated, because the gift told him that although he had only been a short while with them, he had won their affection.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Harry Pearce I.P.M. who, in responding to the toast of the Installing Master, said he would wear the jewel with great pride and pleasure, as it would remind him of a very happy year of office.

ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THERE are several Lodges in the metropolis, to the credit of the Craft be it said, where, by reason of the excellent example set by the Past Masters, and the care taken in the selection of Officers, a respectful and reverent rendering of the ritual may always be depended upon. This remark applies with particular force to the St. Leonard Lodge, and it was therefore with considerable pleasure that we obeyed the summons to attend at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Wednesday last, to assist at the annual festival. There was an unusually long agenda, and the amount of business necessitated the Lodge being called for half-past three o'clock, shortly after which hour Bro. Benjamin Jacobs Worshipful Master opened the Lodge, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

For the convenience of the business the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed in the second, when Bro. W. A. L. Lashmar proved his proficiency as a Craftsman, and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree, and took his seat as a Master Mason.

Bro. Harold Edward Drew, who was initiated at the previous meeting, answered the usual questions, and was duly passed to the rank of a Fellow Craft. Both these ceremonies were performed by Bro. Jacobs in a most efficient manner, and he then proceeded to instal his successor.

Bro. George Henry Clark, who had been regularly elected by the Brethren in open Lodge assembled, was presented by Bro. S. C. Kaufman, and gave his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Clark was placed in the chair of K.S. in accordance with the old tradition. He then invested his predecessor as I.P.M., and was congratulated by the Board.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren Bro. Clark was saluted and proclaimed in the various degrees, and the Warrant of the Lodge was entrusted to his keeping. The following Officers were then appointed and invested by the new Master, who greeted each with a few words of congratulation and advice:—Bros. A. Cunningham S.W., A. Kaufman J.W., S. C. Kaufman P.M. Treasurer, W. Beasley P.M. Secretary, A. Greenwood S.D., M. Shea J.D., D. E. Leman I.G., W. E. Johnson D.C., Henry Prenton Organist, J. Smith, A. A. Barnes, and T. L. Fearon Stewards, D. Legg P.M. Tyler.

The beautiful addresses, "which age cannot wither nor custom stale," were admirably delivered by Bro. Jacobs, and called forth the approbation of those present.

Bro. Clark then proceeded to justify the choice of the Brethren in selecting him to rule over them, by initiating Mr. William Dunz and Mr. John Sinclair McVean, after they had been proposed and approved. The ceremony was perfectly rendered, and must have greatly impressed the candidates. The lateness of the hour prevented the ancient charge being given, but it will doubtless be brought to their notice at the next meeting.

Bro. Charles Gammon, a P.M. of the Camden Lodge, was accepted as a joining member.

One candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Auditors' Report was received and adopted, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

During the evening the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and perfect harmony prevailed. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Benjamin Jacobs, and surely no Master ever deserved it more. A capital programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, in which Miss Miriam Farnham, Madame Whitfield-Rose, Miss Agnes Davey, and Messrs. Albert Pearce, and Mack Olive took part.

Among those present were the following Visitors:—Bros. F. Dunstan P.M. 1326 P.P.G.D.C. Middx., W. W. Lee P.M. 9381, James Clark W.M. 2472, M. Siegenberg P.M. 188, F. Eyre W.M. 1445, Chas. H. Bestow P.M. 2374, James Graham W.M. 652, Dr. D. M. Forbes W.M. 2319, Dr. A. L. Achard 2045, George Bugler 1625, E. A. Davis 2182, A. McLachlan J.D. 1607, George Cunningham S.W. 1607, Walter Clark S.D. 28, A. Brook 2470, H. C. Brown 2024, Herbert Nield 2128.

The members of the Lodge included Bros. Frank Matthews P.M., Geo. Bishop P.M., William Shurmer P.M. P.G.Std.Br., Joseph Cox P.M., W. Beasley P.M., S. C. Kaufman P.M., John Smith, T. L. Fearon, W. A. Lashmar, H. Pate, J. H. Bond, W. F. Hambly, W. Prevost, A. A. Barnes, J. Goodman.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Globe Tavern, Fish St. Hill, Bros. I. W. Simeons W.M., G. Bushell S.W., T. Kingston I.P.M. 193 J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. acting Preceptor, E. J. Davey P.M. Secretary, C. H. Ash Deacon, Metcalf Baillie I.G., E. H. Lough Organist, T. C. Brown, H. Jones, G. Barrett, S. C. Foreman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. S. C. Foreman acting as candidate. The lecture in the first degree was given by Bro. Pitt P.M., assisted by the Brethren.

Bros. S. C. Foreman and H. Jones, of the Mother Lodge, were elected Members, and Lodge was adjourned till Wednesday next, at 7 p.m.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bro. G. Barter S.W. of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362 W.M., G. Weaver S.W., Lilley J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. acting Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., W. H. Handover S.D., Llewellyn

J.D., Thomas I.G., Miller W.M. 2362, T. Mogford I.P.M. 2362, C. Brown W.V. 733, G. Knight P.M., F. Beesley, F. Block, Rockman, Matthews, C. Halston, J. Wynman, and others.

Visitor:—G. H. J. Nethercotte, Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, Bangalore and 1906, Madras.

The Lodge was opened in regular form and advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. intimated his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Rockman offered himself as candidate. He having answered the usual questions was entrusted, the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony was rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and called off. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Miller, who intimated his intention of rehearsing the second degree, for which Bro. Matthews offered himself as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. G. Weaver was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 22nd inst., next Tuesday being Officers' night.

Bro. F. Brook and T. Matthews were elected members, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

WANDSWORTH LODGE, No. 1044.

THE annual gathering of this Lodge of Instruction, supper and concert, took place at the Spread Eagle Hotel Assembly Rooms, Wandsworth, on Friday, 4th inst., when some sixty Brethren assembled to do justice to the excellent supper provided by Bro. Stewart, the new proprietor, and to enjoy the music so bountifully provided by the Committee.

Bro. J. Carter P.M. was in the chair, and Bro. A. Higerty P.M. P.P.G.W. Berks in the vice-chair.

Bro. Higerty, in giving the toast of the Chairman, gave expression to the feelings of all who had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Carter when he said that no truer friend and Brother was to be found than he.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and Bro. Carter responded in feeling terms, thanking his friend for the good things he had said of him, and the Brethren for their hearty good wishes.

Bro. Higerty at this point desired to leave, in consequence of delicate health, but the Chairman would not allow him to withdraw until his health had been honoured. This was done with musical honours, and Bro. Higerty suitably responded.

Bro. Clark proposed the toast of Bro. Stewart, the new proprietor of the Hotel, and who had supplied them with such an excellent supper. He thought that the way Bro. Stewart had placed that supper before them and catered for their comfort and wants that evening was a happy augury for the future prosperity of that ancient hostelry. The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. Stewart, in an excellent speech, thanked the Brethren for their kind expressions of satisfaction at what he had had the pleasure of doing for them that evening. He should be pleased at all times to identify himself with anything that they might undertake, and as he hoped to be resident among them for years he looked forward with much pleasure to the prospect of meeting them all again "many times and oft."

The toast of the Committee who had arranged the evening's entertainment was next proposed, and duly honoured, to which Bro. Strong and the other members of the Committee responded.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 7th inst., at Stone's Restaurant, Panton Sheet, W., Bro. F. Walker W.M., H. Wood S.W., W. West J.W., J. E. Culverhouse S.D., A. Butcher J.D., E. Wavell P.M. I.G., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Secretary, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., F. G. Hyem, G. L. Baker, J. Morris, H. Williamson, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hyem candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair for Bro. Simeons, who rehearsed a passing, Bro. F. Walker candidate. Bro. Simeons vacated the chair for Bro. Walker, who closed the Lodge in the two degrees.

Bro. W. West was elected to the chair for next Monday afternoon.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bros. W. Boyce P.M. W.M., Owers S.W., F. A. Slater J.W., W. Johnson S.D., Soar J.D., Butcher I.G., De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, Thornton Secretary, Bradford, Warn P.M., Gibbs P.M.

The Lodge being opened, Bro. Bradford answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Brethren assisted Bro. De Casseres to work the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture.

Bro. Owers was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

PROVINCIAL.

UNION LODGE, No. 38.

THE Brethren held their installation meeting at Chichester, on Thursday, 3rd inst., when Bro. D. Waddington was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. C. R. B. Knight.

In the evening the annual banquet was held in the Assembly Rooms, the new Master being supported by a goodly muster of Brethren of the Lodge, as well as visiting Craftsmen. During the course of the post prandial proceedings the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and an excellent programme of music was carried out.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41.

THE annual installation festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, 3rd inst., when the Worshipful Master Bro. George Norman was supported by a very full Lodge.

The installation ceremony was performed by the Worshipful Master, and at its conclusion Bro. A. W. Huff W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

At the termination of the business of the evening the Brethren adjourned to the annual banquet.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual banquet was held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, and was a very agreeable and successful function. Bro. E. T. Clemens, the popular W.M., presided, and there was a very large attendance, which included many visiting Brethren. The dinner was admirably laid and served, and for this Bro. and Mrs. Bachelor, the Steward and Stewardess of the Club, were specially thanked.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, the health of the W.M. being proposed in complimentary terms by the S.W. Bro. W. R. Hill, who remarked that so long as men like Bro. Clemens were ready to associate themselves with the excellent work done under the banner of Freemasonry, so long they would have reason to rejoice that such an institution as Freemasonry existed. Much depended upon the men who filled responsible positions in the Order, and given good leaders, such as Bro. Clemens had proved to be, there were certain to be good and loyal followers.

Bro. Clemens, in response, said he feared he was but a poor successor to Bro. Stebbing, who had just vacated the chair, and who had done such noble work for the Order in Devonshire, but he hoped he had a full sense of the responsibility attaching to the position he now occupied, and he would certainly do his best to maintain the reputation which the Lodge had so long enjoyed as being amongst the most prominent and influential in the Province.

The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Chas. Stuart Stebbing I.P.M., and the Past Masters of the Lodge, and in connection with the toast made a presentation to Bro. Stebbing. He explained that it had been usual in Lodge Harmony, whenever the W.M. had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Brethren, to present him with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services. But the services which Bro. Stebbing had rendered to the Lodge and to Freemasonry were of a special character, and they proposed to recognise it in a special manner. Bro. Stebbing had twice filled the office of W.M., and on the first occasion he set himself to work to do something more for the Masonic Charities than had been done up to that time. He was not at that time the Lodge's Charity Steward, and there was, therefore, no obligation on him to make any special effort on behalf of the Charities; but notwithstanding this he went to work with so much energy and zeal that at the close of his year of office he collected no less a sum than £100. Then the Charity Steward resigned, in consequence of leaving the neighbourhood, and Bro. Stebbing readily and willingly accepted the office, with a result that they all knew. He broke the record of the previous year, and when he was elected for the second time to the office of W.M. of the Lodge he retained the position of Charity Steward, and so earnestly did he work last year that he brought his total receipts for charitable purposes up to the magnificent total of £200, making, in the short space of three years, over £400 collected on behalf of charity and placed to the credit of Harmony Lodge. The Lodge felt that these were services that deserved special recognition, and he had, therefore, great pleasure in asking Bro. Stebbing's acceptance of a valuable gold watch, which bore the inscription:

Presented to

Bro. C. S. STEBBING I.P.M. and Charity Steward,

by the Brethren of Lodge Harmony, No. 156, Plymouth,

as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services during his second Mastership, and of his indefatigable efforts as Charity Steward, whereby the Lodge obtained the record in the Province of Devonshire in the cause of charity.

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Bro. Stebbing, in acknowledging the gift, said he feared the Brethren were disposed to exaggerate the services he had rendered, but he was one of those who held that Freemasonry carried with it great and responsible duties, and that those who accepted office in the Order were bound to recognise those responsibilities in a practical manner. It was true that there was a social side to Freemasonry, and very properly so, but this should be subordinate to the practical work which Freemasonry aimed at carrying out, and he was glad to know that Lodge Harmony was doing, and was prepared to do, its full part in this important work. The presentation made to him that evening would be a stimulus to him to work even harder in the future, as he was sure that in doing this he should have the support and sympathy of every member of the Lodge.

Other toasts followed.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 328.

ON Monday, 7th inst., at Torquay, there was a considerable gathering of Brethren from neighbouring Lodges at the installation of Bro. F. J. W. Crowe P.Prov.G.O. as W.M.

Bro. Crowe is a well-known Masonic author and collector, says the "Western Morning News," some of his books on Masonic clothing and regalia being regarded as standard works, while articles from his pen have appeared in Masonic publications both on the Continent and in America.

After the installation a banquet was held at the Lecture Hall of the Natural History Society's Museum.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 428.

ON Monday, 7th inst., the St. John's Festival was held at Northwich. There was a large attendance, the visitors including members of Lodges at Manchester, Salford, Middleswich, Burslem, Longport, Chorlton, Runcorn, Knutsford, &c.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. John Chamberlain, and Bro. Sir John T. Brunner, Bart., M.F., was duly installed according to ancient custom.

BARNARD LODGE, No. 1230.

THE annual festival was held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle, when Bro. J. W. B. Heslop was installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. Richard Luck, M.A., LL.M., P.G.D. of England.

After the ceremony of installation and other business were concluded the Brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where the annual banquet was held and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, b. M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
1789 Ubique, Criterion
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l.
2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall
2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
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
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
314 Peace and Unity, Preston
330 One and All, Bodmin
339 Unanimity, Penrith
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill
379 Honour, Bath
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Fife
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
1149 Dorking, Dorking
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle
1360 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1852 Forest, Mansfield
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
2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark

95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.
2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.
2022 Haven, Ealing
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2500 Old Boys, Criterion
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
384 St. David, Bangor
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
667 Alliance, Li. arpool
681 Scarsdale, Cnesterfield
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
1677 Crusaders,
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2272 Rye, Peckham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich

451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
823 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2514 City, Liverpool
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

House Committee Girls School, 4.30.
6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
181 Universal, Albion
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1320 Blackheath, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2551 Clissold, Highbury Stat'n Hotel
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale

Friday.

Board of Management Boys School 2.30.
143 Middlesex, Albion
975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington
1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lb'orn Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, C't'c'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2548 Herga, Harrow

A most successful ball in connection with the Concord Lodge, No. 1135, was held at the Ilfracombe Hotel, Ilfracombe, in aid of the Devon Masonic charities, on Wednesday evening. The number present was about 150, and included visitors from London, Barnstaple, Bideford, Taunton, and Torquay. Dancing began at nine o'clock, and was kept up until 3 a.m.

The second annual ball held under the banner of Lodge St. Cuthbert, No. 1902, took place at the Co-operative Hall, Bedlington Station, on Tuesday, 8th inst., when there was a large attendance, including Brethren from the Blagdon Lodge, Blyth, and the D'Ogle Lodge, Morpeth.

A few days ago a Master Mason found, in a second hand store, in one of the Texas cities, a ritual of the Mediterranean Pass and Knights of Malta. He purchased it for ten cents, and turned it over to a Knight Templar. To make the matter worse, the blanks had been carefully filled in, with the explanations of the signs, passwords, &c., making the whole thing intelligible to any reader. The Sir Knight who had this book, and signed his name pledging his honour to turn it over to his successor in office, had failed to do so, and it became public property. At the last session of the Blue Lodge Committee on Work, a Brother was found to have in his possession a monitor, in which some pencil notations had been made. The Brother was publicly reprimanded by the Committee, and charges preferred against him, which resulted in his acquittal, as it was shown that the notes could not be read so as to be intelligible to anyone. Here is food for earnest thought by those who favour the printing of rituals. In Canada there is a private cipher ritual to be possessed only by Masters of Lodges, yet the writer saw one in Texas, and it was so plain that anyone with a little ritualistic experience in any of the modern Orders could easily have deciphered it. There is but one way to conscientiously keep the O.B., and properly guard the work, and that is to only receive and impart it orally, as our forefathers did before us from time immemorial.—“Masonic Journal.”

The recent failure of another so-called Masonic Insurance Company calls attention again to the impropriety of permitting mere private business enterprises to assume the name of the

Fraternity, when it is in no way responsible for them. The inaction of Masons in matters of this sort often leads to loss on the part of Brethren who are misled by the name. Of course, the Grand Lodges cannot control the action of outsiders, but those subject to their jurisdiction might be forbidden to use such misleading names for enterprises that are backed by no Masonic organisation whatever. If this were done, outsiders who attempted to use the Masonic name improperly could be denounced as impostors. The fact that a business is managed by Masons does not make it Masonic.—“Home Journal.”

The “Masonic Constellation,” of St. Louis, Missouri suffered a severe calamity on the 19th December last. The building in which its office was located then went down by fire, and the “Constellation’s” loss was total. All its property, records, accounts and subscription lists were burned. But, facing such loss, the “Constellation” is trying to go ahead, and requests from its subscribers information concerning their subscriptions and assistance in procuring new subscriptions. We hope they will promptly comply, and that the paper may rise from the ashes with increased vigour.

Garrick.—Notwithstanding the great success of the charming Fairy Pantomime of “Cinderella,” Bro. Brickwell will be compelled to withdraw it after Saturday evening, 19th inst., in order to produce “22A Curzon Street,” by Brandon Thomas and John Edwards, early in the following week. First amongst the numerous applicants for seats on this important premiere is that inveterate first nighter the Earl of Lonsborough.



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