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THE PARLIAMENTS OF FREEMASONRY.

THE usual Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, and will attract a certain amount of special attention, from the fact that the first business, after the formal confirmation of the minutes, will be to consider two communications from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the purport of which the Craft are fully informed of, while the next item is something of a mystery, being set down on the Agenda as "a communication from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master," without any details as to its object or intention. It is not too much to say that this uncertainty, especially in view of recent events relating to the discovery of the genuine secrets of a M.M., will arouse sufficient curiosity to induce a large attendance.

Three such items as these are in themselves enough to attract many Brethren who as a rule do not think their attendance at Grand Lodge is specially necessary, and we accordingly look for a fuller assembly than usual, further attractions being found in the fourth and fifth items of business—the election of Grand Master and Treasurer.

The first communication from the Grand Master will afford considerable satisfaction to a large number of Brethren, as it implies a further recognition by Grand Lodge of the work of the three Charitable Institutions associated with the Craft. It has often been a matter for comment that these three Funds are not "officially" connected with Freemasonry, although the regulations of the Order in regard to the Charity Jewel may be regarded as a near approach to an admission of official cognizance, without actual recognition; and consequently any proposal to yet further extend the regulations of the Craft in this direction must be received with satisfaction by all who are interested in the welfare of the Institutions. The proposal is to create a special decoration for Patrons of the Institutions, and we feel sure the suggestion of our Grand Master will be cordially adopted by those who have to settle the regulations of the Craft.

The second communication from the Grand Master refers to a subject of a particularly unpleasant character, one that is happily very rare in connection with Freemasonry, but at the same time one which requires firm and decisive treatment. It is an official notification of the fact that Brother G. Edwin Fairchild has been convicted of felony, and embodies a suggestion to Grand Lodge that he should be deprived of his rank as a Grand Officer, to which he was appointed in 1895. Those who knew Bro. Fairchild as a member of our Order will unite with us in expressing regret that such an unusual course as that suggested should have to be adopted in his case, but under all the circumstances we see no help for decisive action on the part of the Craft, and we think it a matter for congratulation that those in authority

have taken the initiative in the matter, rather than leaving the question to take its course, or be wholly neglected because no one was public spirited enough to cast the first stone.

While on this subject we take the opportunity of directing the attention of the three Institutions to their position in this unhappy case. Bro. Fairchild was a very liberal contributor to the Charities, but his contributions, we now know, were made out of ill-gotten gains, money which he took from hard working people who can ill afford to suffer the consequences of his malpractices. We would suggest that a Committee of the three Institutions should be appointed, to enquire whether there is not a very good reason for the return of all amounts paid into the three Funds by Bro. Fairchild, in the interests of those who are suffering as a consequence of his dishonesty. The Institutions of the Craft, it is true, are all in want of funds with which to continue their work, but their most ardent supporters can hardly desire it from the source to which may be traced Brother Fairchild's contributions. The Committee, when appointed, would be able to present such a report as would at least set at rest any doubts which may now exist as to the propriety, even the necessity, of at once returning the illegally acquired contributions paid in by this Brother.

The election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer will become matters of formality, for in the one case the Craft would view with alarm any attempt at opposition to the re-appointment of the Prince of Wales, while in the other there is but one nomination—that of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn P.M. 18.

Other items for consideration are the Reports of the Boards of Benevolence and of General Purposes.

The list of new Warrants records nineteen additions to the English roll during the past quarter, the numbers of the new Lodges ranging from 2686 to 2704 inclusive. No less than nine of these are additions to the Lodges of London, eight are for Provincial Lodges, and the other two are for Cape Town and Bengal respectively.

THE Quarterly meeting of Mark Grand Lodge will be held the previous day. A copy of the Agenda of the business to be then transacted was given in our last week's issue, and the work will probably be found to be much the same as will engage the attention of the Craft rulers on Wednesday.

The Consecration of the St. Michael Le Querne Lodge, No. 2697, will take place at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate Street, E.C., on Monday next, 28th inst., at 4.30 in the afternoon. Following the ceremony of the day the Founders of the Lodge will entertain their Masonic friends at banquet, which is timed to start at 7 o'clock. We wish this addition to our roll every success, and a long reign of prosperity.

THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

WE are not a little disappointed, as well as considerably surprised, at the result of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Jersey Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire; but at the same time we admit there is room for congratulation that there was not an even greater falling off in the amount contributed than was actually the case, in view of the very strong counter attraction of the year—the Centenary of the Boys School.

Our disappointment arises from the fact that the total announced on Tuesday fell considerably short of £10,000—the actual amount being £9,443—whereas we had anticipated at least £12,000, in view of the number of Stewards who were working on behalf of the Festival, the urgency of the claims put forward by the Institution, and the peculiar work it is so admirably carrying out on behalf of the aged of the Craft, and their widows.

Our surprise is occasioned by the very small average secured by the Stewards at this Festival, the total working out but a trifle above £38 per head for the whole Board of 247 Stewards, an average which we believe is far below what has been usual for many years past in connection with this Institution, and goes far to prove the difficulty the Stewards themselves had to face when they made their appeal on behalf of the Old People.

In this connection we may here refer to last year's Festival, which was admittedly exceptionally favoured, inasmuch as H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided, and not only enlisted the sympathy of the Craft for one of its Past Grand Masters, and the enthusiasm of one of the most important counties for its Provincial Grand Master, but the loyalty of the whole Order for one of the most esteemed members of the Royal Family; three special considerations which resulted in a Board of Stewards numbering close on 420, and a return of £18,197, a total only once before exceeded at an ordinary Festival of this Institution. But even this large Board of Stewards showed an average collection nearly £5 a head above what was realised at Tuesday's gathering, while as a further proof of the "hard times" which have fallen upon the Benevolent Institution we may point to the fact that last year the London total alone exceeded the whole result of this year by £640, and that despite the fact that London was represented by only 196 Stewards in 1897, whereas the entire Board for 1898 was 51 more, or, as already mentioned, 247 in all.

In urging all this, however, we must not overlook the fact, already referred to in the course of these remarks, that the total announced on Tuesday affords matter for congratulation, for although a result of about £9,500 is a long way short of what we have been accustomed to for many years past, it is a splendid sum to raise, considering the special circumstances of the year.

For purposes of comparison we may go back to 1888, the year of the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls School, when equally gloomy forebodings were uttered as to the probable results of the Festivals of the two other Institutions as have been general this year; but, happily, the result in the case of the Benevolent Institution then far exceeded general expectations, the announcement at its Festival of 1888, preceding the Girls School Centenary celebration, being £15,081 18s 6d; while at that of 1889, following the great event, a sum of £13,055 19s was

subscribed, totals which, although showing the effect of the special counter attraction, were certainly nothing to cause actual grumbling.

The case of the Boys School at that time, however, was different, and, as a matter of fact, it found itself in a worse position, as a result of the Girls School Centenary, than the Benevolent Institution is placed in this year, from a similar cause. The 1888 Festival of the Boys School, held a few weeks after the Centenary of the Sister Institution, realised but £8,600, while the following year the total was but a trifle beyond that of the Benevolent of 1889, viz., £13,200, and we remember observing, when those figures were being analysed, and were taken in connection with the very small total of £5,354 contributed to the Girls School in 1889, that the £50,000 odd collected for the Girls Centenary was no particular advantage to the Institutions taken all round; and this is best proved when we point out that the six Festivals of 1888-9 realised altogether £106,000, an average of about £17,632 each, a sum not so very far beyond what would have been probable under the ordinary circumstances of that period; and it would seem that the experiences of that time are likely to be repeated now, although the case will be somewhat different if the anticipations of £100,000 for the Boys Centenary are to be realised.

There was one gleam of hope thrown out immediately after the announcement on Tuesday, when the Secretary Bro. James Terry, who we believe has worked harder than ever this year on behalf of his Institution, despite the result, announced that Bro. C. E. Keyser had kindly offered fifty guineas, if thirteen other Brethren would each give the same amount, in order to make the total over £10,000. The necessary conditions have not yet been fulfilled, but we hope we shall ere long be able to announce that Bro. Keyser has been called upon to carry out his generous proposal. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Keyser is already pledged to a subscription of some £5,000 to provide a Chapel for the new Schools for our Boys at Bushey, or that he has already contributed immense sums to the three Institutions; he is one of their warmest supporters, and is probably working as hard as any one to find the thirteen Brethren he stipulated for, in order that he may be able to hand over his own fifty guineas. May he and other friends of the Old People be successful in their quest!

Happily the Benevolent Institution is not wholly short of funds—apart from the different amounts invested, and which it has always been the rule to keep intact—so that it will probably be possible to pay the annuities of the year, and meet the necessary expenses, without getting into debt, or encroaching upon money put away for the purpose of ensuring a permanent income in the form of interest. But that matters will be run very close must be apparent to the most casual observer when we point out that the annuities at present in force absorb some £16,384 per annum, with a permanent income of £3,600 only, or a deficit this year of something like £3,500 beyond the amount required for management and general working expenses. Even with all this to be considered we yet believe the Craft will fully endorse the observations of Bro. John A. Farnfield Treasurer of the Institution, when he said that it would be unfortunate to have to realise any portion of the invested capital of the Charity, in order to continue its good work, and in so endorsing

them will take very good care that next year's return is sufficient to once again put matters on a satisfactory and sound foundation.

Elsewhere we give a full list of the Stewards, and the amount collected by each. The following summary shows the number of representatives and the totals from the different districts:

Province, &c.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
Bedfordshire	1	£33 13 0
Berkshire	3	162 15 0
Buckinghamshire	9	145 19 0
Cambridgeshire	1	10 10 0
Cheshire	1	10 10 0
Cornwall	1	26 5 0
Cumberland and Westmorland	1	21 0 0
Devonshire	1	10 10 0
Dorsetshire	1	10 10 0
Durham	1	52 10 0
Essex	4	139 3 6
Gloucestershire	1	47 5 0
Hants and Isle of Wight	1	26 5 0
Hertfordshire	9	329 13 6
Kent	4	107 11 6
Lancashire East	1	194 5 0
Lancashire West	3	31 10 0
Middlesex	8	272 19 0
Norths and Hunts	2	101 10 0
North Wales	2	294 0 0
Oxfordshire	20	500 7 6
Shropshire	2	89 15 0
Somersetshire	1	10 10 0
Staffordshire	1	10 10 0
South Wales Western Division	1	21 0 0
Suffolk	1	21 0 0
Surrey	9	307 14 0
Warwickshire	3	31 10 0
Worcestershire	1	27 6 0
Yorkshire West	14	350 0 0
Channel Islands	2	183 2 0
Foreign Stations	3	31 10 0
London	140	5,793 18 0

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, the Earl of Jersey Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire presiding. The President of the Board of Stewards was Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., V.P., Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire; the Vice-President Bro. F. Parker Morrell, M.A., P.G.D.; and the Acting Vice-President Bro. John A. Farnfield Patron P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer of the Institution; while amongst the Vice-Presidents who were present were Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D., P.G.C., the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair P.G.C., W. Mason Stiles P.G.T., W. H. Bailey P.G.T., Charles E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., P.G.D., Thomas Jones P.G.D. P.D.D.G.M. Bengal, Baron de Ferrieres, J.P., P.G.D. P.P.G.W. Gloucester, Robert E. Baynes, M.A., P.G.D., James Stephens Dep.G.D.C., G. C. Kent A.G.D.C. Staffs., T. Hastings Miller P.G.S.B., W. G. Kentish P.G.St.B., Alfred Cockerill P.G.T. Norths and Hunts, James Speller P.P.G.D. Essex, E. Letchworth Grand Sec., W. Lake Assist. Grand Secretary, L. G. Gordon Robbins P.G.D., Major John W. Woodall P.G.T., Dr. H. J. Strong P.A.G.D.C., J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B., F. R. W. Hedges P.G.S.B., &c.

Altogether a company of about 400 Ladies and Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the toasts were proposed. The Earl of Jersey, in submitting that of the Queen, took the opportunity of saying that as the Queen was the first lady in the land he must express the Brethren's grateful thanks to those ladies who had attended that evening, and shown by their presence that not only were they willing to cheer unfortunate Masons, but that they were anxious to show them they valued most highly one of the Masonic virtues—Charity.

The Rev. Dr. H. R. Cooper-Smith P.G.C. responded to the toast of the Deputy G.M. Earl Amherst, &c.

The Earl of Jersey proposed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and said: In proposing this toast, it conveys our sympathy, and not only our sympathy this year, but our sympathy in years gone by. I am afraid that it is one, perhaps the only drawback which attends a banquet of this kind, viz.: that the Chairman is called

upon to make too many speeches, but yet there is no Brother who would not be anxious to say a few words for the great cause of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Excellent as are our Masonic Institutions which have for their special object the welfare of the young—there is something most attractive in the desire to give to those who are young and weak, without guardians perhaps, to give them the chance of education, of good food, and encouragement—yet before them lies the bright side of life, and all people are anxious to give them the opportunity of enjoying that life, or rather, I should say, of showing them the way in which they may enjoy it; but surely no less strongly must appeal to our feelings the desire to do something for those who had been tossed and buffeted by the rough waves of life. Before them, unhappily, there is not so much brightness; their brightness, maybe, lies in the past; but yet something can be done to free them from anxiety as to the future; and it is in order to do that something that this Institution exists, and that we have come here to-night to support it. The paper which has been, I believe, widely distributed, will have told you the chief features of this Institution; you will gather from it the number of Brethren and the number of Widows who are dependent upon the kindness of the Craft, and you will notice that we require every year something between £11,000 and £12,000 over and above our regular receipts. I am not going to deal with figures; but look a little bit lower down upon that paper and you will see the number of those who are waiting for admission, and for whom there are, at present, very, very few vacancies. Think for a moment what it must be for the unfortunate Brothers, or those whom our Brothers have left behind them, to feel that they cannot, much as they need it, gain admittance to our Fund, because the money is not sufficient. To wait is a small thing perhaps for those at a certain time of life, but to wait, for those who perhaps may have passed the three score years and ten, is a very, very sad thing; it calls on the Brethren, as far as lies in their power, to minimise the number of those who have to wait. It was my good fortune only last week to have the pleasure to visit our Institution, at Croydon. I am not going to dwell upon the pleasant rooms of clean and bright appearance, or of their most excellent superintendent; neither indeed shall I dwell upon the happy repartees which passed between Bro. Terry and their occupants. I was delighted to find that there was not only between Bro. Terry and them, but between all other members of the Committee of Management who were there and them, the very happiest and most pleasant relation. Now, I could imagine that from them goes up, especially to-day, but very often, a silent prayer in the quietude of their own hearts, of grateful thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe that He has inspired the Brethren to do something for them in their old age. If they feel grateful, how much more grateful ought we not to feel that under His wise guidance we have the opportunity of doing something to help our sisters and our brothers in their old age. Some of the occupants said to me that they hoped to-night would be a success. Their thoughts, it crossed my mind, were not selfish thoughts; they were not thinking of themselves, because their future is, thanks to you, assured from anxiety; they were thinking, I am certain, of those who are left out in the cold; they knew the value of what you have done for them, and they hope that there may be fewer and fewer of those as years go by who will be left out in the cold. Now, Brethren, I am afraid I am going to say something which will somewhat shock Bro. Terry. Brethren, one swallow does not make a summer, and one night's subscription does not make an Institution a success. The success of an Institution must depend upon the way in which the subscriptions are used, and the Institution is worked; and I feel that we owe more than words can express to Bro. Farnfield, the Committee of Management, and to the energetic activity of Bro. Terry. We believe—I believe—and I am sure all Masons believe, that the Institution is worked with that single object of using the money which is handed to them for the purpose of making the lives of the residents happy and comfortable. And surely this is an Institution which can appeal not to any limited class of the Brethren, but to every Brother who owes allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England; because when I look down the lists of the counties from which the residents come I see they are not confined to any limited area, but that they are spread over all the land over which our Grand Lodge holds sway. Therefore, we can—those of us who are Provincials, if you like—we can with confidence support this Institution, under the full belief that any candidates from our part of the country will not be slighted. I am very anxious upon this occasion—the ladies have left, and I have expressed to them that I feel sure we thank the Brethren for their presence here to-night—I am anxious now to thank the Brethren who have assembled here to-night to support, I will not say myself, but to support this Institution which I have been asked to preside over. I am very grateful to them, because I know what a great sacrifice of time it is to come on these occasions; I am deeply grateful to my Brethren of the Province of Oxfordshire who have

come, and not left their Provincial Grand Master unsupported. There is nothing that a person who holds high office in the Craft can like more than to feel that he has the support and the confidence and the goodwill of his Brother Masons. We have, as Masons, many duties to fulfil; I do not think that if I look towards the end of this hall I should be justified in detailing every one; but this I may say that old as Masonry is, dating as it does from time immemorial, it has one principle, which is perhaps a secret, although it is an open secret, that wherever Masonry has gone it has fertilised the minds of men; wherever it has gone it has spread one of the finest doctrines of human nature, that of regard for those who are in distress; and I believe that Masonry will last through all time, because through all time its followers will be true to that great principle of fraternal love and goodwill. On the great Masonic edifice, not builded by hands, stand words, not written indeed in letters of gold, because gold fades and perishes, but emblazoned in letters of everlasting brightness—the words “Remember Charity all you who enter here.” It is in this spirit that I ask you to drink the toast of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it is in this spirit that I believe that this Institution will go on in greater strength and greater utility, and always with the fullest confidence and support of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of England. Having drunk the toast of the Institution I now wish you to drink the health of the Brother who I mentioned just now devotes so much care and attention to the Institution, our Treasurer, Bro. Farnfield. The toast was duly honoured.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield, in acknowledging the toast, first thanked the Earl of Jersey on behalf of the executive Officers for so kindly presiding. They all knew that when his lordship was asked to preside this was not a Festival where he could have expected a very large amount of subscriptions, because of the Centenary of the Boys School, in which they were all so much interested, and which they trusted might be a bumper. They could not have three great successes in one year, and it was Bro. McLeod who deserved the success, and therefore the other Institutions must take a second place. Still, thanks to the Earl of Jersey's advocacy, he had no doubt the annuitants would be able to be paid. Unfortunately, as was to be seen by the printed papers put before the meeting, there was a very long list of candidates for the next election, and he was sorry to say the vacancies were few, fourteen for the men and eight for widows. There were really only eleven for the men in the regular course, but three others were deferred, and were to be filled up as they occurred by death. Still, they hoped that when Bro. Terry announced the subscriptions they would, with the money put by to meet a bad year by the ordinary forethought of men of business, be able to get through the year without parting with one penny of their invested capital. Ever since this Institution was established, now nearly sixty years ago, every penny piece that had been scraped up to be invested had remained a sacred trust, and he hoped that as long as he was connected with it, money put by would be kept intact, and that it might be added to.

The subscription list was then read by Bro. Terry, and that Brother afterwards informed the meeting that Bro. C. E. Keyser had offered fifty guineas if thirteen other Brethren would each give the same amount, in order to make the list over £10,000. Another Brother at the meeting volunteered his fifty guineas.

The Sister Charities was the next toast, and it was proposed by Bro. Leopold G. Gordon Robbins P.G.D., and responded to by Bros. Hedges and McLeod.

Archdeacon Sinclair proposed the Chairman, who, he said, began his Masonic career quite early at Oxford; he was a member of his (Archdeacon Sinclair's) own college, and belonged to the group of brilliant young men under the late Professor Jowett, which included the names of Lord Lansdowne, Lord Camperdown, Lord Morley, and Lord Elgin. Animated by the counsels of that modern Socrates Lord Jersey devoted himself to public life in a very exemplary manner. Quite early he was promoted to the responsible post of Governor of New South Wales, where he nobly and honorably upheld the honour of the British Crown. He also carried on his Masonic career in that great dependency, and was Grand Master of New South Wales. Besides his devotion to public life he had shown great interest in all charitable work, not only Masonic, but general; he was the leader of kings in all sorts of philanthropic institutions.

The Earl of Jersey replied, and said Archdeacon Sinclair had dived into the past and made him blush very much as he rather tenderly handled the names of some of his predecessors. There were few honours and advantages which could equal in pleasure the honour and advantages of belonging to a body of men anxious to promote not only fraternal feeling, but also kindly assistance towards others. He looked upon himself as a humble Mason, who had the advantage of being brought up in a Masonic School, and learning by slow degrees the valuable lessons and principles which Masonry inculcated.

The Stewards and the Ladies were the other toasts before the Brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Hall to the concert.

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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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting took place at the Gransmoor Hotel, Higher Openshaw, on Wednesday, 16th inst., Bro. Robert Adshead W.M. There was a good attendance.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, successful ballots were taken for Messrs. Thos. G. Swarbrick, Hulme, and George Ogden, Droylsden, who were afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the former by Bro. William Jones I.P.M., and the latter by the W.M. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. Chas. H. Griffiths J.W.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, the proceedings being varied by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Griffiths, Dr. E. E. Jones S.D., S. Andrew J.D., A. Mellor Organist, M. Goth, J. T. Moorhouse, and others, a very pleasant evening being spent.

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OAKWOOD LODGE, No. 1126.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Saturday, 15th ult., at Romiley, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Harry White, who was honoured with the presence of a large number of visitors, chiefly Past Masters.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. installed Bro. W. H. Ross S.W. in the chair of King Solomon in a highly commendable manner. The working tools of the third degree were ably presented by Bro. Emmanuel Clough P.M. Sec. and Charity Representative, and those of the first and second degrees by Bro. Hy. Greenhalgh I.P.M. and Bro. Wm. F. Brownrigg P.M. Treasurer respectively. Bro. J. W. Leathley P.M. D.C. conducted the investiture of Officers in his usual masterly and impressive style.

The address to the W.M., and that to the Brethren generally were given by Bro. E. Clough P.M. C.R., the retiring Secretary, in a manner which merited the applause of the Brethren, while that to the Wardens was very efficiently rendered by Bro. J. W. Leathley P.M.

The annual banquet was held at the Mersey Hotel, Stockport, and was served under the direction of the proprietor, Bro. Wm. Moones, in a highly pleasing and satisfactory manner. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were proceeded with.

The W.M. performed a most pleasing duty on behalf of the Lodge, in the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., which bore the following inscription:

Presented

by the Brethren, with their best wishes, to
BRO. HARRY WHITE P.M.

at the expiration of his year of office.

15th January 1898.

Bros. H. Greenhalgh P.M. then presented Bro. White with a Jubilee jewel, and Bro. E. Clough P.M. C.R. in a very appropriate style presented Bro. White with an illuminated address, to mark the high esteem in which he was held.

Bro. White, in responding, spoke of the gratitude he felt to the Brethren generally, and especially tendered his thanks to Bro. Clough, who had so ably and so willingly assisted him in his duties as Master of the Lodge.

The musical part of the ceremony was in the able hands of Bro. E. J. Greenhalgh Organist, who performed his work admirably.

It is highly gratifying to note that the balance sheet shows a very substantial sum in the hands of the Treasurer.

The February meeting was held on Saturday, 19th, when Bro. E. Clough P.M. C.R. gave notice of motion to vote twenty guineas out of the Funds of the Lodge to the Boys Centenary Festival.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 17th inst. The principal business of the evening was that of raising Bro. James Leach to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. B. Fawcett W.M., assisted by Bro. James Kershaw J.W., and Dr. F. Stephenson S.W., the former presenting and explaining the working tools, and the latter delivering the historical charge.

The visitors were Bros. J. G. Frost I.P.M. 1166, E. T. Ryder 678, and G. H. Wade 992.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

AS there was no specific business before the Lodge at its meeting on Friday, 18th inst., Bro. T. M. Brown I.P.M. delivered the lecture on the third tracing board to a large and appreciative audience.

A proposition, made by Bro. William Lambert W.M., “that the sum of thirty guineas be given from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,” was carried without a dissentient voice.

The Annual social gathering in connection with the Lodge, held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on the 9th, was an unqualified success, there being present nearly 200 people, consisting of members, and lady and gentlemen friends.

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SANDOWN LODGE, No. 1869.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, 17th, at the Masonic Hall, Sandown, when Bro. R. Guy was installed by Bro. Major Gordon.

The annual banquet was provided at the Railway Refreshment Rooms, about forty sitting down.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THIS Lodge, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. W. Belchamber P.M., assembled on Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, at Bro. G. Cooper's, the Globe Tavern, Fish Street Hill, London Bridge. Bro. T. Kington I.P.M. of the Mother Lodge acted as W.M., with G. F. Bushell S.W., M. Baillie J.W., W. Belchamber P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt P.P.G.S.B. Sec., C. H. Ash S.D., G. Cooper J.D., C. Foreman I.G., H. Jones, W. Rose, W. Houghton, E. Pennock W.M. 193, J. Wynman, J. Rose, H. S. Woodcock, T. Wiffen.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodcock candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Foreman and Jones answered the questions leading to the third. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Pennock, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. Belchamber, in his usual able manner, proposed Bro. Bushell as the W.M. for next meeting, which was seconded and suitably responded to.

Bro. Kington I.P.M. proposed Bro. W. Houghton as a member, and on his election the compliment was duly acknowledged.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

IT is with considerable pleasure we notice the regular attendance of members at this Lodge of Instruction, at the very comfortable quarters provided by Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth, host of Stone's Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket. At the usual meeting at 8 o'clock on Monday afternoon the chair was occupied by Bro. J. E. Culverhouse, with Bros. A. Butcher S.W., A. W. Musk J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., J. H. Warwick S.D., H. Wood J.D., A. Espezel I.G., Rudderforth P.M., Wavell P.M., A. Bebronth P.M., G. Detrez, C. Dyer, A. Menn, C. Antonelli, H. Rose, Firminger, F. Baker, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree and resumed to the first. Bro. Dyer offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most perfect manner. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Warwick, who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Culverhouse acting as candidate.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Woodrow Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent and faultless manner in which Bro. Culverhouse had occupied the chair as W.M. for the first time, which proposition was seconded, and unanimously accepted, the compliment being duly acknowledged. Bro. H. T. Rose, Faith Lodge, No. 141; G. Detrez, Finsbury Lodge, No. 861; and C. Antonelli, New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, were elected members, and Bro. A. Butcher was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the next meeting.

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KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

ON Tuesday, at the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington, W. (which establishment is under the able management of Bro. H. Robinson), an excellent meeting was held to witness the working of the seven sections of the first lecture.

The Lodge was opened punctually at 8 o'clock, under the able presidency of Bro. W. Hillier P.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge, who had the able assistance of the following:—J. Knight S.W., M. Spiegel P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. I.P.M., W. B. Neville P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary, J. H. Neville P.M. S.D., J. J. Mackay J.D., Maurice Moss I.G., F. O. Harke and Albert J. Taylor Stewards, W. R. Flack, H. Robinson, R. Josey P.M., W. J. Coplestone P.M., J. W. Facey, A. Westbury, J. J. Rumbal W.M. 1767, F. Surrey, W. G. Cox, W. J. Cave, H. J. Cousens, J. Wynman, and others.

After preliminaries Bro. J. H. Neville P.M. 1767 worked the first section, and was followed by Bros. Maurice Moss, A. J. Taylor, R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. (Preceptor of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction), R. Josey P.M. (Secretary of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction), W. J. Coplestone, and M. Spiegel P.M. P.P.G.S.B. respectively.

Bros. W. H. Cave and W. G. Cave, members of the Mother Lodge, and Bro. John Knight J.W. 861 were elected members, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

The ballot for the Charity Association was now taken, and resulted in favour of the host Bro. H. Robinson.

Bro. Craggs strongly recommended the case of the boy Walter Wright, son of the late Brother Wright a late member of the Lodge, who is a candidate for the Boys School, and we hope that Bro. Craggs's endeavours to get the lad elected will be crowned with success.

We compliment Bro. W. Hillier on his most perfect and faultless working, while praise is also due to those Brethren who assisted in giving the different sections in such an admirable manner.

The second and third lecture will be worked on Tuesday next, 1st March, at 8 o'clock.

Brethren wishing to join a Lodge of Instruction could not do better than visit this one. They will find the working, under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. Hillier P.M., very satisfactory.

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DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

ON Monday, at Bro. Stevenson's, Whittington Restaurant, Moor Lane, Moorgate Street, Bro. W. Vincent Jull W.M., J. G. Meyers S.W., J. Almond J.W., Walter Martin A.G.Purs. Preceptor, Percy Gray Assist. Sec., C. Frolich S.D., T. Chandler J.D., Alex. Jones I.G., H. Saqui, J. Wynman, G. Stevenson, H. E. Frances P.M., W. Sabine, and several others.

The W.M. opened the Lodge to the second degree, and Bro. Saqui offered himself as a candidate. Having proved himself proficient he was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Meyers was elected W.M. for Monday, 7th March.

Next Monday being Preceptor's night, Bro. Walter Martin will occupy the chair of K.S., and the excellence of his working being well known we expect to see a large gathering.

Bro. Percy Gray Assistant Secretary of the Lodge had very much pleasure in informing the W.M. that there was sufficient money in hand to take a ballot for the Masonic Charities Association, which announcement was received with acclamation. We may mention that the Association started about the second week in January last. Bro. Alexander Jones became the happy possessor of the first ballot.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 19th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bro. H. J. Cousens W.M., J. H. Cumming P.M. S.W., K. Ross J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., P. Cronin S.D., W. H. Handover J.D., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction I.G., M. Spiegel P.M. P.G.S.B. Surrey, E. Fox P.M., W. Hillier P.M., J. Knight, J. Francis, L. Walsh, J. Wynman, E. Hiscox, and others.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walsh acting as candidate. After this ceremony Bro. A. Williams Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture.

Bro. J. H. Cumming P.M. and Secretary of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

It was proposed by Bro. A. Williams, and seconded by Bro. Spiegel that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent working of Bro. Cousens as W.M. for the first time, which was carried and suitably responded to.

The Lodge meets every Saturday, at 7-15, and Brethren wishing to improve their knowledge in Masonry cannot do better than join. We confidently recommend Bro. A. Williams as an excellent Preceptor.

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CHAPTER OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, 22nd inst., under the presidency of Comp. Henry Forss M.E.Z.

The Chapter was duly opened by the Principals, after which the Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last regular convocation were read. Bro. Edward Barford Wilks, of the Lodge of Freedom, having been balloted for was introduced and regularly exalted to the supreme degree. The ceremony was ably conducted by the M.E.Z., assisted by the Principals, and Comp. Hawkey P.S.

This being election night according to the Bye-laws, the Companions then proceeded to ballot for the Principals and Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—Comps. J. P. White Z., Orilton Cooper H., R. J. Beamish J., A. Ronaldson S.E., W. Hawker S.N., T. T. Hogg Treasurer, E. Ingman P.S., F. Hitchens 1st A.S., J. Gillett 2nd A.S., Spencer Bowen and Mummery Stewards, Geo. Martin Janitor.

A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Forss, in recognition of his services as First Principal, and a notice of motion was given by Comp. W. Russell P.Z., to apply a portion of the Chapter funds as a donation to the Boys School Festival.

The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to enjoy a pleasant evening.

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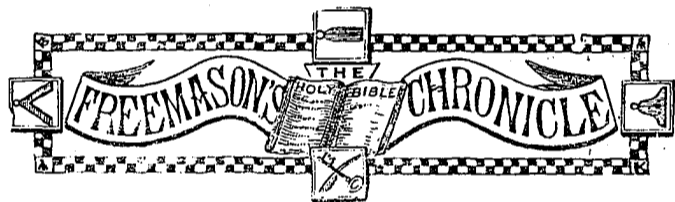
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

A QUARTERLY Communication of Grand Lodge is to be held on Wednesday next, 2nd March, at Freemasons' Hall, London, at six for seven in the evening. The following is the Agenda of

BUSINESS.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December for confirmation.

2. Communications from the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

(1) The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to sanction the following addition to the Regulations respecting the Charity Jewels, at Page 143 of the Book of Constitutions, and has ordered that the same be inserted immediately after the paragraph relating to Vice-Patrons.

"A Patron of any one or more of the Masonic Institutions may have embroidered on the right and left side of the ribbon referred to in the preceding paragraph, a sprig of Acacia one and a half inches long, meeting in the centre, over the colour appertaining to the Institution of which he is a Patron, and the Jewel ensigned with a representation of the Coronet of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master; the sprig of Acacia and the Coronet to be of Silver for a Patron of any one of the Institutions, of Gold for a Patron of two, and enamelled in their proper colours for a Patron of the three Institutions."

(2) The Grand Secretary has been commanded by the Grand Master to communicate to the Grand Lodge, that Bro. George Edwin Fairchild has been convicted of felony, for which he is now undergoing penal servitude, and to submit to Grand Lodge the propriety under the circumstances of removing the said Brother from the Rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, to which office he was appointed in 1895.

3. To read a communication from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

4. Election of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

5. Election of Grand Treasurer; Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Clifford Probyn P.M. of Lodge No. 18, London, the only nomination.

6. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds £50 0 0
A Brother of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Plumstead 50 0 0

A Brother of the Mayo Lodge, No. 1406, Secunderabad ... 75 0 0
A Brother of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings 50 0 0
A Brother of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, London 100 0 0
A Brother of the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, Hurstpierpoint 50 0 0
A Brother of the Rock Lodge, No. 1289, Birkenhead 100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1429, Newport, Mon. 100 0 0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that the following Presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks :—

Title or Object.	By whom Presented.
An Old Masonic Certificate.—James Terry P.G.Swd.Br.	
An Old Silver Collar Jewel.—Felix Kite P.P.G.D.C. Kent.	
Royal Arch Medal, 1825.—Mrs. Horatio Nelson.	
Centenary Jewel of No. 124.—W. Logan P.P.G. Registrar Durham.	
Sundry Masonic Calendars and Pamphlets.—Mrs. Gerard Ford.	
Centenary Jewels of Nos. 97 and 111.—Robert Hudson P.G.Swd.Br.	
Old Silver Deacon's Jewel.—J. C. Main P.M. and Sec. No. 157.	
Programme of Consecration of Victoria Diamond Jubilee Lodge, No. 2675, Woodford.—C. J. Smith W.M. No. 2675.	
Bible and Church Service, Black Letter, 1616.—L. E. B. Halcrow J.D. No. 1538.	
Address to Harmony Lodge, No. 156.—Frank Mabin, No. 105.	
Portrait of William Watson P.G.S.—Henry L. Davis P.M. No. 25.	
Two Old Masonic Aprons, Collars and Jewels.—John S. Abbott W.M. No. 2077.	
Constitutions of Grand Lodge South Carolina.—G. L. of South Carolina.	
Old Masonic Apron.—A. G. Browning P.M. No. 33.	
History of the Oak Lodge, No. 190.—The Oak Lodge, No. 190.	
A Scarce Masonic Medal (French).—Wm. J. Hughan P.G.D.	
An Old Masters' Lodge (A Reprint).—Wm. J. Hughan P.G.D.	
Sir Henry Harbin (A Biographical Sketch).—Robert F. Gould P.G.D.	
An Old Mark Jewel (Silver Gilt)—George Graveley A.G.D.C. R.A.	
Centenary Jewel of No. 137.—A. C. Chapin P.M. No. 137.	
Engraved Portrait of the Earl of Zetland.—John G. Stevens P.M. 933.	
Large Seal of Chapter No. 313, Bengal.—William Baddeley W.M. No. 25.	
Victoria Diamond Jubilee Medal (Silver).—M. Carteighe W.M. No. 2394.	
A Masonic Halfpenny Token.—E. L. P. Valeriani P.G.Std.Br.	

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts presented to the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9,865 17s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

15th February 1898.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2686—The Alfred Newton Lodge, London.

2687—The Italia Lodge, London.

2688—The Wythenshawe Lodge, Northenden, Cheshire.

2689—The King's Court Lodge, Gillingham, Dorset.

2690—The West Kirby Lodge, West Kirby, Cheshire.

2691—The Lodge of Israel, Cape Town, S. Africa.

2692—The Hastings Lodge, Hastings, Sussex.

2693—The Pellipar Lodge, London.

2694—The Justinian Lodge, London.

2695—The Doric Lodge, Harrowgate, Yorkshire.

2696—The Arcadian Lodge, London.

2697—The St. Michael le Querne Lodge, London.

2698—The Brondesbury Lodge, London.

2699—The Wandle Lodge, London.

2700—The Old Masonians Lodge, London.

2701—The Radcliffe Lodge, Radcliffe, Lancashire.

2702—The Hollingworth Lodge, Oldham, Lancashire.

2703—The Wallsend Lodge, Wallsend, Northumberland.

2704—The True Blue Lodge, Motihari, Bengal.

INVASION OF AN OXFORD FREEMASONS LODGE.

AN unusual scene was witnessed at a Lodge meeting which was being held in the Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford, on the night of the 10th inst. The account, however, which appeared in an evening contemporary is, we are informed, highly coloured. An Officer of the Lodge who was present supplies us with the following information :

"One of the Past Masters of the Lodge was speaking when we heard a tremendous hubbub and scrambling on the stairs. Judging from the noise that those ascending were intruders an Officer went to the door, and was just in time to prevent the party from entering the room. They were told that they could not possibly enter, as a Masonic Lodge was being held, at which they appeared very much amused. We appealed to them as gentlemen not to interfere, and the party withdrew with the exception of one individual, whom it was found necessary to eject by main force. He hung to the balusters like grim death, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he was got outside. Everything was done in the best humour. Had it been a boating or cricket club dinner the intruders would probably have been very roughly handled, but the Brethren maintained their dignity by treating the matter as a huge joke. No blows were struck, and everything was taken in

good part. When the undergraduates had withdrawn to the street there was a little banter between them and the waiters, who doubtless felt vexed at the affair having blown over so easily. Several members of the Apollo Lodge were present at the banquet, and seemed thoroughly disgusted with the performance of the intruders."

It appears that after wandering about for a time the party found themselves in the "High," where a passing tramcar attracted their attention, which they boarded. One or two attempted to execute a step-dance on the footboard, making the car rock in alarming fashion, and the brake catching the eye of the lively sparks efforts were made to stop the vehicle. The car was pulled up on two occasions, but one man received a blow in the abdomen from the brake handle. When the conductor (Beckley) ascended to collect the fares, another opportunity of showing their ingenuity was given the "boys," who made several playful attempts to pitch him into the road. The car having passed Carfax a second effort at collecting was made on the part of Beckley. During their stay on the car the party succeeded in pulling the backs from two seats, and also tore off the sign board. At the terminus they tried to have some fun with the horses, and then repaired to the railway station, where they indulged in various athletic exercises, and having made off with the station bell and damaged a case of views, the property of the company, the men returned to the tramcar, the bell having been taken from them. They travelled by the car as far as the "High."

On Saturday morning several of the roysterers had to appear before the University authorities at the Clarendon Buildings, and were confronted with Beckley and some other accusers, the first-named being able to identify six of those present as participators in the "sport." What punishment has been meted out to the guilty has not transpired, but they have doubtless found by this time that they cannot conduct themselves in the rowdy manner described with impunity.—"Oxford Chronicle."

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday, 13th inst., Rev. Dr. Rankin, of Muthill, preaching a special sermon in West Parish Church, Crieff, to the local Lodge, said an ideal was discernible in Masonic emblems. The chief of these were the level, square, and plumb, to which might be added two pillars, the winding stair and the piercing eye. It would be a very great commendation of the whole system if it helped men in their conduct and motives always to go on straight lines, whether level, upright or parallel. If it helped at all the help seemed rather slender, for he had never been able himself to discover much difference in this respect between Masons and non-Masons. He had known some of the Craft whose main emblem seemed the winding stair, which was often subterranean as well as winding.

Let them not hurry to the conclusion that this was hard and uncharitable. The same thing held of the Christian profession. Did all ministers or elders practice as they preached? Was it not an established fact and principle that a man needed to mount high in religious popularity before he could come out as a finished scoundrel? Had not the greatest frauds and crimes of the last generation been done by those who gave £500 subscriptions to build a kirk, or who speechified at May meetings in London, and who made warm motions in favour of some public charity?

Dr. Rankin referred to the mutual benefits to be derived from the Masonic body, and remarked that Masonry well managed was a system capable of sweetening and calming general society. A pacific ocean was too much to hope for in this life for a very long time to come, but if they could get a few specimens of pure and stormless water even the size of Loch Turret, great would be the boon. For practical attainment of a few figurative Loch Turrets, he would rather trust a dozen Masonic Lodges than any dozen churches, each different from the other.

He commended the benevolent fund, and pointed out the peculiar need of defence for the working classes against pawnshops, the instalment system of purchase, and against credit in the shape of what was called "menage." Few things were more urgently required than the cheapening and shortening of all documents relating to the transfer of small pieces of property. This would open to working people the most natural and safe of

all investments, and at their own doors. What was so pitiable as the succession of circulars of idiotic and knavish limited liability companies which he received week by week, angling for victims. Probably one-half of these company mongers and prospectus men deserved two years at Perth or Peterhead, for misdirected ingenuity.—"Kirkintilloch Gazette."

R. M. I. BOYS.

PROFESSOR Bertram favoured the Boys School with an excellent conjuring entertainment on Friday, 18th inst. Perhaps the most wonderful parts of the programme were the "Obedient Cards" and the "Mysterious Envelopes." The cards were apparently passed from one person's breast pocket to another's, without being touched by anyone or anything. The envelopes were mysteriously made out of a sheet of paper, and a marked coin was found sealed up in the innermost one. Then the envelopes were turned back again into the original sheet, by simply stroking with a magic wand. The way in which half-crowns were caught by Professor Bertram as they wandered in the air, or were collected from the hats of ladies, or the beards of members of the Board of Management, made us all feel a distinct use of the possession of an aerial mint like this.

Then there was the great Indian Mango tree trick, which supplied many of those present with button holes of flowers grown under their very eyes; the most wonderful feats of palming; and the perfect skill displayed in the uniting and disuniting of the mystic Zulu wedding rings.

After two hours had been spent in this pleasant way the entertainment closed with a promise from Professor Bertram to pay another visit to the Institution, which will be looked forward to most anxiously by the pupils. The entertainment was really brilliant in every respect, and Bro. Bertram received a hearty round of cheers for the great expense and trouble to which he had gone for the School.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Glass, Langton, Scurrah, Spaul, Pritchard, Cummings, Fitzgerald, McLeod, O. Philippe, F. A. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hebb, Mrs. McLeod, Miss George, Mrs. Hassell, Miss Franklin, Mrs. Morgan, &c.

The Committee of the Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français en Angleterre beg to announce that the eighth Cinderella, which will be the last of the season given by the Society for the benefit of the Free Lectures Fund, will take place on Saturday next, 5th March, at the Westminster Town Hall (Large Hall). Owing to the great success of the previous dances the Committee trust they will have again the advantage of the kind co-operation of all those who have supported them since the foundation. Tickets, which are limited in number, may be had of any member of the Committee, among whom is Bro. C. Ash, 2 Queen's Buildings, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., while cards of admission for the Lectures may be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary, 20 Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.

A number of Nottingham Brethren recently visited Leeds, in response to a cordial invitation from Bro. H. B. Abbott and the members of Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, the visit being in return for one paid by the Leeds Brethren to Nottingham about three months ago.

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1913 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 267.

The 110th Anniversary Festival will take place on Wednesday, 18th May next, under the Presidency of

ALDERMAN SIR REGINALD HANSON, BART., M.P., LL.D., P.G.W.,
Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary, 5 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—LIST OF STEWARDS AND AMOUNTS.

LONDON.			GIRLS SCHOOL GENERAL COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.			2255 Jas Bell 33 1 0 Unatt. Jas Speller 10 10 0 G W King 44 0 0		
Lodge			W G Kentish	63	10 0	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		
1	Bro. H L de Montmorency	15 15 0				Unatt. Baron de Ferrieres	47	5 0
2	W H C Payne	28 1 0				HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		
Chapter			UNATTACHED.			HERTFORDSHIRE.		
2	Comp. C E Keyser, M.A., J.P.	21 0 0	Bro. T Hastings Miller	21	0 0	403 H J Tuck	46	4 6
Lodge			Thos Griffiths	10	10 0	1327 J Priddle	36	15 0
4	Bro. N S Stott	37 15 0	W H Bailey	10	10 0	1385 F G Mason	29	7 6
5	W T Playfair, M.D.	52 9 6	David M Murrow	10	10 0	1479 C E Keyser, M.A., J.P.	115	10 0
8	Edwin Easton	45 3 0	T Blanco White			2136 John S Brunskill	45	2 6
10	L F Everest	21 0 0	James E Terry	10	10 0	2323 Geo Beverley	30	9 0
14	Rev. H H Lowe, M.A.		J H Williams	10	10 0	Unatt. J P Taylor		
15	R W Bowers	92 8 0	C O Burgess	10	10 0	Dr. W P Warren	15	15 0
21	Geo T S Gill	48 6 0	H Kemp	15	15 0	W J Crutch	10	10 0
22	W C Greaves	68 11 0	John A Farnfield	10	10 0	KENT.		
23	J Woodrow Matthews	36 15 0	James Terry	215	0 0	125 J Kirby	21	10 6
25	Wm Baddeley	10 10 0	H J Hunter	10	10 0	784 Geo Edgar	36	15 0
Chapter			G P Parker	57	15 0	1486 O H Smith	31	10 0
25	Mrs. A A Frigout	18 18 0	Alderman W Vaughan Morgan	105	0 0	2041 A A Frigout	17	16 0
Lodge			Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn	84	0 0	EAST LANCASHIRE.		
26	Bro. W H Propert	17 17 0	Frank R Kenning	10	10 0	Unatt. C D Cheetham	194	5 0
29	John H Stark	24 3 0	Wm Webber	10	10 0	WEST LANCASHIRE.		
33	E P B Hallowes	55 13 0	F G Ivey	10	10 0	1070 Jas Hesketh	10	10 0
49	Wm Bailey	53 11 0	Walter Gladding	10	10 0	1375 A Pickford	10	10 0
55	W G Langlands	36 15 0	Thos Manly	16	16 0	Unatt. Capt. C H Garnett	10	10 0
59	D Mayer	10 10 0	A Leighton	10	10 0	MIDDLESEX.		
90	John H Usmar	210 0 0	Horace B Marshall, M.A., J.P.	21	0 0	382 A Foyer	16	16 0
95	Rowland Hirst	68 5 0	Stanley J Attenborough	63	0 0	1310 H Bown	42	0 0
147	W Fielder	31 10 0	F N Hardinge	16	5 6	1326 L C Brooke	10	10 0
162	R B Shipley	12 12 0	J S Tamburini			1567 S J Millin	81	12 0
171	A A Frigout	21 0 0	George Whetton			1656 R W Rice	21	0 0
174	G A W Griffiths	182 13 0	H T Brickwell	10	10 0	2024 F T Simson	22	1 0
Chapter			F Hughes			2163 A A Hardy	37	16 0
180	Comp. Dr. H W Kiallmark	10 10 0	P A Nairn	57	15 0	2523 H T Cooper	41	4 0
Lodge			Major Eustace Anderson	15	15 0	NORTHS AND HUNTS.		
188	Bro. Lewis Lazarus	231 0 0	J W Elvin	10	10 0	360 A Cockerill	70	0 0
192	C Garton	192 13 6	John F Haden	10	10 0	Unatt. H Manfield	31	10 0
193	J W Simeons	42 10 0	W C Parsons	12	12 0	NORTH WALES.		
197	Ven. Arch. W M Sinclair	50 8 0	H C Lonsdale	10	10 0	1509 & 2569 J G Tuxford	152	5 0
228	F W Moss	62 2 6	Thomas Lovell	10	10 0	Unatt. Jas. Porter	141	15 0
256	J M Campbell	37 16 0	W M Stiles	10	10 0	OXFORDSHIRE.		
259	E de Q Quincey	21 0 0	H Riches			The Chairman	52	10 0
538	T H Clear	32 11 0	A A Butcher	10	10 0	Rt. Hon. Viscount Valentia, M.P.		
Chapter			A J Thomas	21	0 0	340 G C Druce		
720	Comp. John Songhurst	10 10 0	LADIES.			340 C M Taphouse	101	0 0
Lodge			Mrs. T Blanco White			340 A Rowley		
754	Bro. B Stocker	100 0 0	Mrs. Frank Adams	18	18 0	357 F P Morrell		
781	S W Bull	46 8 6	Mrs. A A Frigout	7	7 0	357 R C Parr		
834	A Williams	68 5 0	Mrs. Henry Kemp	102	7 0	357 Rev. F W Bussell	82	0 0
862	A J Curtiss	10 10 0	Mrs. A R Trew	21	0 0	357 J Linton Myres		
879	Harold J Harper	115 10 0	Mrs. G A W Griffiths			357 R E Baynes		
902	C Butcher	42 0 0	Mrs. Wm Webber			478 E R T Croxall	53	17 6
907	A Bodeker	106 1 0	Mrs. C Milton	5	5 0	599 W R Cooper	10	10 0
1017	Hy Chetham	45 11 0	Mrs. Jas Speller	5	5 0	1036 A E Mace	22	1 0
1118	Rev. H R Cooper-Smith, D.D.	58 16 0	Miss E S Trew			1515 Jas Hastings		
1139	Wm Hamsher	36 15 0	PROVINCES.			1515 A E Hunt	62	5 6
1158	E G Cooper	36 15 0	BEDFORDSHIRE.			1703 H C Habgood	15	3 6
1259	C W Chandler		Province Bro. S L Kilpin	33	13 0	1763 Hy Birch	52	10 0
1259	Chas Wakefield	52 10 0	BERKSHIRE.			1895 C M Roberts	20	0 0
1288	A Mullord	11 11 0	414 C E Keyser, M.A., J.P.	120	15 0	2414 H F Piggott		
1306	C J Holmes	24 15 0	574 H D'O W Astley	26	5 0	2414 M Wingfield	23	10 0
1328	C Smith	10 10 0	2228 W A Hart	15	15 0	SHROPSHIRE.		
1360	J Gould	64 3 6	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.			Unatt. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.	68	15 0
1366	Thos Butcher	50 18 6	1501 James Williams	11	11 0	Unatt. Rowland G Venables	21	0 0
1382	C H Cooper	38 1 0	1501 J J Simcox	13	13 0	SOMERSETSHIRE.		
1383	John T Scriven	254 2 0	2420 Edward Gibbs	63	0 0	Province Lieut.-Col. A T Perkins	10	10 0
1425	W E Collison	41 9 6	2430 Thos Jones	15	15 0	STAFFORDSHIRE.		
1507	J H Moggridge	43 14 0	2492 T W Allsop	31	10 0	546 Geo C Kent	10	10 0
1523	Rev. H R Cooper-Smith, D.D.		Unatt. Jas Stephens			SOUTH WALES (WESTERN).		
1539	W G Cannon	11 11 0	Mrs. Jas Stephens	10	10 0	Province J Llewellyn Thomas		
1558	J T Packer	49 8 6	Mrs. H H Sherwin			SUFFOLK.		
1677	S J Fletcher	52 19 6	Chas Copsey			Unatt. Geo Turner	21	0 0
Instruction			CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			SURREY.		
1677	A W Humphreys	10 10 0	Unatt. William Briggs	10	10 0	1046 C E Tanner	26	5 0
Lodge			CHESHIRE.			1347 Tom Cookes	165	18 0
1687	T J Bolton	115 10 0	477 R Robinson	10	10 0	1347 H Taylor		
1693	S Robson		CORNWALL.			1616 T Hewson	10	10 0
1695	Robert Colsell	42 10 6	Unatt. Sholto H Hare	26	5 0	2095 J M Crosley	10	10 0
1708	W J Batho	63 0 0	CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.			2146 F Lockett	50	10 0
1719	W D Child	52 10 0	Unatt. J Roper	21	0 0	2444 A Watkin	23	1 0
1732	A Pettit	39 18 0	DEVONSHIRE.			Unatt. W J Mason	10	10 0
1766	S C Kaufman	91 7 0	Prov. F B Westlake	10	10 0	Unatt. W Gripper	10	10 0
1805	Jas Young	10 10 0	DORSETSHIRE.					
1964	J T Hoare	68 16 6	137 J H Whadcoat	10	10 0			
2021	E Rosenberger	105 0 0	DURHAM.					
2029	Thos Knights	10 10 0	The Province	52	10 0			
2128	W B Hextall	59 17 0	ESSEX.					
2140	H M Grellier	13 13 0	2006 F W Brend	51	12 6			
2202	A J Ward	61 8 6						
2202	James Brown							
2202	Philip Wilson	63 0 0						
2202	T J Perrett	10 10 0						
2242	R S Ellis	15 15 0						
2319	Dr. D Mackay Forbes	26 5 0						
2362	Surg. Lieut.-Col. H R Myers	110 5 0						
2369	J Leach Barrett	21 0 0						
2400	W J Gomm	26 3 6						
2456	E Beaumont	27 6 0						
2488	W S Hooper	110 5 0						
2511	John J Olley	21 0 0						
Chapter								
2511	Comp. J H Milton	31 10 0						
2511	T Cato Worsfold	10 10 0						
Lodge								
2512	Bro. Frank Adams	65 0 0						
2601	Fredk. Varley	75 1 0						

WARWICKSHIRE.			652	J Graham		GUERNSEY.	
1551	T H Pearce	5 5 0	810	J Harrison	168.	Thos Pengelly	52 10 0
1551	E Mallard	15 15 0	904	F Cleeves		FOREIGN.	
1551	T Rowbotham	10 10 0	1102	Walter Bailey		TRANSVAAL.	
WORCESTERSHIRE.			1231	T G Howell		Geo. Richards	
564	J Attwood	27 6 0	1462	Geo Hesketh		10 10 0	
WEST YORKSHIRE.			1513	C Lingard		MADRAS.	
275	A Armitage		1514	G H Holdroyd		Surgn. Capt. W Kiddle	
290	Joe Lumb		Unatt.	Capt. H G E Green		10 10 0	
290	James Brook		Total from the Province			350 0 0	
495	J E Hull		JERSEY.			MALTA.	
652	J Lancaster		Prov.	W T Pugsley		James A Bell	
						130 12 0	
						10 10 0	

LONDON, TILBURY AND SOUTHEAD RAILWAY.

A HIGH class Smoking Concert, organised by the officials of this Company, was given at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, W.C., on Monday evening, when the handsome hall was packed with an appreciative audience. Mr. Arthur L. Stride, Managing Director, presided, and among those present were representatives of the principal Metropolitan Railways, and of the large firms doing business with the Company. The artistes who appeared were M. Johannes Wolff, violin soli, Messrs. Andrew Black, Walter Coward, Edward Dalzell, James Horncastle, Frederick Bevan, Robert Hilton, Fred Cozens (most of whom will be recognised as members of our Order), and a selected choir from the London Training School for Choristers. It is needless to say that with such talent the programme was an excellent one, and was heartily enjoyed. During the evening Mr. Stride proposed a well deserved vote of thanks to the Concert Committee, Messrs. E. Cecil Newton, Benjamin Bullock, E. Chalk and J. W. Guy, to the latter of whom the Press representatives are indebted for his courteous attention. In a highly humorous speech Mr. Stride referred to the complaints often

received by the Company, and instanced one awful indictment which was found to have emanated from a school boy. He considered these annual concerts were very pleasant functions, and certainly thought that they had set an example to other Railway Companies. Mr. Cecil Newton proposed the health of the Chairman, which was drunk with musical honours, the compliment being modestly acknowledged by Mr. Stride; and Mr. George H. Turner, General Manager of the Midland Railway, returned thanks for the Visitors. Altogether a very enjoyable evening.

Parkhurst Theatre.—On Monday "The Happy Life," by Mr. Louis N. Parker, will make its first appearance in the suburbs of London at this Theatre for six nights only, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Oswald. In addition to having the advantage of several members of the original cast to interpret this very charming comedy, the entire scenery and properties from the Duke of York's Theatre will be used. The plot of "The Happy Life" is original and human, the intensity of its interest holding us spell-bound from beginning to end.



BROWN AND JONES: "Steady there with the PATTISONS', old chap!"
 ROBINSON: "All right, there's plenty for all of us, and not a headache in the whole bottle."

At a Bound Pattisons' Whisky has come to the front, and is now in General Use as the Glass of Fashion, being recognised Here, There, and Everywhere, as Scotland's Best.

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.
House Committee, Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Pness, F.M.H.
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King Arms, F.H.
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
1540 Chaucer, Southwark
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion

43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
62 Social, Manchester
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2257 Powell, Bristol
2279 Thornham, Thornham
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2553 Rufford, Nottingham
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

Mark Grand Lodge, 5 for 6.
9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall
18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.
217 Stability, Anderton's
765 St. James, Southwark
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1257 Grosvenor, Freemasons'-hall
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hill
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park
1397 Anerley, Anerley
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2032 Richmond, Richmond
2033 N. Counties, Inns of Cr't. Hd
2150 Tivoli, Frascati
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant

47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
209 Etonian, Windsor
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
366 St. David, Milford
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'holmton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
847 Fortesque, Honiton
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge
948 St. Barnabas, Linslade

974 Pentalpha, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beam'ster.
1488 St. Eleth, Almwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

Wednesday.

United Grand Lodge, 6 for 7.
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn

74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Prescot
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
258 Amyhibious, Heckmondwike
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, Mottram
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
380 Integrity, Morley
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
611 Marches, Ludlow
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
697 United, Colchester
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
838 Franklin, Boston
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
929 Waveney, Bungay
990 St. Anne, East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1663 Hartismere, Eye
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson

2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2283 Euston, St. Neots
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday.

10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
1351 St. Clement Danes, Hol'n R'st.
1383 Friends in C'ncil, 33, G'den Sq.
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2202 Regent Park, Frascati
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly

24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
71 Unity, Lowestoft
110 Loyal O'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphthali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Haslingden
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
318 True and Faithful, Helston
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
337 Candour, Uppermill
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
446 Benevolent, Wells
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
539 St. Matthew, Walsall
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
710 Pleiades, Totnes
792 Peiham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1231 Savile, Elland
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington

1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2028 Granite, Narborough
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

90 St. John, Albion
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street
1275 Star, Greenwich
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
2488 Eccentric, Criterion
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
445 Fidelity, Towcester
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
521 Truth, Huddersfield
566 St. Germain, Selby
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
712 Lindsey, Louth
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1458 Truth, Manchester
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1725 Douglas, Maidstone
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
1993 Wolsey, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1928 Gallery, Anderton's
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell
149 Peace, Meltham
308 Prince George, Eastwood
336 Benevolence, Marple
370 St. George, Chertsey
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynges, Bristol
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1494 Felix, Hampton Court
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
2077 Epping, Chingford
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—Daily at 7-30, and Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, at 1-30 also, The Babes in the Wood.

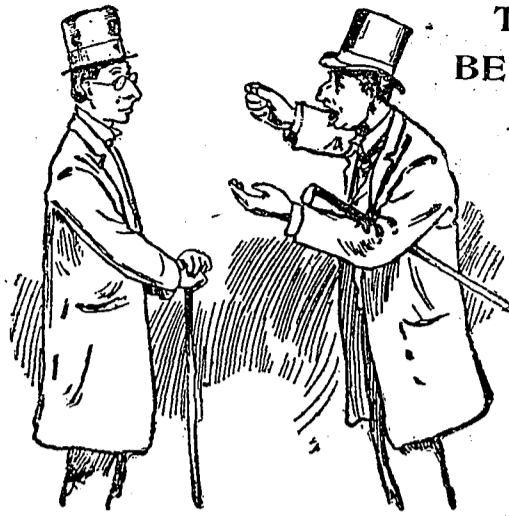
Lyceum.—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8, Madame Sans-Gene; Thursday and Friday, The Merchant of Venice; Saturday, Waterloo, and The Bells.

Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Cæsar. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2. Haymarket.—8-30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.

Vaudeville.—8-20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.

Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.

Adelphi.—8, The Lady of Lyons. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.
 Savoy.—7:40, Old Sarah. 8:20, The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
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 Globe.—7:45, A case for Eviction. 8:20, A Bachelor's Romance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
 Duke of York's.—8, The rescue of Oliver Goldsmith. 9, The Dove Cote. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
 Comedy.—7:50, A Sheep in Wolf's clothing. 9, One Summer's day. Matinée, Saturday, 3. (Last day.)
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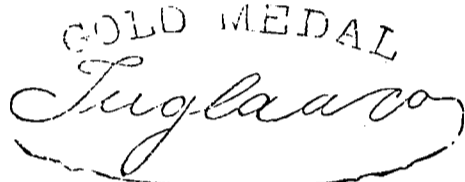


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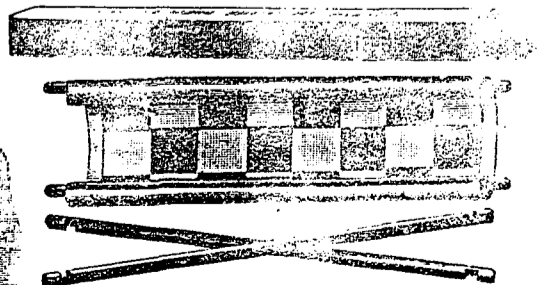
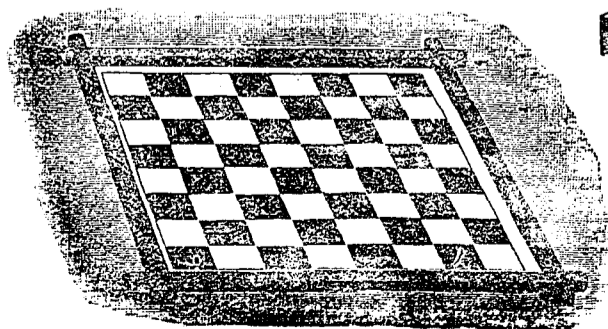


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