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OUR CONSTANT CARE.

NO excuse is needed from us for devoting ourselves thus early in the new year to a cause which we have previously advocated as the first care of the English Craft. Not only is it the first, but equally may it be described as the constant care of the Masons of England—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, which this year starts under circumstances happily very rare in its history, there having been an adverse balance between the receipts and expenditure of the past twelve months, which of course necessitated a corresponding encroachment on the accumulated funds of the Institution. Fortunately the Charity is in the position to meet the deficiency of the past year with a certain amount of equanimity, but we hope it will be the last occasion for very many years when such a contingency has to be provided for, not only because we should regret to think there was any falling off in the interest hitherto displayed in this great branch of English Masonic Benevolence, but more particularly because the requirements of the Craft point to a large increase of the benefits of this Fund being most desirable, rather than any curtailment of the number of annuities already granted.

It will be many a long year, however, before other claims will be so pressing against the Benevolent Institution as was the case in 1898, and we may therefore regard the position with a certain amount of satisfaction, feeling assured that unless something very unforeseen occurs a deficiency such as is presented in the accounts of the past year is very unlikely to occur again for some considerable period; and accordingly it seems only necessary at the moment to devise a means of making good what has been lost, and provide a fair working arrangement for the future; or, what is perhaps better, to let bygones be bygones, and set to work to raise such a sum during the present year, and in succeeding ones, as will not only pay the promised annuities and the current expenses, but allow of an extension in the number of beneficiaries from time to time.

At the present moment the Benevolent Institution is paying a sum of £16,384 each year in annuities alone, added to which there are the necessary expenses of collection and management, &c., so that it will be at once seen that to raise an amount sufficient to meet the expenses of a year is no light undertaking, and consequently there is some excuse when a particular year's work results in a deficiency, and were it not for the fact that matters are kept very close, between income and expenditure, there might not perhaps be so much necessity for impressing on the Craft the absolute need that exists for checking, in the most imperative manner, any tendency towards a falling off in the contributions to this Fund of English Benevolence.

The total of £16,384 now being annually spent in Annuities to aged Brethren or their Widows, is divided between some 480 old people, 202 Aged Brethren receiving £40 a year each, 245 Widows each receiving £32 a year, and 30 other Widows receiving one half of their late husband's annuity (£20 each), while in addition to this very large band of annuitants there are no less than 126 candidates on the list, regularly approved and passed as worthy, only kept out of the benefits of the Fund because the income is not nearly sufficient to provide for all who are found worthy, and are unfortunately in such a position as to be compelled to appeal to their fellow members of the Craft for assistance. Naturally it would be too much to ask for such a subscription as would allow for all these candidates to be awarded annuities, but even in view of the very large sum now required to meet current pensions it is not too much to hope that at no very distant period it may be found possible to extend the scope of the Institution.

The present year marks the Jubilee of the establishment of the Widows' Fund, which, as we have just noted, is giving pensions of £32 a year each to just on two hundred and fifty old ladies—yet there are many more in different parts of England fully qualified to receive, and sorely in need of similar grants, and we hope ere the Jubilee accounts are closed it may be found possible to do something on behalf of a few at least of these latter. It may seem out of place to speak of extension in the same breath as we talk of a large falling off in receipts as compared with expenditure, but we regard the deficiency as a temporary affair only, and venture to think the Committee of the Institution might be induced to take a very liberal view of things if they were face to face with a satisfactory Festival return to mark the Jubilee of the Widows Branch of the Benevolent Institution.

The Festival of the year is fixed for Wednesday, 22nd February next, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Honourable Lord Llangattock Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, and it is certainly fair to predict that his lordship will have a hearty band of supporters from among the Brethren of his own district; that their efforts may be warmly supported by Stewards from every other part of the country is most devoutly to be wished, and we hope such a desirable result will be achieved ere the day of the Festival comes round, but at present there are manifest signs that the cause which led to the falling off in last year's receipts—the exceptional prosperity of the Boys School—is by no means disposed of, and as a consequence many districts are lacking in active support, being in reality exhausted after their stupendous efforts on behalf of the Boys Centenary. To give some idea of the extent to which this excessive drain on the charitable resources of the Craft is likely to make itself felt in the future, we may point to one item in the past year's returns of the Boys School—a

most satisfactory item if considered entirely by itself, but bearing a very different aspect if we attempt to read between the lines or seek to estimate how far the future is likely to be influenced by the past. We refer to the fact, as announced by the Secretary of the Boys School, that more than £125,000 of the £134,000 announced at the Centenary Festival of the Institution has already been received, leaving a total of £9,000 to be collected this year, and virtually taken from the amount, which under ordinary conditions would have gone towards swelling the current year's returns on behalf of the three great Institutions of the Craft.

We have taken the Festival announcement in this calculation, but of course the real balance outstanding on the Centenary returns is the difference between the £141,203 os 11d to which the total has since risen, and the £125,000 already paid in to the Institution—a difference of £16,000, or as much as would be looked upon as a satisfactory announcement for either of the three Institutions at one of the Anniversary Festivals, and this large sum has to be paid in before a fair start can be made for the future, very much of it no doubt being due, in a more or less direct way, from Charitable Associations and other sources of regular income for the Institutions, so that what is yet to be gained for the Boys School Centenary will in all probability virtually come from the three Festival announcements of the year; thus it would seem that here alone there is a possibility of a deficiency of £5,500 on each of the three Festival announcements of the present, as compared with ordinary years.

Our remarks so far have been made on the assumption that bad times are before us, or rather that the exceptionally good times of 1898 will be fully felt in 1899, but let us hope that the calculations of ourselves, and of the many others who think as we do, will be entirely upset as the year progresses, and that 1899 will turn out a good ordinary year for the Institutions of the Craft. We should be delighted at such a result, and we most earnestly appeal to our readers to assist in bringing it about.

There is yet time in which to raise an ordinarily satisfactory return for the Benevolent Institution Festival to be held next month, even if such a result has not already been achieved by the 228 worthy Brethren working as Stewards on its behalf, while, as we have just urged, there are good materials on which to base a special appeal—this year marking the Jubilee of the Widows Fund, and the list of approved candidates numbering no less than 126, with, at the present time, only twenty-three vacancies; but the need of the moment is for more workers, and we are sure our much respected Brother James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, will gladly receive the name of any Brother who will take up a Stewardship for the Old Folks Institution. The money it disburses in annuities is handed direct to the old people benefitted, and there are, therefore, no questions as to the policy of this or that expenditure, as is the case with the other two funds of English Masonry, where it is often necessary to incur expenses in order to keep up large establishments, or bring the efficiency of special departments up to what is regarded as the standard of excellence.

But even with these distinctions there is no need for actual rivalry between the different Funds. There should be enough for all three, and were it not for the special calls made on the Craft last year it is probable the state of affairs at the present moment would not be nearly so critical as it is. We hope for a successful Festival, and shall be glad to find our appeal has led to an addition to the Board of Stewards.

NORTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, on the 21st ult.

Bro. Colonel Hunter (Plas Coch) Provincial G.M.M. presided, and there was a good attendance, all the Lodges in the Province being represented.

In addressing the Brethren Colonel Hunter alluded in most feeling terms to the great loss the Order and Masonry generally had sustained by the death of the Earl of Lathom Past Grand Master. It was agreed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales should express its deep sympathy with the late Past Grand Master's family.

The following Provincial Officers were appointed for the year :

Bro. Lieutenant Colonel Gordon-Warren	-	Deputy
J. Lloyd Griffith	-	Senior Warden
John Williams	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Thomas Edwards	-	} Chaplains
Rev. Pugh Evans	-	
Westlake Morgan, B.A., Mus.Bac.	-	Master Overseer
J. Rodway	-	Senior Overseer
W. A. Foster	-	Junior Overseer
R. Bellis	-	Treasurer
Dr. Kenrick Davies, M.B.	-	Registrar
W. D. Henderson	-	Secretary
E. Elbrell	-	Senior Deacon
J. W. Fendick	-	Junior Deacon
W. Walton	-	Inspector of Works
J. Porter	-	Director of Ceremonies
Ellis Jones	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. G. Hall	-	Sword Bearer
R. E. Pritchard	-	} Standard Bearers
J. Armstrong	-	
E. L. Pugh	-	Organist
W. Lloyd Griffith	-	Inner Guard
A. Carrison	-	Steward
J. Vincent	-	Tyler.

The banquet was served at the Imperial Hotel.

Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, speaking at the recent installation meeting of the Stanford Lodge, Hove, said the Province had reason to be proud in having one of her Majesty's sons as Provincial Grand Master. Freemasonry in England engendered loyalty to the throne, but in many parts of the world Freemasons were viewed with suspicion, and regarded as dangerous intriguers. He knew it was the wish of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to be oftener among them; but they all knew the deep interest he took in the welfare of the Province. The Provincial Officers made the work of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and of himself very light, and in expressing his opinion that no Province was more contented or better governed than that of Sussex, he bore testimony to the excellent work of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

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At the Western Hotel, Penzance, on Friday, 16th ult., Bro. G. H. Small P.M. P.P.G.T. was entertained at dinner by the Mount Sinai Lodge, with which he has been connected for 23 years. Bro. J. M. Cornish W.M. presided, and proposed the health of the guest, referring in high terms of him as a Brother, a professional man, and a townsman. He presented him, on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome gold English lever watch and chain, and Masonic seal. An illuminated address was also presented.

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The annual social by the Bayon's Lodge, No. 1286, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held at Market Rasen on Monday, 26th ult., and was well attended.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of Bro. J. G. Ainsworth, who died, after a short illness, on the 22nd ult., took place on Sunday, 25th, at the Borough Cemetery, Newcastle (Staffs.). The deceased had been master of the Friarswood Board School since the formation of the School Board, and was for some years previously head-master under the British School authorities. He had been long connected with the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, and had filled the Offices of P.P.S.G.W. and of W.M. of the Lodge, besides officiating as Secretary for a number of years. The funeral was attended by about twenty Brethren, a deputation of the School Board, and nearly all the male teachers.

MASONIC CHARITY IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE year we look back upon as just completed has shown a marvellous return in the way of subscriptions to the great Institutions of English Freemasonry, and the total received during the twelve months by the three funds is not only a record, but will probably remain so for many years yet to come. The immense amount of the subscriptions made in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Boys School have been referred to so often as to be now known in all parts of the country, and indeed of the world, but despite the familiarity with which we regard the total the full significance of the contribution is more fully brought home to us when we see that the sum actually received by the Institution during the year was £126,276 19s 1d. We give the totals of the past three years for comparison.

	1896.	1897.	1898.
Boys	£23,603 2 0	£23,303 5 7	£126,276 19 1
Benevolent	25,650 16 6	27,129 0 1	19,170 4 4
Girls	19,664 3 11	21,405 14 3	16,478 14 10

These figures total up as follow, for the three years:

Boys School	£173,183 6 8
Benevolent Institution	71,950 0 11
Girls School	57,548 13 0

Giving a grand total for the period named of £302,682 0s 7d, or an average of upwards of one hundred thousand pounds a year.

We append details of the receipts in each case:

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	£117,679 15 8
Grand Lodge Special Donation for Centenary Festival	-	-	525 0 0
Grand Lodge Subscription	-	-	150 0 0
Grand Chapter Special Donation for Centenary Festival	-	-	105 0 0
Grand Chapter Subscription	-	-	10 10 0
Grand Lodge Special Grant (June 1897) for Victoria Diamond Jubilee Scholarship, transferred to the R.M.I.B. Scholarship Fund	-	-	2,000 0 0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at call	-	-	3,576 8 1
Music Fees	-	-	55 0 0
Science and Art Department (Grants earned)	-	-	62 8 1
Prize Funds	-	-	145 18 1
Sundry Receipts	-	-	48 17 11
Rent of Bushey Grove Park	-	-	83 1 3
Balance of Centenary Stewards' Fees	-	-	1,800 0 0
Maintenance Refunded	-	-	35 0 0
			£126,276 19 1

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	£11,232 16 1
Dividends	-	-	4,046 4 4
Grand Lodge	-	-	1,600 0 0
Grand Lodge Grant, Diamond Jubilee	-	-	2,000 0 0
Grand Chapter	-	-	150 0 0
Interest on cash at call	-	-	140 16 5
Sundries	-	-	0 7 6
			£19,170 4 4

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Donations and Subscriptions	-	-	£11,490 6 0
Subscription from Grand Lodge	-	-	150 0 0
Subscription from Grand Chapter	-	-	10 10 0
Special Donation voted by Grand Lodge 2nd June 1897, in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	-	-	2,000 0 0
Interest on Investments	-	-	2,464 6 7
Interest on Deposits	-	-	87 1 4
Receipts for Musical Instruction	-	-	134 10 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	-	-	142 0 11
			£16,478 14 10

THE SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURTS.

THERE is little of interest to engage the attention of the supporters of the two Educational Institutions at the Quarterly Courts to be held next week—that of the Girls on Thursday, and that of the Boys the following day.

In each case the number of pupils to be admitted at the April elections, as well as the list of candidates, will be settled, while in the case of the Girls School some minor alterations in the laws are proposed.

For the Boys School Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough has given notice of motion to award an unsuccessful candidate at the last election a yearly grant towards his education and maintenance. Although we hope the proposal will be carried, as we should be very sorry to see the lad excluded from all benefits after the efforts made on his behalf by his friends (he had 870 votes), we can but regard the proposition as likely to create a very dangerous precedent. However, if we err at all, let it be on the side of leniency and liberality, as we can hardly wish a last chance case excluded from the benefits of the Institution in the glorious year of its Centenary. Why not have done the thing thoroughly, and proposed his admission direct into the School—half measures are seldom to be commended?

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

ACCORDING to usual custom, the annual entertainment to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution resident in the almshouses at Croydon was given on the premises on the first Wednesday of the year, in presence of a large gathering of Masonic Brethren and ladies. None of the expenses come out of the subscriptions to the Institution, all the cost being provided by donations specially given. On this occasion there was a substantial balance over, which it was arranged should go to a Samaritan fund for furnishing additional comforts to the old people in the event of their being taken ill. Among the company was Bro. C. E. Keyser, a liberal supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and Treasurer of the Boys School. The performances in the evening were the comedietta, "Dearest Mamma," with a prologue by the Master of Charterhouse, and the farce, "Leave it to Me," both pieces being very creditably acted by the Charterhouse company, of which the Haig-Brown family furnish five representatives. The day's proceedings were very successful.

The Masonic Girls School, at Clapham Junction, also had a New Year's entertainment the same evening, for the girls who did not return to their homes for the Christmas holidays.

The installation meeting of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday next, at 4 o'clock, when Bro. William Hanes will be installed as W.M., in succession to Bro. W. J. Ferguson. The other business on the agenda includes the balloting for and initiation of a candidate, and the raising of a Brother on behalf of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865. The banquet is timed for 7 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, will be held on Thursday next, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street. The agenda of business is a heavy one, and includes the names of two candidates for initiation, three for passing, and two for raising, so that the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Athol Bray will have full scope for the display of his ability in the work of the Craft. The meeting is called for 5 o'clock.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Master Bro. William Nutt, and Officers of the St. Germain Lodge, No. 566, a company numbering about seventy attended the annual children's party and Cinderella dance, which was, on Thursday night, 22nd ult., held in the Public Rooms at Selby. The arrangements were excellent, and gave entire satisfaction. The proceedings commenced with a tea. Subsequently a magic lantern entertainment was given by Bro. W. N. Chessman P.M. Other amusements were also introduced, and a pleasant evening was brought to a termination by a Cinderella dance, at which Bro. Mark Scott P.M., and Bro. J. F. Watson P.M. acted as M.C's.

FREEMASONRY UNIVERSAL.

By General John Corson Smith Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 5th October 1898.

(Continued from page 316, vol. 48.)

THE present Grand Lodge of England, known as the Mother Grand Lodge, was formed from four of the time immemorial Lodges, but those were not the only Lodges then existing in Great Britain, or even in England. This Mother Grand Lodge was formed in 1717 from four Lodges, and yet in 1751 we have another Grand Lodge organised in England from Lodges time immemorial, adhering to the old customs and usages, from which the older Grand Lodge had to some extent departed. These two grand bodies continued to govern the Craft in England until 1813, when they were consolidated and became one. The Grand Lodge of England, as stated, was organised in 1717, while that of Ireland was organised in 1726, and of Scotland in 1736.

At the organisation of the latter there were known to be one hundred or more living Lodges of Operative Free and Accepted Masons, self-constituted or chartered by each other, many of them dating back for centuries, and yet but thirty-three joined in the formation of the Grand Lodge. What became of the other sixty-seven or more is not known. What became of some of them is. A few died out with the cessation of work on abbeys and palaces, while many others became members of Grand Lodge.

There was, however, one noted instance, "The Lodge Melrose," founded in the twelfth century, during the erection of that famous abbey immortalised in verse by Brother Walter Scott. That Lodge continued an independent body, recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the other Grand Lodges, until 1892, when to force that body to a support of Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge of Scotland "boycotted" its membership, and it was compelled to come into the fold.

Thus it will be seen that in the far distant centuries Freemasonry was Operative Masonry; that a Speculative Masonry—the necessary adjunct—grew up beside it, and finally became merged into it, and while for centuries the two were combined, the Institution became purely Speculative in more modern times, and is now known as Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, which is the Freemasonry Universal of which I now speak. Originating in the oldest known quarters of the globe, Asia and Africa, it travelled west with the civilisation of the day until it reached the continent of Europe, and thence to America, where, guided by the truths as set forth in the Holy Writings of the different countries in which it has found a home, and having reached a people of the most advanced civilisation and purest Christianity, like the waves of the ceaseless ocean it now returns travelling eastward to the land of its birth.

Aside from China and Japan, where there is no native Freemasonry and never was, I found the first native Craftsman in the Malay Archipelago, an old friend, Prince Data Sri A mar d Raja, known as Abdul Ranman to many of the Craftsmen here present, who met the distinguished Brother at my home, who was Senior Warden of his Lodge. In India I met many of the native Freemasons, and among them the Parsis, the merchant princes, descendants of the ancient Persians, and they are enthusiastic Freemasons. Visiting a Lodge of Parsis one evening, and having no Masonic clothing or evening dress, having sent my luggage to

a distant point, I made apologies for not conforming to the rules of the country. A Parsis Brother immediately arose and said, "It is not your clothing, Brother Smith, we want to see here; it is your person, and we give you hearty welcome." This put me at ease.

The customs and manners of these Eastern Brethren of Asia and Africa are such as govern in good society in Europe and America, the nearest approach to which is found in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Some years ago the anxiety to have credit for correct ancient and English work in the several Grand Lodges in the United States led to what is known as the "Webb work," the "Barney work," or the "Rob Morris work," and we have wandered away from the work of the Mother Grand Lodge. Whether we have produced a more dramatic or grammatic work is not for me to discuss in this address. Suffice it to say, that differing as we may in language or presentation, the essentials are the same, and certain landmarks, the corner-stones of our ancient Fraternity, with their underlying principles of a firm belief in Deity, a love for our fellowmen, of a life that is yet to come, and an undying patriotism, are the same in all lands. The eternal truths upon which Freemasonry is founded demand a firm belief in and a strict adherence to those fundamental landmarks, which cannot be too often repeated: "The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the resurrection." It is this belief which has made the United Grand Lodge of England so large in membership, so powerful for good, so happily united. Let any Lodge, be it of the "Three Globes" or "Egyptian," or of the Swedish or Scottish Constitutions, maintain these principles and landmarks and be governed by its Master and Wardens only, and the Mother Grand Lodge not only recognises it as a constituent of this great Brotherhood but throws its protecting arms about it to save it from all intruders. Thus it is that our Freemasonry is made universal.

As an evidence of this fact I recall my first visit to a Lodge working in that land of the lordly and mysterious Nile, presided over by the genial and scholarly Shahine Makarius Bey. It was the Lodge Lataif, of the Egyptian Constitution, and on its altar lay an open copy of the Koran. A communication was read by the Secretary which caused much discussion and an apparent depth of feeling, but as the debate was in Arabic I had to ask the friend who accompanied me to the Lodge, a Syrian officer of the Anglo-Egyptian army, the character of the paper read.

He informed me it was a letter from a well known person, who stated he had been made a Mason in a former Lodge in Egypt working under the French Constitution, and that the Lodge having ceased to exist he now sought membership and advancement in this Arabic Lodge. The Brother further said that the Egyptian Brethren had in some way understood that French Freemasonry was not recognised by English working Lodges, and just how to dispose of the matter they did not know.

I asked him if he would request the Worshipful Master to give me a hearing, and translate my remarks into Arabic for the members. I was invited to address the Lodge, which I did, and briefly informed the Worshipful Master and Brethren that the cause of the estrangement between the English working Lodges and those of France was the action of the French in removing the Holy Writings from the altars and no longer requiring of the candidate a belief in Deity.

On this being interpreted to those Egyptian Brethren of Lataif Lodge they unanimously and with much applause directed

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

Chief Patroness—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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1941 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 267.

The 111th Anniversary Festival will take place on 10th May next, under the distinguished Presidency of
THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, D.L., R.W. PROV. C.M. SOMERSET.

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

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

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the Secretary to return the communication to the writer, with the information that he could not become a member of the Lodge Lataif, and that no member thereof could have Masonic conversation with or receive Masonic communications from a French made Mason. A stricter observance of the Divine landmark and true corner-stone of true Freemasonry could not be found in the most enlightened and Christian Lodge in Illinois than that of our Arabic and Mohammedan Brethren of far-away Egypt, where Freemasonry, in my judgment, had its origin in the ages gone by. Notwithstanding this fact there are Grand Lodges which hesitate to recognise the grand body to which the Lodge Lataif owes its allegiance, when to do so would be to throw the arms of fraternal protection around it and thus shield the Brethren from the baneful influence of such atheistical bodies as the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Peru.

A few words as to what the ancient charges have to say of loyalty to the country in which the Freemason lives and works: "A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates; for as Masonry hath always been injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so ancient kings and princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen because of their peaceableness and loyalty whereby they practically answered the cavils of their adversaries and promoted the honour of the Fraternity who ever flourished in times of peace."

During my last visit to the famed mountains of Lebanon, in which the cedars were prepared to be carried on floats to Joppa, and thence to Jerusalem, for the great temple of King Solomon, I went with a native friend to pay my respects to the governor of the Lebanon. On my return to the sea coast at Beyrout I met Colonel Rish Allah Bey of the Turkish army, whom I knew to be a Freemason. After our salutations, the Colonel, addressing me, said: "General, I sorry you not here yesterday. I know you go see Governor of Lebanon, but I want you real bad." On my asking him what service I could have rendered him he related the following story: "A Brother Freemason having been charged before the proper magistrate with seditious language and disrespect to the Sultan, was arrested and confined in the city prison. The Colonel visited the Brother and learned from him that he had been accused of disloyalty by an enemy; that there was not a word of truth in the accusation, and that he desired some friend and Brother to see the Governor of Beyrout and assure him of his truthfulness. The Colonel said: 'I then want you go with me to Governor and say what you say at home of Brother Kalil Rayess the other evening about loyalty of Freemasons. You not being here I go to Governor myself and say to him: General Smith you know, Governor, he called upon you the other day, and Governor says 'yes.' 'Well, he say one evening at house of Mr. Rayess, where many of us met him, that were he the Sultan of Turkey, the Czar of Russia or Shah of Persia, he encourage the making of Masonic Lodges under English Constitutions; that Freemasonry teach loyalty to government and respect to rulers, and if he have somes Lodges he know he have some faithful and honest people about him in whom he can trust. This man what he be in prison is a Freemason, he say it not true he say anything bad about Sultan or the government, and that he be his enemy what make him this trouble, and I believe he tell what true.' The Governor him say: 'Did General Smith say that?' I say 'Yes,' and the Governor he say, 'I release the prisoner right away,' and he did."

Freemasons have ever been lovers of liberty as attested in a Washington and a Lafayette. They have also been lovers of good government, as recognised in a Wellington, a Jackson, a Wolseley and a Miles.

Of the Presidents of the United States from the first to the present, the most representative ones have been Freemasons, as many of the leaders of our armies have been. I need not mention George B. McClellan, Winfield Scott Hancock or John F. Hartranft, and of our own beloved Illinois, J. A. McClelland, John M. Palmer, John A. Rawlins and John A. Logan. To these, and many like them, we are indebted for the formation and preservation of this government of ours, and to all such Freemasonry is indebted for devotion to our principles and fidelity to their country. Great as has been this devotion to principle, at no time has it ever dimmed the glory of their faith in God and love of their fellowman.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has the cost of constitutional government ever been considered by you? Have you ever thought of how much Freemasonry has done to establish government throughout the world? How many lives have been given, and how much precious blood has been shed to preserve the "Jewel of Liberty" to the human race?

In the forefront of civilisation Freemasonry has ever kept place, and to no one class in the community are we more deeply indebted for our liberties than to the Masonic Fraternity. It would be impossible at this day to number the Freemasons whose

names are inscribed on the muster rolls of the defenders of this government in the late Civil War, and whose blood bedewed the land during that memorable struggle, nor can we name the many who have borne our flag to victory in the late war with Spain.

Our own Illinois, though not the oldest of the states of the Union, nor yet containing the largest population, gave to the Nation some thirteen general officers, and five of them were from my own mother Lodge of but fifty members, Miners, No. 273, of Galena. Three became Past Masters, two Grand Orators, and one Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

Pennsylvania, the Grand Keystone of the Federal Arch, as it is of Masonry, leads all the states in the number of its Freemason soldiers, of whom there were forty or more general officers, the trio whose names I have before spoken, McClellan, Hancock and Hartranft, leading all the rest. Of the other states I could give all whose names have been recovered, but the lists are so imperfect that I would not do them the injustice to name the incorrect number.

If in the precious time you have given me from the exacting labours in this Grand Lodge and your duties to your fellow members I have said anything to increase your love for our Fraternity, I shall be grateful. And if in this address I have impressed you with the fact that we are an Order worshipping one God, believers in the Brotherhood of man, in the life which is yet to come, and teachers of loyalty to country, I shall be more than content. If my words shall have gone farther and brought to you that belief which I from practical experience as well as studied knowledge do firmly believe and know, that Freemasonry is a Brotherhood or Fraternity coming to us from unnumbered ages, embracing all peoples who believe in GOD THE FATHER of all men, I shall be more than repaid, and I shall thank that God that there is a Brotherhood of man, and that Freemasonry is Universal.

To insure perpetuity and maintain this universality, it becomes essential that every Craftsman bear constantly in mind the injunction so recently given the Freemasons of England by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, in which he well says: "So long as religion remains engrafted in the hearts of the Craft, the Craft is certain to flourish; and be assured of this, that when religion in it ceases, the Craft will lose its stability and power." To this sentiment all true Craftsmen will respond Amen, Amen, Amen!—"Kansas Freemason."

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 13th day of January 1899, at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to consider Notice of Motion as under; to approve and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on 14th April next, and to determine the number of Boys then to be elected.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

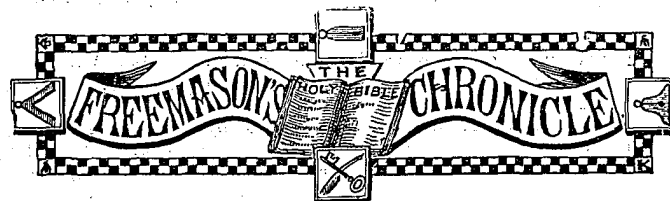
By the W. Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough P.A.G.D. of C. Patron and Honorary Solicitor of the Institution:—

"That in order to recognise the efforts made to elect Albert Edward Johnson, an unsuccessful (last chance) case at the October Election in the Centenary year of this Institution, an allowance of £20 per annum be made to him towards his Education and Maintenance, provided he be Educated at a School to be approved by the Board of Management, and be subject to the Rules applicable to Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution, and that such allowance commence from the date upon which he would, if elected, have been admitted into the School."

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.,
5th January 1899.

* * * The 101st Anniversary Festival will be held in June 1899, under the presidency of W. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Past Grand Deacon, Treasurer of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.



SATURDAY, 7TH JANUARY 1899.

MASONIC HALL AT EAST GRINSTEAD.

OUR contemporary, the "Horsham Times," gives a representation of the latest addition to the many buildings in East Grinstead which bear testimony to the public spiritedness of its inhabitants, in the form of a Masonic Hall. The carving of the panels has yet to be done, but in all other respects the Hall is now complete, and was used by the Brethren for the first time in a finished state on Tuesday. The elegant structure has been erected by Mr. H. Young, from plans by Mr. H. E. Matthews, of the firm of J. D. Matthews and Son, and both designing and building are a credit to those concerned. The foreground has been laid out by Messrs. J. J. Wallis and Sons. For their handsome and permanent home the Brethren of the Sackville Lodge are mainly indebted to their present Worshipful Master Bro. F. J. Budd-Budd, whose generosity is deeply appreciated over the whole Province, and to whose kindness and urbanity the building will long stand as a memorial, remarks our contemporary. From the drawing published we should imagine the Hall to be a very pretty little building.

NEW HALL AT MENAI BRIDGE.

ON Monday, 19th ult., advantage was taken of the annual installation meeting of the Anglesey Lodge, No. 1113, to open the new Masonic Hall, built by Brother David Owen from designs by Brother R. G. Thomas, at Menai Bridge.

Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith P.M. P.G.A.D.C. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being efficiently carried out by Bro. J. A. Hornby.

TORQUAY MASONIC BALL.

AT the monthly meeting of the St. John Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on the 2nd inst., Bro. J. Grant P.P.G.D. presiding, a vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the W.M. Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe, in the bereavement he had sustained by the sudden death of his wife on the previous day. As a consequence it was decided to postpone the Masonic ball and exhibition of Bro. Crowe's collection of Masonic aprons, jewels, and certificates, which had been arranged for the 25th.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

AMONG the first of the Lodges to hold their installation meeting in the new year is the Lodge of Joppa, now in its 110th year, having been constituted in 1789. The members pride themselves upon the manner in which the ritual is carried out and the ceremonies worked by their Masters, and it is therefore not to be wondered at that a large number of members "pursued their researches in the direction of Joppa" last Monday, when the annual Festival was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C. Bro. Harry Lazarus, for the second time W.M. of the Lodge, presided, and was supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: Henry Sadler G. Tyler, L. J. Aylward 2467, P. Simon 205, J. Genese 1540, Morris Hart 73, George Lichterfeld 205, Horatio Saqui 2264, J. D. Hood 1668, S. Dancyger 205, C. J. Greaves 2698, Henry Massey 1928, Harry Townend 2265, P. Phillips 704, Orton Cooper 211, F. A. Phillips 704, N. S. Lyon 188, J. F. Saunders 1507, C. J. Edney 1687, Andeé Hayes 1687, J. Magnus 1489, T. S. Henson 1996, J. C. Anderson 2411, Wolfe S. Lyon 185, W. Young 1601. There were also present Past Masters A. G. Dodson, J. Garrard, Ernest Davy, Rev. S. J. Roco, and W. J. Gardner; together with Bros. I. Hand, J. H. Craig, Isaac Silver, James Edwards, J. G. Cross, E. G. Galloway, J. Mott, M. Jacobs, J. Van Bolen, Henry Whitmarsh, W. Jacobs, W. C. Thorpe, H. S. Onken, H. Emanuel, A. Wormald, J. Welzl, A. Levay, W. H. Penfold, E. M. Lazarus, Samuel Silver.

There was quite a long agenda paper for an installation meeting, and the Brethren therefore assembled at the early hour of three o'clock, soon after which the Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Reports of the Auditors, with regard to the Lodge finances and the Lodge Benevolent Fund, were received and adopted.

The Ballot was taken and proved in favour of Mr. Julius Lemel, aged fifty-nine, showing that the Craft welcomes all ages and classes when of good report.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. M. Jacobs answered the Craftsman's catechism, and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree as a Master Mason.

Bro. Emanuel W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. L. Lazarus, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren then retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, when Bro. Emanuel was regularly installed in the chair by his predecessor in office. Both the ceremonies were ably rendered by Bro. H. Lazarus.

The new Master having been duly saluted and proclaimed then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: Isaac Cohen S.W., J. Hamilton Craig J.W., Joshua Hand Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus P.M. A.G.P. Secretary, Rev. S. J. Roco P.M. Chaplain, A. Cohen P.M. D.C., J. Brewer S.D., M. D. Armstrong J.D., W. L. Rosenthal I.G., Ernest Reineman A.D.C., A. W. Savill Steward, W. C. Thorpe Asst. Steward, John Ives P.M. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the address Bro. L. Lazarus proposed, and Rev. S. J. Roco seconded, that the thanks of the Lodge be accorded to Bro. Harry Lazarus for his services as Installing Master, which was carried.

Bro. L. Lazarus then presented, on behalf of the Officers, a Past Master's collar, jewel and badge, with solid silver ornaments. He said they considered it an unique event that although their late Master had only been initiated twelve years he had twice occupied the Chair of the Lodge, a circumstance that had not occurred previously for fifty-three years. He had worked well and arduously for the Craft in general, and the Joppa Lodge in particular; for six times he had acted as a Steward for the Charities. Personally, he was proud of him, and he considered he was a worthy type of a Freemason.

The Master then presented Bro. Lazarus with an exceedingly handsome jewel, on behalf of the Lodge. Still the list of honours was not finished, for Bro. Van Bolen proposed, and Bro. Hand seconded, that in recognition of his services Bro. Lazarus should be made an Honorary Member of the Lodge, and be exempted from all fees in the future. This was also carried.

The fortunate recipient of all these favours returned thanks for these substantial presents, and trusted he might live many years to prove his gratitude for them.

After this interesting episode, the above mentioned Mr. Julius Lemel was admitted, and regularly initiated as a member of the Order by Brother Emanuel, who thus quickly proved his proficiency for the post of Master.

Letters of regret for absence were read from several distinguished Brethren. The death of a member of the Lodge was announced, and a letter of sympathy and condolence was ordered to be sent to his widow and family.

Bro. Emanuel having received the hearty good wishes of the Brethren, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

The company then adjourned to the handsome Crown Room, where the banquet was served, at the termination of which a flash-light photograph was taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, of Regent Street, W.

Bro. Emanuel, upon rising to propose the Queen and the Craft, was received with loud applause, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus A.G.P. responded for the Grand Lodge Officers, and bore testimony to the usefulness and high character of the late Lord Lathom, saying that no Mason ever left behind him a better name. The affairs of the Craft were under the able control of Grand Lodge, and while Masonic matters were under such government they had nothing to fear.

Bro. Henry Sadler expressed the pleasure he always felt in coming among his Jewish Brethren, and congratulated the Lodge upon having such an efficient Master as had been installed that evening. He was now in his thirty-sixth Masonic year, but he had never before witnessed an initiation in a Jewish Lodge.

Bro. Henry Lazarus submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom they were proud to see in the chair of King Solomon. He had served all the Offices most creditably, and the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation sufficiently proved that he was equal to his work. He hoped that he would have several candidates during his year of office, in order that the Brethren might see his work to perfection.

Bro. Emanuel, in responding to the compliment, said the Lodge might be quite sure that he would render the ritual to the best of his ability. He

announced that he had arranged for a ladies night to take place on the 6th March, when he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting the wives, daughters, and sisters of the Brethren.

In responding for the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Lazarus said he thanked them all most sincerely for the very kind compliments that had been showered upon him that evening. His services would always be at the disposal of the Lodge, and he hoped to be with them for many years yet to come.

Bro. Julius Lemel, the Initiate, returned thanks for his admittance into the Lodge, in a modest little speech that was well received. It was noticed that the youngest Brother was nearly the oldest man present.

Bro. W. J. Gardner P.M., speaking on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Joppa, said it was one of the great features of the Lodge, and he believed it to be the parent of the similar funds in other Lodges. It started with small amounts, and had now amassed what might be called a considerable fortune. It was instituted to privately assist the members of the Lodge in time of need, when it proved very acceptable, and did not necessitate their misfortune being made public. It was hoped that no Brother would ever require to come to them, but if he did he would not be sent empty away. They had now £700 invested, and a sum in the Treasurer's hands for emergencies. Last year they had given a hundred guineas to the Masonic Charities, and they always voted a sum to head the list of any member who was working as a Charity Steward. The Fund was especially useful in assisting any member of the Lodge to become either a Life Governor or a Life Subscriber to any or all of the Masonic Charities, and he was glad to state that most of them had embraced the opportunity. He thought the Lodge might well be proud of the Fund.

Most of the representatives of the various Lodges present responded for the Visitors, and the Officers having been accorded their usual compliment, Bro. Ives brought the proceedings to a close with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some songs, mostly of a humorous nature, were given by Miss Blanche Hopkins, and Messrs. James George Tremlett, H. Baring, and others.

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LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

A MEETING was held at the Angel Hotel, Ilford, on Thursday evening, 29th ult., Bro. Alfred Taylor W.M. presiding.

The first business was to raise Bro. W. Howell, and to pass Bro. James Deveson. The joining members were Bros. E. J. Ward and H. L. Pridmore. Those initiated were Messrs. R. Duncan, H. P. Wowler, F. Joy, H. Digby, and J. W. Stewart.

An excellent dinner was afterwards served by Mr. and Mrs. Chown, the host and hostess.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, Bros. G. Barter W.M.-elect 2362 W.M., W. Handover S.W., Jackson Crow J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., George Mogford P.M. Sec., J. Marks S.D., C. Halston J.D., G. Weaver I.G., T. Mogford P.M., J. Miller W.M. 2362, G. Knight P.M., H. Bagnall, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Tucker acting as the candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Miller assumed the chair for the purpose of rehearsing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Barter was presented by Bro. Rogers, and in due course the investiture of Officers was gone through. Bro. Miller delivered the three addresses.

Bro. Handover was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 29th ult., Bros. H. T. Johnson W.M., A. J. Swash S.W., W. Langdon J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. Prec., J. H. Cumming P.M. Sec., J. Dinis P.M. S.D., E. H. Wilcox J.D., C. Humble I.G., S. W. Keene P.M., J. Stewart, A. H. Bridger, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keene acting as candidate, after which the Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Stewart having answered the usual questions was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Jeffrey Stewart, of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409 was unanimously elected a member, and Bro. Swash to occupy the W.M.'s chair at the next meeting.

This being the last meeting of the year hearty congratulations were given to the principal Officers, for the way in which the work of the Lodge of Instruction was conducted, and the regularity with which the meetings had been attended every Thursday throughout the past twelve months.

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IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Douglas White's Pier Hotel, Chelsea, Bros. C. Tuckfield W.M., H. J. Olive S.W., W. Mead J.W., G. Holland P.M. Prec., A. Schott Sec., W. Norton S.D., C. E. White J.D., F. Franklin I.G., Douglas White, Wynman, H. Jackson, R. Bradley P.M., F. Hewson, J. Orr, etc.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fred Hewson acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. Mead J.W. gave the ancient charge in a most perfect manner. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming Bro. Holland the Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the third section of the lecture.

Bro. Hewson was elected a member. Bro. Olive will preside on Tuesday next.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THE first meeting of the new year, held on Monday, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, was well attended. Those present included Bros. J. E. Culverhouse W.M., E. Nice S.W. (who subsequently vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. J. Rose), R. Cantley J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., W. West S.D., H. Wood J.D., C. Yeowell I.G., H. J. Cousins, G. Spice, J. Morris, A. Myall, B. Weston, J. Klempner, E. J. Mills, A. Menn, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Klempner acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cousins, who rehearsed the investiture of Officers, Bro. Woodrow acting as D.C.

Bro. B. Weston was elected a member, and Bro. H. J. Rose chosen to preside on Monday next.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

BEING Officers' night there was an extra good attendance of Brethren on Wednesday, at Bro. Charles Sisman's Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road. Bro. R. Peachey W.M. 1922 occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Cornford S.W., O. Le Mare I.P.M. 1922 J.W., C. Plant P.M. Prec., H. Buckridge P.M. Dep.Prec., W. Hill Treas., F. Messent Acting Sec., A. Chattington S.D., A. R. Jackson J.D., F. Riches I.G., W. Croxson W.M.-elect 1658, G. White P.M., Morris, White, Side, Robinson, West, Shipton jun., Thornton, Ware, Wynman, &c.

After the opening of the Lodge the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Le Mare I.P.M. of the Mother Lodge, while Bro. E. Ware assumed the chair of J.W. Bro. Croxson was entrusted in the second degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Peachey having resumed his chair Bro. Cornford was presented in the second degree by Bro. Buckridge, as W.M.-elect, when portions of the ceremony of installation were gone through. The first ceremony was also rehearsed, Bros. Heath, Thornton and West representing candidates.

Bro. A. Cohen will preside at the next meeting, on Wednesday.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 31st ult., Bros. A. Williams P.M. W.M., W. K. Ross S.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., E. Wilkins S.D., W. Herring J.D., W. Handover I.G., E. Fox P.M., R. Reid, H. J. Cousins, L. Swash, W. Atkinson, and others.

The Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and then resumed to the second, when Bro. Atkinson answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off and on. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cousins W.M.-elect of the old Concord Lodge, No. 172, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bros. Swash and Atkinson acting as candidates. Bro. Cousins then went through the rehearsal of investiture of Officers in a most efficient manner, proving that he will acquit himself properly in his Mother Lodge when called upon.

Bro. Ross was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. Craggs on third rising drew the attention of the Brethren to the excellent work the West London Masonic Election Association was doing in their midst.

PROVINCIAL.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LODGE, No. 39.

THE annual installation of this old Lodge was held at Exeter on St. John's day, nearly one hundred Brethren being present. No fewer than forty-five Past Masters were in attendance, thus establishing a record for the Exeter district.

Bro. Jos. Gould was installed W.M., the ceremony being conducted by Bro. Jno. Stocker Prov. G. Sec. for Devon.

Reference was made to the death of Bro. Allen, and a vote of condolence was passed.

The annual banquet took place at the Rougemont Hotel.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THE Brethren met on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall Plymouth, when Bro. F. J. Prout was installed in the chair a Worshipful Master. There was a very large and representative gathering.

RESTORATION LODGE, No. 111.

THE one hundred and thirty-seventh commemoration of this, one of the oldest Lodges in the province of Durham, was held on Thursday, 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Archer Street, Darlington, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors—under the presidency of Bro. John Robinson W.M. P.P.G.W.—the interesting part of the function being the installation of the new Master Bro. Wm. Todd, and the appointment and investiture of his Officers for the year. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. Richard Luck Past Grand Deacon of England, assisted by Bro. Wm. Mitford P.P.G.Std.B.

After the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, where an enjoyable dinner was provided.

A pleasing incident during the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., subscribed for by the Members of the Lodge.

LODGE OF PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP, No. 135.

THE annual festival was held on the 2nd inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, when Bro. E. R. Babbage was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. C. E. Hagon, the ceremony being ably performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England.

LOYAL LODGE, No. 251.

THE annual meeting was held at Barnstaple, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when Bro. F. W. Twiss was installed as Master, by Bro. G. C. Davie Deputy Prov.G.M. There were a large number of visitors present, in addition to a full attendance of Lodge members.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 338

THE annual installation was held in the Upper National Schoolroom, Ross, on Monday afternoon. The chief business was the installation of

Bro. J. H. Bussell, who succeeds Bro. A. P. Small in the chair. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Small, as was the initiation of new members to the Lodge.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ON Tuesday, 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, Bro. E. V. Greatbatch P.P.G.S.W. was installed as W.M. Bro. Greatbatch was Master of the Lodge in 1887, and, being an earnest supporter of Freemasonry, he accepted the principal office of his Mother Lodge a second time, to which he was elected owing to the death of the Senior Warden Bro. T. C. Slaney. Bro. Greatbatch served the office of W.M. of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2487, to which he was elected after the death of the Senior Warden of that Lodge in 1896. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. S. Salt, the retiring W.M. There were over a hundred Brethren in Lodge during the ceremony, including over forty visitors, and the Board of Installed Masters beat the record at Hanley, and probably in Staffordshire, at an installation, numbering over fifty.

After the Lodge had been closed the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a most excellent dinner was provided by Bro. J. Munro. The W.M. presided, and after the banquet proposed the Queen and the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England.

Bro. Windle then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. Having made a few congratulatory remarks respecting the unusually large attendance, he said he was Charity Steward for Menturia for eleven years, but he gave up that position a year ago, owing to the state of his health at the time. While he was Steward Menturia got boys and girls into the Masonic schools and aid from the Benevolent Fund and the local Charitable Association. He appealed to them to continue to support the Charities, observing that he had been told that Bro. Howson, who had succeeded him as Steward, had obtained more money than ever he did in a year.

Bro. J. T. Howson responded to the toast. He referred to the extraordinary large sum raised for the Boys School at the last Festival, and mentioned that there had been exceptional demands upon the Charity Funds in that Lodge, which rendered the work he had undertaken rather difficult. Speaking of the importance of supporting liberally the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, he said he hoped when the list for Menturia was completed it would show that that Lodge occupied the first position in the Province with regard to the A and B funds.

The W.M. next proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge.

Bro. G. C. Kent, who responded, remarked that that was the third time that he had been present at the installation of Bro. Greatbatch as a Worshipful Master. He spoke of Bro. Greatbatch as a most able man and Mason, and referred in complimentary terms to the way the ceremony had been conducted, making a special mention of the efficiency of the D.C. Bro. David Jones.

The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Salt, was drunk with Masonic honours, and Bro. Hinchcliffe sang a song with a chorus, composed for the occasion, which was joined in by the whole of the Brethren present.

Bro. Greatbatch, in responding, said this was the third time he had occupied the position to which he had been called that day, and on the last two occasions he had been chosen as W.M. owing to the lamented death of Senior Wardens. They all regretted the death of Bro. Slaney, not only on account of his personal merits, but also because the Lodge had thereby sustained a severe loss. His earnest endeavour should be to discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the Brethren, and to secure the prosperity of the Lodge during the ensuing twelve months. The W.M. then proceeded to offer some words of advice to the Brethren on the subject of Masonic ritual.

ST. JAMES LODGE, No. 448.

THE annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when Bro. Rufus Charles Sykes S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Arthur E. Spencer W.M.

At the close of the ceremony Bro. J. T. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D. (the Mayor) presented to the retiring W.M. a Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past twelve months.

Bro. Spencer suitably and feelingly responded, thanking the Brethren for the gift.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450.

THE annual meeting for the celebration of the festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce P.M. P.P.S.G.W. was held on Thursday, 29th ult., at Hayle. There was a large Board of Installed Masters from neighbouring Lodges, who attended to show the esteem in which the W.M.-elect is held by the Brethren of the Province. The installation ceremony was carried out in an able and efficient manner by Bro. E. A. P. Broad P.M.

Bro. F. Harvey P.M. presented the Treasurer's report, which showed that the past year had been a successful one, and that the Lodge was in a good financial position.

Bro. Osborn presented the Librarian's report, which showed the library to consist of 270 volumes, many of them being rare and valuable. A catalogue was being prepared, and would be issued shortly.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

THE election meeting took place on Monday, at the Masonic Rooms, Chacewater, when Bro. Thomas Tidy S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. The installation festival is fixed for Monday, 23rd inst.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 27th ult., Bro. Thomas Hamnett W.M.

Being holiday time, there was not the usual good attendance of members, although the W.M. may congratulate himself upon being well supported by his Officers, nearly all of whom put in an appearance.

The principal business of the evening was that of passing Brother James Carvell Woolstone to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Cyril H. Beever P.M. Secretary, assisted by Bro. Sam Luke S.W., who presented and explained the working tools.

An early adjournment was made to supper, this being followed by the festive board.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 750.

THE annual installation was held at Cleckheaton, on Wednesday, 28th ult., when Bro. O. Brosham was placed in the chair as ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 1019.

THERE was a large and influential gathering at the Town Hall, Wakefield, on the 20th ult., the occasion being the installation of Viscount Milton, M.P. for the city, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Lord Milton presided at the subsequent banquet.

DIVISION OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE following letter has appeared in the "Liverpool Daily Post:"

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—On the 22nd November a letter appeared in your paper respecting Freemasonry and the appointment of a successor to the late Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., &c. The letter stated that there are forty-five Lodges in this city, and that in the whole Province there are 121 Lodges. The Province extends from Swinton, near Manchester, to Coniston, in North Lancashire, and the number of members are so great that scarcely a room large enough to hold them can be found. If, therefore, for these and other good reasons, the Masons of North Lancashire wish to sever themselves from those of the South, and if the members of the Liverpool Lodges choose to petition his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Order, to make Liverpool a Province, who would be so silly as to say they cannot and must not do so? Now, sir, it appears to me that undue haste has been made in the matter of appointing the present Earl of Lathom to succeed his noble father, and because the late Earl was beloved by all the members of his Province, that does not say that his son can possibly expect to receive the same homage, and I contend that undue haste has been made in making the appointment, and that the members have had no time given them since the death of the late Provincial Grand Master to ascertain the desirability of making a change of any kind.

A circular has, I understand, been sent out by a North Lancashire member, and another counterblast from a South Lancashire member, followed by still another one from the Provincial Grand Secretary. In addition to these circulars, there has also been a meeting of the present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which I am given to understand was rather a warm meeting. I cannot see why the meeting was restricted to present members only, and why the Brethren should be denied the right or the opportunity of expressing their wishes as to whether they desire to establish separate Provincial Grand Lodges for the North, for the South, and for the city of Liverpool. According to the Book of Constitutions of the Order, it was never contemplated that a Province should be of such magnitude as that of West Lancashire, and which now numbers 121 Lodges and 8,000 members. The Book of Constitutions says that should a Province attain to forty Lodges they may ask for an additional number of collars for Provincial Grand Lodge Offices. This seems to me to be a very strong reason why the Province should be divided, as eighty or ninety Past Masters every year cannot possibly get the smallest chance of gaining that much-coveted honour—viz., that of being a member of Provincial Grand Lodge. In conclusion, I would advise that a free and fair discussion should take place on the subject, and that the executive be very careful and don't try to ride the high horse unduly, or they may find themselves in more trouble than they could possibly desire.

Yours, &c.,

A PAST MASTER.

29th December 1898.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has adopted "Girlands London" as its office telegraphic address.

By the death of the Duke of Northumberland his son Earl Percy, who was Provincial Grand Master of the northern county from 1869 to 1886, succeeds to the title. We wish our distinguished Brother long life to enjoy his high honours.

The Jubilee Masonic Festival and Ball to be held at Liverpool on the 18th inst. gives every promise of being a great success. At the meeting of the General Committee recently held, the Secretary Bro. A. Shawfield reported that he had received nominations for 112 Patrons and over 100 Stewards.

The new Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England were faithfully portrayed in last Saturday's "Graphic." Earl Amherst's portrait (by Russell and Sons, Baker Street) is really a speaking likeness, while that of the Earl of Warwick (by Bassano, Old Bond Street) is only of secondary merit because perhaps a trifle stiff, but that is rather the fault of the original than the artist, it may be urged.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. T. I. Bird, whose serious illness we referred to last week. The funeral is fixed for to-day (Saturday).

It is announced by the London and North Western Railway Company that the system of collecting and forwarding luggage in advance at 6d per package, which has been very successfully adopted with the luggage of families and tourists travelling to the seaside and other tourists resorts, will, with the New Year, be extended to apply to luggage for all towns on the London and North Western Railway in England, Wales, and Ireland, or on the Caledonian Railway in Scotland. By this system the traveller can have his luggage collected by the Company's cart from his house or hotel, and forwarded a day or so before that on which he intends to travel. The charge of 6d per package includes delivery within the usual boundary at the destinations where the Company have their own cartage staff, a list of which is shown in the Company's time tables. At other places luggage can be addressed to be left till called for at the station. The Company have also arranged a system of registration under which each package of luggage will be numbered and a receipt with the corresponding number given to the owner when it is handed to the Company for conveyance.

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Princess.—8, The Crystal Globe. Matinée, Saturday 2.
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Savoy.—8.10, The Lucky Star.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James.—8.30, The Ambassador. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Terry's.—8, The Lady Bookie. 8.45, The Brixton Burglary. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Vaudeville.—8, A Bad Penny. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
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benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, A.M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H't'l.
1922 Earl of Latham, Camberwell
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
88 Scientific, Cambridge
104 St. John, Stockport
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
133 Harmony, Faversham
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
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, Winshall
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
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Bootle
1360 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warrington, St'yb'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1564 St. John, Woking
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1730 Urmston, Urmston
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1802 Vernon, Retford
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
2034 Masfield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

180 St. James Union, F.M.H.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
211 St. Michael, Albion
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.
933 Doric, Anderton's
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion
1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square
1668 Samson, Café Royal
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall
2400 Brentford, Brentford

2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
2546 Rahere, Frascata
80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlepl.
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egramont
1314 Acacia, Bromley
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beam'eter.
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2324 Horwich, Horwich
2414 Wychwood, Burford
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe
2492 Concordia, Wendover
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevo-
lent Institution, at 4.
11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall
87 Vitruvian, Southwark
147 Justice, Deptford
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.
749 Belgrave, Anderton's
1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn
1586 Up. Norwood, Upper Norwood
1815 Penge, Anerley
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via. H't'l.
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chénies St.
54 Hope, Rochdale
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe
146 Antiquity, Bolton
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
204 Caledonian, Manchester
225 St. Luke, Ipswich
244 Yarborough, Jersey
274 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
611 Marches, Ludlow
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills

661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
 679 St. David, Aberdare
 730 Ellesmere, Chorley
 731 Arboretum, Derby
 755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
 851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
 852 Zetland, Salford
 854 Albert, Shaw
 1005 Zetland, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, Tamworth
 1064 Borough, Burnley
 1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge
 1091 Erme, Ivybridge
 1101 Grey Friars, Reading
 1112 Shirley, Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, Tiverton
 1135 Concord, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
 1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man
 1248 Denison, Scarborough
 1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
 1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, Workington
 1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
 1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1703 Windrush, Witney
 1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands
 1798 Zion, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
 1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
 1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Hove
 1958 St. George, Portsea
 2046 Robinson, Maidstone
 2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
 2284 Smyth, Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
 2389 Avondale, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Westham

2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckhurst Hill
 2540 Ember, East Molesey

Thursday.

Gen. Court, Girls School, F.M.H., at 12.

91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 534 Polish National, F.M.H.
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's
 879 Southwark, Southwark
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1155 Excelsior,
 1471 Islington, Highbury
 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
 1708 Plucknet, North Finchley
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal
 1987 Strand, Piccadilly
 2033 University of London, F.M.H.
 2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith
 2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras
 2417 Bolingbroke, Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, New Barnet
 2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, Sunderland
 112 St. George, Exeter
 130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
 191 St. John, Bury
 216 Harmonic, Liverpool
 333 Royal Preston, Preston
 344 Faith, Radcliffe
 369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
 437 Science, Wincanton
 442 St. Peter, Peterboro'
 477 Mersey, Birkenhead
 487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth
 546 Etruscan, Longton
 561 Zetland, Gnisborough
 585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury
 725 Stoneleigh, Coventry
 732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
 739 Temperance, Birmingham
 784 Wellington, Deal
 816 Royd, Littleboro'

945 Abbey, Abingdon
 973 Royal Somerset, Frome
 991 Tyne, Wallsend
 1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Manchester
 1061 Triumph, Lancaster
 1098 St. George, Tredegar
 1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Accrington
 1147 St. David, Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
 1204 Royd, Malvern
 1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
 1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
 1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, Thirsk
 1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.
 1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
 1515 Bertie, Oxford
 1583 Corbet, Towyn
 1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
 1863 Priory, Tynemouth
 1915 Graystone, Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Cardiff
 2016 Shaldon, Alton
 2038 Portcullis, Langport
 2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, Seacombe
 2217 Windermere, Windermere
 2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth
 2227 White Horse, Westbury
 2234 Onslow, Guildford
 2285 Eden, Workington
 2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitechurch
 2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
 2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
 2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
 2428 Gracedieu, Coalville
 2449 Duke of York, Manchester
 2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Friday.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.

157 Bedford, Freemasons'-hall
 177 Domatic, Anderton's
 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons'-hall
 1704 Anchor, Café Royal
 1997 John Carpenter, Albion
 2399 Ordnance, Plumstead
 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
 81 Doric, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, Weymouth
 458 Aire and Calder, Goole
 526 Honour, Wolverhampton
 680 Sefton, Liverpool
 786 Croxeth United Service, L'pool
 815 Blair, Manchester
 916 Hartington, Eastbourne
 1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
 1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
 1289 Rock, Birkenhead
 1428 United Service, Landport
 1605 De la Pole, Hull
 1661 Newton, Newark-on-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1849 Royal Leek, Bangor
 1983 Martyn, Southwold
 2244 Cowper and Newton, Olney
 2554 Manchester, Manchester
 2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

176 Caveac, Albion
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
 1426 Great City, Cannon St. Hotel
 1686 Paxton, Camberwell
 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, F'masons'-h.
 2029 King Solomon, Markmasons'-h.
 2206 Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel
 1755 Eldon, Portishead
 1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't.
 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
 2309 Christopher, Eton
 2326 Wigan, Wigan
 2359 Doric, Didsbury

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