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SPECIAL LODGES.

COMMENT has from time to time been made in our pages as to the growing practice of creating "class" or special Lodges, but it would seem the principle of doing so is by no means so modern an innovation as we and many others at one time imagined, in proof of which we may point to the Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which has just celebrated its Jubilee, and was established in 1849, under special conditions, one of which was that the Lodge should be composed entirely of Brethern connected with the Caledonian Railway service.

Here we have an instance of that "class" Freemasonry which we have from time to time criticised in our pages, and we must certainly admit we are somewhat surprised to find thus early an instance of such a restriction in "Free"-masonry. Of course we knew of the existence of Military Lodges, long before the date of this one's foundation, but such Lodges are of so special a nature as to be quite outside the range of ordinary consideration, and now that the question has been brought under our notice in such an altered aspect we feel we should like to learn more in regard to the subject. It would be interesting to trace if there are other examples of restrictive Masonry, particularly under the English Constitution, thus early in the history of the Craft, or at an even more remote date, and we shall be very pleased if any of our readers can supply information on the point.

It will be noticed in connection with this Caledonian Railway Lodge that it was made a condition, prior to the granting of the Charter, that the membership should be restrictive. In many modern instances of the creation of class Lodges it is only in the form of an unwritten law, or in connection with the individual Bye-Laws, that such restrictive measures are adopted, and we therefore have another interesting point on which to seek for information and enlightenment.

MOVABLE LODGES.

A NOTHER special condition attached to the Warrant of the Caledonian Railway Lodge, just referred to, was that it should be recognised as a "movable" Lodge, and have the power to meet at suitable places on the line of the Company. This, we think, is an almost unique condition attaching to a Lodge in existence at the present time, although it is one that has often been desired, and advocated by those in a position to form an opinion as to what is best for Freemasonry as a whole, and special sections of it in particular. We do not think advantage is now taken of this special feature of the Lodge, or it may be the privilege has been withdrawn, but we know it would interest a certain section of our readers if some

information could be gathered as to the working of this rule in the earlier days of the Lodge—if advantage was taken of it—and the reason why the privilege has been discontinued.

CHURCH SERVICE.

TNDER the patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, a special service was held on Sunday afternoon, 29th ult., in St. Nicholas's Church, Carrickfergus, the object being to raise money on behalf of the Belfast Masonic Charities. There was a very large congregation, which included, of course, a great many Masons. The Brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, and, wearing their regalia, marched in processional order to the church.

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The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore Grand Chaplain of Ireland preached the sermon, and the prayers and lessons were read by the rector, Rev. George Chamberlain. The Bishop selected as his text, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring." Acts xvii. 28.

Bro. T. H. Roberts, of 158 Fleet Street, who has taken such active interest in the survivors of the Balaclava brigade, points out to a contemporary that the contributions in aid of the relief fund of these survivors has left an available balance of £118 17s, which will enable him to pay the men from 5s to 10s a week until the end of April. "After that date, unless further sums are received, these veterans will have to return to starvation and the workhouses, from which I have been able to keep them for the past eighteen months."

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There is a good time in store for English Freemasons, if we are to believe the "Gentlewoman," which states that the Prince of Wales has delayed his visit to the Riviera, because he wishes to be present at two grand Freemasons' functions; one to be held on February 28th and the other on March 1st, on which occasions H.R.H. will be first elected Grand Master of Mark Masons in England, and afterwards Grand Master of English Freemasons.

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A social evening in connection with the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., in the Assembly Room of the Lion Hotel, Warrington. Though the attendance was not so large as at previous gatherings, the proceedings were of a most enjoyable character.

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The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205 (which Lodge was founded in 1793) has £1,000 invested in consols, and a balance of £64 13s 7d in the hands of the Treasurer. There are not many Lodges which can boast of such a splendid reserve to meet emergencies.

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The home of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, has been removed from the Crown, Lambeth Road, to the Ship, Kennington Road, where meetings are held every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

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The Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Mark Masons has appointed Sir Edward S. Hill, M.P., to be Provincial Grand Mark Master for South Wales.

CONSECRATIONS.

—: o :— HARLOW LODGE.

ON Saturday, 28th ult., a Lodge, to be known as the Harlow, No. 2734, was consecrated at the Victoria Hall, Harlow. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D. D. Prov. G.M. acting on behalf of the Earl of Warwick Prov. G.M., assisted by a number of prominent members of the Craft.

The Officers were appointed as follow: Bros. Wm. Leghorn P.M. 754 W.M., Wm. F. Driver I.P.M. 1360 acting I.P.M., Geo. Ackerman Steward 1706 S.W., Harry Traill 2136 and 1543 J.W., James Cowlin 198 Treas., S. T. Milbank 2136 Sec., Chas. Spurge 441 S.W. 1543 S.D., Wm. Boyden I.G. 2136 J.D., Joseph Caygill S.D 2136 I.G., John G. Garrard Steward, W. Sargent Tyler.

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The banquet took place at the Green Man Inn, when various toasts were honoured, and an excellent musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bro. C. H. Kempling Prov. Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. Geo. Ackerman, the Lyric Vocal Quartette, Bro. Chas. Strong, Bro. Thos. Powell, Bro. Horace Reynolds, Bro. Etherington Smith, &c.

LOYAL TRAVELLERS LODGE.

MASONIC ceremonies of ordinary character are things of every day, but the inauguration of a new Lodge is a comparatively rare event, and accordingly the Brethren mustered to the number of about 400 to witness the consecration of the Loyal Travellers Lodge, No. 2733 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday afternoon, 4th inst. The assembly room was bright with the banners of the respective Lodges, under which the Brethren ranged themselves, prominent in the vicinity of the principal chair being the banner of the new Lodge, rich with brilliant colours and gold.

In the unavoidable absence of Lord Leigh Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire the ceremony was performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary of England, assisted by Major-General Arbuthnot Prov. G.S.W., T. J. Walsh Prov. G.J.W., the Rev. L. H. Pearson Prov. G. Chaplain, W. L. Marshall Deputy G.D.C. as D.C., T. C. Waite Prov. G. Pursuivant, &c.

The Brethren having assembled, the Consecrating Officers and Grand Officers entered in procession, and the ancient ritual proceeded, the work being performed, as might be expected, in the most admirable and exemplary manner.

The ceremonies relating to the Petition and Warrant having been concluded, the Prov. G. Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. Here came the first anthen, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," splendidly sung by Bros. D. Harrison and E. Richardson (both of Lichfield Cathedral), with W. H. Myers and W. Young P.G.O.; Bro. W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc., P.P.G.O., at the organ. After the Dedication and the Invocation, and the heavytiful coremonics relating to the Ledge Board and the the beautiful ceremonies relating to the Lodge Board and the Elements of Consecration (all with full choral ritual), the Lodge was constituted, and the Patriarchal Benediction concluded one of the most impressive Masonic ceremonies ever witnessed in Birmingham, and one which will long linger in the memory of those who were fortunate in being present.

The next business was to instal the W.M. Designate Bro. R. A. Matthews P.M. 493 P.P.G. J.D. Gloucester.

The Treasurer and Tyler having been elected, and the Officers of the new Lodge having been invested, a large proportion of the Brethren sat down to a banquet at the Grand Hotel, where the meeting concluded, according with ancient Masonic custom, in harmony and brotherly love, every one concurring in the opinion that such working had hardly ever before been seen in the Province, and that the hardly ever before been seen in the Province, and that the reading of the Charter by Bro. F. G. Swindon Prov. Grand Sec. was one of the most striking and successful features of a magnificent ceremony.—"Birmingham Daily Gazette."

The first supper of the Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 2698, will be held on Monday next, 13th inst., at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Hardyment W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge. A good muster of Brethren is anticipated, and a pleasant evening looked forward to.

ROYAL ARCH.

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held under the banner of the Albany Chapter, No. 151, at the Masonic Hall,

Newport, on Monday, 30th ult.

In consequence of the receipt of a telegram from the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., stating that he had been detained and was unable to reach Southampton in time to cross by the midday boat, the banquet it had been arranged should be served as customary at the conclusion of the business proceedings was expedited and between forty and fifty of the Companions present partook before the Chapter was held, Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. Grand Second Principal presiding. The chief toasts were

given from the chair.

In proposing the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals, Comp. F. Newman expressed hearty congratulation to Comp. Le Feuvre on his reappearance at a Masonic function in restored health, after an extended journey in South Africa for rest and change, and in response the Chairman returned his warmest thanks for the kindly fraternal sentiments expressed towards himself on that occasion and the sympathetic references made to his illness by Brethren in all parts of the Province during his absence, the intelligence of which had been a great source of comfort and pleasure to him during his convalescence in a distant colony. Comp. Gillman also responded.

The Principals of the Chapters of the Province was ably submitted by Comp. Goble, who briefly reviewed the growth and progress of Arch Masonry during the year.

Comp. H. Wheeler Principal of Asher Barfield Chapter,

Cowes, and Comp. R. G. Smith Principal of Albany Chapter, Newport, responded.

The Chairman gave expression to the appreciation by the visiting Companions of the care for their comfort and welcome extended to them by the members of the Albany Chapter, especially mentioning the names of Comps. Pring and Smith, the Stewards who had so assiduously superintended the arrangements of the banquet.

It being found that Comp. Beach would not be able to arrive in time for business, the Chapter was duly opened by Comp. Le Feuvre as the First Principal, with the assistance of Comp. Francis Newman, of East Medina Chapter, Ryde, as Second Principal, and Comp. W. Gillman 257 as Third

Principal. The acting First Principal, having explained the reason of the absence of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, moved a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Z. of England, whom death had recently taken from them. This was seconded by Comp. F. Newman and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's accounts, as printed, were adopted, on the proposition of Comp. Gieve, seconded by Comp. Penny, the First Principal remarking that they showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, and reflected much credit on Comp. Boughton-Smith, the Treasurer.

The Principals of the second four Chapters on the roll of

the Province were appointed the Audit Committee.

A donation of twenty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Comp. Le Feuvre announced that the Grand Superintendent had intimated to him his reappointment as Second Grand Principal, and he then proceeded to invest the other Officers, the complete list being as follows:—

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Èdgar Goble	-	`-	-	-	Scribe E.
F. H. King	-	-	-	-	Scribe N.
R. Boughton Smi	ith		-	-	Treasurer
T. Taylor -	-	-	-	-	Registrar
Dr. Brown -	-	•	-	-	Principal Sojourner
R. H. Plattin	-	-	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
E. G. Stroud	-	-	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
J. H. Wavell	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Homan	-	• .	-	-	
A. J. Dunn -	-	-	-	- }	Standard Bearers
W. Baker -	-	-	-	- j	
G. E. Stares	-	-	-	- '	Director of Ceremonies
E. J. Dodman	-	-	-	_ ` `)
C. T. Penny	-	-	-	- 9	Assistant Dirs, of Cers.
J. Chandler	-	-	-	-	
H. Gee -	-	-	-	•	Organist
G. F. Lancaster	-		-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
J. Exell -	-	-	_		Janitor.

The proceedings closed with a hearty vote of congratulation to Comp. Le Feuvre, on his restoration to health,

In proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall a recent speaker said Western Masons flattered themselves that in their Prov. G. Ms. they were as well served as any Provinces in the world. Devonshire heard recently with regret that the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, for considerations of health, had been compelled to relinquish some of his public duties, but Masons received with gratification the assurance that he would continue to serve his native county as Prov.G.M. Cornwall's Prov.G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was known to thousands as the nobleman who maintained a beautiful park largely for the enjoyment of his neighbours. Figuratively, his lordship one enjoyment of his neighbours. Figuratively, his lordship one day a month sat among the sylvan beauties of Mount Edgcumbe, and called across the sea to the teeming population of the Three Towns, "Let 'em all come."

Bro. C. Lorkin P.M. and Sec. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, has a record of Masonic work of which any Brother might justly be proud—as we believe he is. One of the earliest initiates of his Lodge, May 1876, he rose to the dignity of Master in 1883, and recently commenced his tenth year of office as Secretary of his Lodge. But he has always taken an active interest in Freemasonry, devoting himself more particularly to work in Instruction Lodges. himself more particularly to work in Instruction Lodges. He has held the Office of Preceptor in three such Lodges, and has won the distinction of Honorary Member of no less than twenty-two Lodges of Instruction for Sectional working. As long back as 1882 our worthy Brother was presented with a gold medal for his conduct of the Fifteen Sections in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. We wish him long life and good health to continue his useful career.

The long list of benefactions which Bro. Passmore Edwards has conferred upon the poorer and more crowded districts of the metropolis was added to on Wednesday, when the handsome public library which his donation has been the means of providing for the inhabitants of the Borough was formally opened by the Right Hon. James Bryce, M.P. There was a large attendance of prominent residents. The new building is a very handsome and suitable structure. It contains all the arrangements necessary for a It contains all the arrangements necessary for a public library; it is well lighted and heated, and will constitute contains nearly 7,000 volumes, and the cost of the structure and books has been £14,515, of which nearly £4,000 still remains as a debt upon the building. not only a valuable educational centre, but an ornament to

The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., has attained the Jubilee of his membership of the Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, having joined it in 1849. For many years past Bro. Beach has been a regular attendant at the annual Festivals of the Lodge, and was only prevented from being present this year in consequence of a previous engagement to attend a Peace Crusade meeting at Andover. Naturally his absence was very much regretted on such a special occasion as a Jubilee celebration of membership, but no doubt our worthy Brother will take an early opportunity of paying a visit to the Lodge, when he will be sure to receive the hearty congratulations of his fellow members.

A matter which seems to be of considerable importance to the Craft under the English Constitution, as well as its sisters of Scotland and Ireland, was recently brought before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the form of a report of a memorial from the Lodge Star in the East, Yokohama, showing that the effect of certain laws about to come into force in Japan would be to close the British holding Lodges, at present working in that country, and praying Grand Lodge to take immediate action to secure that Masonic Lodges be allowed to retain their present privilege of meeting under their respective Charters. We wonder whether anything of a like sort has reached the authorities of the English Constitution?

A monument of an unusual kind has just been added to those in the cemetery at Kingston, by the members of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth. It consists of a tall column of polished red granite, with a Corinthian capital surmounted by a sphere, the column being mounted on a substantial block also of red granite, with a base of grey. An inscription on the base gives the names of the principal Officers of the Lodge, and notifies that the monument, which occupies a prominent position in the central pathway, is erected by the members "in fraternal memory of their deceased Brethren." The memorial is the work of Mr. C. Beaton.

Referring to the coming contest for the position of Grand Treasurer, a Provincial contemporary says: There has not been a real fight for the Grand Treasurership for five years, and it takes place now because the Provinces feel they have not had equal representation in the metropolis in the high position of Grand Treasurer, which is entirely in the vote of those members of the Craft who are entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge. Since 1879 London has had a Brother for Grand Treasurer sixteen times, and the Provinces only five times. It is this inequality that Provincial Brethren are now trying to remove.

Under the patonage of the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess, a grand ball will take place in the Town Hall, Rathmines, on Friday, 7th April next, under the auspices of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 250 (I.C.), in aid of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund. members of the Lodge have an enviable record with regard to the entertainments they have organised for Masonic charities, and the event of April next will, no doubt, also redound to the credit of the Lodge, and will result in a considerable addition to the Annuity Fund.

A sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at a recent meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, of Southampton. The I.P.M. of that Lodge, at its last meeting, responding to the toast of his health, remarked that it was on the 16th January 1892 that he was put ashore as a shipwrecked seaman on the Isle of Wight. He had been rescued by the lifeboat, and the Brethren would then understand why he advocated a grant to the Lifeboat Institution so strongly at the previous to the Lifeboat Institution so strongly at the previous meeting.

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The first annual banquet and concert (Ladies night) of the Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686, takes place this evening (Saturday), at the Royal Palace Hotel, High Street, Kensington. There will be a reception at 6.15, the Banquet at 7, and the Concert at 9 o'clock. We hope to report a successful gathering in our next issue.

The fifth annual supper and Ladies night of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, No. 1897, will be held as usual at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday next, 17th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock sharp, under the presidency of the worthy Preceptor Bro. Fred Dunstan P.M. and Secretary 1326 P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex.

The Coborn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1804, has been removed to the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, and will meet there in future on Friday evenings, at eight o'clock. Bro. M. H. Cleaver is the Hon. Sec., and he will be pleased to welcome visitors at any time.

The Ladies night and dance of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday next, the reception being set down for 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be served at 6 o'clock, and will be followed by dancing, from 8 to 11.45.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

N Wednesday the remains of Bro. Henry Brown were interred in the Anfield Cemetery, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic friends and relatives. The deceased was one of the oldest tradesmen in the district, and he was held in high esteem. Among those present at the graveside were representatives of the Mariner's Lodge, No. 249, of which Bro. Brown was P.M.

ANOTHER ROMISH ATTACK.

THE current number of the "Civiltá Cattolica" opens with a violent attack on Freemasonry. The Order is described as "the flesh and bones of Talmudism," and is said to cherish an insatiable love of money which is the "auri sacra fames" of Horace, and implacable hatred of Jesus Christ, which is the enmity to the cross of Christ spoken of by St. Paul. The occasion of this fresh outburst of fanaticism is a speech delivered at Turin last September by Ernesto Nathan, the Grand Master. It was printed for private circulation only, but a copy fell accidentally into the hands of the editors of the "Civiltá," who have not scrupled to publish copious extracts with bitterly hostile comments. The Grand Master seems to have spoken well. He hit the clergy hard, and they know it. It is not pleasant to be told that under the mantle of the highest ideals they exploit ignorance and superstition with the cunning of small shopkeepers, that they have wedded religion and the bank, that they have wandered far from the precepts of the Master who scourged the money changers and merchants out of the temple, and that the spirituality of faith is not sufficient for the propagation of moral truths, the impelling power of which is no longer felt. It is annoying to discover that people are recognising more and more their pernicious influence on education, that their efforts to imprison the young intelligence in formulæ condemned by science and the general conscience can no longer pass unnoticed and unreproved. And it is more disquieting still to find that their control of women is stoutly challenged. We do not wonder at the irritation of the Roman reviewer. It may be, however, that he has unwittingly done freedom of thought a service. Some orthodox reader may be led by the passages quoted to put awkward questions to his ecclesiastical directors.—"Christian World."

STUDY AMONG MASONS.

By Bro. Ermilo G. Canton G.S.Grand Symbolic Diet, Mexico, translated from the "Boletin Masonico," Mexico, by Bro. Eli Broad.

It is a principle beyond all discussion that man generally should not abandon even for an instant the cultivation of his intelligence; because enriching it with new knowledge, enlightening his reason and endeavouring to penetrate whatever presents itself as obscure and incomprehensible is how he can elevate himself within the sphere in which his existence gyrates and direct himself with more security in the path of his destiny. If this is on all points necessary for man generally, as we have just stated, it is more so for those who belong to the sublime institution of free men. It is well known that universal Masonry in its immense collectiveness does not reduce its misson and its labours only and exclusively to dilate the field of fraternity, nor to wipe with the donation of charity the tears of those who suffer; its sphere of action embraces more extensive limits, because the moral good is extended infinitely and under forms also infinite it can exercise its action in the whole of humanity.

Masonry, by the principles that form its essence, by the tendencies that it encourages, and by the results it proposes, embraces the whole of nature; its mission of peace, of love, and of fraternity conduces it to study all the problems that present themselves to man and to the societies, always with the end of finding the truth, because without the knowledge of that divine light its labours would be infecund and the spirit of good that animates it would not find the formula to make its influence dominate in a positive and permanent manner. Masonry from this point of view has all the character of a sociological and moral science of the most important that exist in the world, hence that it exacts from its adepts knowledge and studies that will permit them to render it valuable aid in the realisation of its thought, which soars, without doubts or vacillation, to the possible perfection of the human being upon earth. To do so, the Mason must know and put into activity all the means that may be susceptible to give such a beautiful result within the greatest advance of the human spirit. He must investigate everything; science, nature, the laws of life and its transformation, social life in its diverse phases, all the phenomena that are relationed to man considered either as the superior being of the zoological scale or the spiritual entity bathed in the great light of its Creator; the Mason, finally, to complete his work, must understand clearly which is the high destiny of man and conduce him to its summit within space and time. The enterprise is certainly vast; but what could better correspond to the cohesion and harmony of a body of men of good will, who love peace, and abhor war and social anarchy?

There was an epoch when the Masonic design was limited to the construction of material edifices, that is, to writing on stones the book of civilisation; but that magnificent field was elevated to another more difficult, greater, and more glorious—to building the moral edifice of human perfection, and such is to-

day its constant task after having confronted all the difficulties and dangers that it met by the way. It is sufficient to note the height of such a purpose to understand at once that Masonry demands capable, intelligent and virtuous craftsmen to reach the end it proposes. Ignorance can badly reconcile with the labour that is confided to each of the workers. And it is logical that it should happen thus, because the performance of a great mission imposes the necessary condition that the missioner shall be equal to it. We know perfectly well why it is in the order of human things that not all the members of a great body can be distinguished by wisdom and the knowledge of life, of nature, and of the high end of the societies; but this circumstance has never been at variance with the study of all that is unknown and it is not an idle recommendation, much less an imprudent one, to manifest the importance and transcendency which study contains for those who are honoured with the title of Freemasons, of Sons

of Light, or workers of supreme goodness.

From the moment that material work is passed to another purely moral, such as it has been verified by the sons of universal fraternity, they have entered fully into the region and domain of philosophy. The Mason, in that new order of his labours, has ascended to a superior scale, and is compelled to know-in the same manner as the mariner—who by a certain course steers a ship across the immensity of the seas—which is the infinite road humanity should follow to reach that glorious end, illuminating the pathway with the torch of truth, which his arms should hold up high. The Mason, therefore, has been converted into a philosopher, and the same way as in ancient times it resulted that the philosophers were those who opened new courses to thought and to the activity of the human race; who possessed the divine secret of conducting societies in the line of progress and science; who, in one word and in eternal honour of their labours, initiated the series of conquests with which the spirit of humanity is extolled at the present time: the Masonic philosopher is the one charged in the present age to continue that glorious task. It is on this account that Masonry has a special seal that distinguishes it from all other associations of men; it is for that reason that without intervening in any religious belief and accepting them all as a tribute to the Supreme Artificer of the worlds, it possesses the holy religion par excellence; without professing a decided political opinion and remaining apart from all the struggles and passions connected therewith it is the possesser of the only principle capable of making the felicity of the people: that of fraternity; it is for that reason, finally, that Masonry embraces the problem of life; from the microscopical grain of dust to the worlds in space; from the infusoria to man; from physical nature to moral nature. Its sole touches the earth, and its head is enveloped in the clearness of the heavens.

Looking in a reflexive manner on such a field which frightens

by its immensity and the duties and sacrifices it imposes upon those who by their free and spontaneous will have desired to exercise in it their energies, reason with its living brightness persuades us that study is the most important factor called into requisition in the arduous labour of Masonry. A certainly grave evil corrodes among us nearly our courage; it is that of indifference as regards reading, which is the food with which our intelligence is nurtured. Thus, books, like periodical publications which contain the intellectual sap of those who have consecrated their lives to thought, are born, live with difficulty and die within an asphyxiated atmosphere as thought their light were not an element necessary to the existence of a rational being. This is the manifestation of a moral phenomenon that acknowledges a notion not only little clear but negative with respect to the immense benefit which study showers on the intelligence of man. We have such profound convictions on this latter point that we feel a great moral pain to see how the book and the periodical, those true elements of human redemption, are disdained in such terms that they are looked upon not only as useless, but as injurious objects; and moral, social or material advancement cannot exist in any country where this happens. What? Perchance are matters and material necessities—those satisfactions which only reach the organism and the senses—the only ones that require the continuous anxiety of man? This Latin aphorism, which contains a truth that our eyes contemplate each moment, demolishes with one blow only such a belief sustained against the plan of the Sublime Artificer: Mens Agitat Molem—"Not only on bread does man live; but of all the words of truth."

Dealing with our Brother Masons, we would like them not to be indifferent and disdainful with the works that surge from the spirit; because by act each one of them, being as they are combatants of light, are apostles and workers of all the progress of humanity, and sustainers of all the energies that tend to do good, it is clear that study should be the fount where their spirits should drink fortitude to check at all hours and in all places the impetuous attacks of ignorance and superstition which are wont to manifest themselves with great boldness and pride, like the ear of corn without grain which maintains itself for the same

reason erect and haughty on its stalk. One of the great Greek philosophers who had deeply penetrated human wisdom and never abandoned study, used to say with the conscience of a true sage: "I only know that I know nothing." We who are at such We who are at such considerable intellectual distance from that great philosopher, let The sublime us repeat his words and dedicate ourselves to study. The sublime Institution of which we are links as members of its great chain exacts this from us so that we may serve it better. Let us curtail some of the time we devote to the ephemeral pleasure of the senses, and dedicate it to the strength of our spirits in search of that which is stable, fecund and true; let us abandon frivolities and lend our attention and aid to that which is serious and transcendental. If the labours of the thought that battles with faith in truth, oppressed by sacrifices and the issue of blood from its wounds, are not capable of lifting up our spirits, let us at least endeavour not to extinguish with the cold breath of our moral debility even the most feeble and paltry torch placed on the peck. -'' American Tyler.'

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AST year the Pantiles Lodge, for the first time in the history of Freemasonry in Tunbridge Wells, organised a "Ladies evening," so that lady visitors and friends could be entertained at a banquet and dance. It was such a signally successful event and gave such a great deal of pleasure, that it was not surprising that another function, of an exactly similar character, should be introduced this year, and now again has the same large measure of success to be chronicled.

The Worshipful Master Bro. W. Rule, assisted by that most efficient and indefatigable of Secretaries Bro. Rufus Stevenson and Committee, worked hard at the numerous details necessary to ensure success, and the result was eminently gratifying all round, the entertainers and the entertained being highly delighted with the smooth and happy manner in which everything went off.

In the afternoon the customary Lodge meeting was held, and subsequently a reception took place in the reading room of the Nevill Club, which, like the Pump Room, had been prettily decorated by Mr. Sumner.

The Worshipful Master, who was accompanied by Mrs. Rule, and the Officers of the Lodge, quickly made everyone feel perfectly at home, and what with the Brethren being clad in Masonic attire and jewels, of various degrees, and the ladies' pretty and tasteful costumes, quite a picturesque and animated appearance was presented wherever the eye rested. The company, which numbered about 120, then adjourned to the Pump Room, where Bro. H. Adams provided an excellent repast.

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Following out the excellent rule laid down last year, only a few toasts were given, this giving an opportunity for social intercourse, music, and dancing. The Worshipful Master (who was supported on his right by Mrs. Rule and the Mayor, and on the left by Bro. A. Burslem and Mrs. Burslem), in giving the Queen and Craft, alluded to the loyalty and allegiance paid to the throne by all Masons, and the keen interest taken in the Order by her Majesty's father, the Duke of Kent.

Bro. J. Burton gave the toast of the ladies, in a little speech of dry humour (incidentally remarking that ladies, as a rule, were characteristic by such "charity"—one of the fundamental qualities of Masonry—that they had been know to "give their best friend away"), and Bro. R. Waymark and E. Sanderson gallantly responded.

Bro. A. Burslem gave the Worshipful Master, and after congratulating him on what he hoped was a complete recovery from his recent illness, alluded to the great success of the evening. He also touched on his genial qualities, warm zeal for Masonry, and the excellent manner in which he had performed his Masonic duties.

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The Worshipful Master, replying, expressed his pleasure that the evening had been such a success, and said there was no more honourable position to aspire to than in being elected by the goodwill of one's fellow Masons to preside over them. He thoroughly appreciated the honour, and he would like to say how much he folt indebted to the Secretary and Officers for the cordial assistance they had given him, the bulk of the work having, of course, fallen on the broad shoulders of the ever-ready and trusty Secretary Bro. Stevenson. He hoped his successors would perpetuate that pleasant and successful function, and, concluding, he thanked them all most heartily for drinking the health and happiness of himself and wife.

The Mayor (Bro. F. W. Stone) gave the Masonic Charities—in happy terms, remarking that he always looked upon ladies as bubbling over with charity and love. Although it was not right for Brethren to divulge Masonic secrets, they could certainly tell them all about the Masonic Charities, and the grandly philanthropical work they did. Speaking of these Charities, the past year had been a record one. As Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, would no doubt tell them, no less a sum than between £160,000 and £170,000 had been subscribed. Just think of the immense amount of good they were able to do for the boys and girls and aged Masons who required assistance in their days of need.

Bro. J. Terry, responding, corroborated Bro. Stone's statement as to the amount subscribed, and mentioned, in passing, that £140,000 of this had been given in one night at the record meeting at the Albert Hall, over which the Prince of Wales presided, and at which ladies were present. As an evidence of the good effected, he mentioned that at the present time £75 girls and 286 boys were being clothed, educated, and trained in order

WEST LONDON MASONIC ELECTION ASSOCIATION.

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A WELL attended meeting of this excellent society was held on Thursday 2nd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington, under the presidency of Bro. W. Hillier.

The accounts were submitted for passing by Bro. Craggs the energetic Treasurer, and found to be in excellent order, showing a substantial balance in hand, after every outstanding account had been paid.

The night of meeting has been altered to Thursday, as being more convenient to the members. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected for the present year.

Brother Hillier, in a speech of some length, impressed on those present the importance of the work done by the Association, and showed how combination of force, coupled with hard work, had enabled them to carry every candidate successfully to the poll.

The name of a candidate for the Girls School was then proposed and passed.

The Secretary (Bro. Arthur Williams) in a few well chosen remarks expressed his thanks for re-election, and stated that although his engagements were so numerous he would always endeavour to do his best for the

Association.

Bro. J. H. Cumming was elected Assistant Secretary, and after some formal business the Brethren adjourned.

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THE following letter appeared in the "Local Government Chronicle."

Sir,—I wish to call the attention of Poor Law Officers generally to the case of Edmund W. Hayes, son of the late Mr. Job Hayes, for many years master of the Brentford Workhouse, and who died shortly after his retirement from such office Bro. Hayes was a subscribing member of the Elliot Lodge, 1567, at the time of his death. The son above mentioned is the youngest child, and owing to the age cannot appear on the lists again. I appeal to the Brethren who have votes to support the case. The late master has to my knowledge worked hard, and has sacrificed his time and money for twenty-five years in the cause of superannuation, and it was with such men as he at the backs of our Presidents that the work was carried through successfully, and I think we can show our gratitude by supporting this case, and with such support, the case is certain to go in.

I will be pleased to receive any votes on behalf of this boy.

I am, Sir, &c.,

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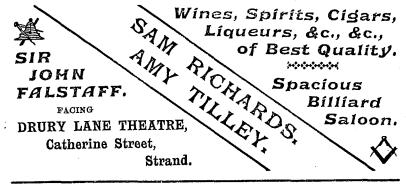
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SATURDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 1899.

A MASONIC LEGACY.

T was reported at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that the granter of of Scotland that the executor of the late Brother Wm. Ferguson had instituted an action in the Court of King's County, Brooklyn City, New York, against the widow and next of kin of the deceased and the Grand Lodge, to have it determined whether the will of the deceased had bequeathed the residue of his estate to his wife, and on her death to the Grand Lodge in trust for the purpose of erecting a home in Forfarshire for the benefit of poor widows of deceased husbands who at the time of their death were members of Grand Lodge. The solicitors in New York wrote that the questions involved were (1) whether the Grand Lodge could take such a bequest as that in the will, and (2) whether the will contravened a statute of the United States, which provides that no person having a husband, wife, child, or parent shall the trie will be contained a statute of the United States, which provides that no person having a husband, wife, child, or parent shall the will be contained as a provided that the contained t by his will bequeth to any benevolent, charity, scientific, religious, or missionary society in trust more than one-half of his estate after payment of his debts, and that such bequests shall be valid to the extent of one-half only. The value of Mr. Ferguson's estate was stated at about 7,295 dollars. Grand Committee reported that they had requested a full report from the New York solicitors as to the position of the widow in regard to the estate, and the probable expense of the litigation. This was approved.

The annual ball of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349, will take place on Thursday, 23rd inst., at the Holborn Restaurant.

MEETINGS. REPORTS OF

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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.

METROPOLITAN. CRAFT:

SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

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The installation and annual banquet of this Lodge, virtually restricted to representatives of art, literature, and science, passed off most successfully at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday.

Bro. Eugene Barnett, who was placed in the chair of King Solomon, is so popular in artistic circles that an unusually large number of musical and dramatic Brethren attended. The Installing Master was Bro. Harold Burke P.M., who discharged his duties in an admirable manner, the whole of the proceedings being gone through with the smoothness and effectiveness characteristic of the Savage Club Lodge.

The newly-installed Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bro. Harold Burke I.P.M., Charles Townley S.W., W. L. Barrett J.W., Raymond Tucker P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Fisher P.M. Secretary, W. H. Denny S.D., E. E. Peacock P.M. J.D., R. Bowdler Sharpe P.M. I.G., H. L. Patterson Organist, F. H. Cheesewright P.M. D.C., Hugh Moss, Templer Saxe, E. G. Salmon, and C. D. Gill Stewards, and G. J. Swan Tyler.

In the absence through indisposition of Bro. Charles Townley (better known in the ranks of pantomime authors as Geoffrey Thorn), the Senior Warden's chair was taken by Bro. Charles L. Carson P.M., and that of J.W. (owing to Bro. W. L. Barrett being professionally engaged at Oxford) by Bro. Edmund Rosenthal P.M. Before the Lodge closed, the latter, in a most eloquent and sympathetic speech, proposed that a sum of ten guineas should be voted to the widow and children of Bro. Henry Walsham, the well-known tenor. The proposition was carried.

The W.M. was exceedingly well received when he rose to propose the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and this was immediately followed by that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, submitted by Bro. John Northcott P.M.

Bro. Harry Nicholls made a bright and agreeable speech in introducing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, to which Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. responded.

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Bro. Harold Burke I.P.M., in happy terms, gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, which evoked enthusiasm in such degree as to testify to the estimation in which Bro. Eugene Barnett is held. He concluded his references to the excellent work done by Bro. Burke during his year of office by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel.

The entertainment, always a notable feature at the Savage Club Lodge Installation Banquet, was, thanks to Bro. F. H. Cheesewright, exceptionally interesting and attractive. Miss Kate Vaughan, in recitation and dance, described "How it Happened" (a portion of which she repeated by general desire). Misses Lydia Thompson and Zeffie Tilbury respectively gave amusing monologues, Miss Violet Cameron sang "Voices of the Angels" and "For Ever and For Ever," and Miss Ethel Bevans gave "Husheen" and "Ring-ading-ding." Miss Emily Foxcroft sang "The Carnival" with much brilliancy, and Miss Emma Barnett, the able pianist, who is a cousin of the W.M., appropiately gave a selection from the once favourite opera, "The Mountain Sylph," composed by John Barnett, father of the W.M. Among the male vocalists were Bro. Charles Collette (with "A Terrible Lot to Do Today"), Mr. R. Courtier Dutton (whose fine, fresh young voice and good style gave due effect to "The Windmill"), Bros. Templer Saxe ("Let's Drink, the Wine is Sparkling," and "Sing on, My Love"), Franklin Clive ("Whisper Thy Name"), Dalgety Henderson ("I Love But You"), Reginald Groome ("Eileen Bawn"), Henry Piercy, Leo Stormont, and E. J. Odell, who of course was called upon for his humorous song with its prolonged last note, "The Harvest Home." Bros. Wharton Wells and Lovett King rendered the best possible service as accompanists at this memorable gathering, says the "Stage."

BLOOMSBURY RIFLES LODGE, No. 2362.

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A N excellent meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Head Quarters of the Corps, Chenies Street, W.C., the chief attraction being to witness the working of Bro. G. W. Barter, who was installed as Worshipful Master at the preceding meeting.

The W.M. was ably supported by the following Brethren: T. W. Mogford P.M. acting S.W., G. Jackson Crow J.W., H. R. Meyers P.M. Treas., T. Miller P.M. Sec., G. C. Chandler S.D., A. Marshall J.D., G. Stevenson I.G., S. Ingram Tyler; Past Masters T. W. Mogford, Claud Scott, G. Grimes, G. Mogford, M. Hale, and H. Sillis; together with the following Brethren: W. S. Hall, C. Patten, G. Tolley, H. Miller, G. T. Gibbs, H. Hagon, G. James, J. Wilson, A. MacGregor, W. E. Pryer, J. Greenfield, H. Fowler, G. Healy, G. Bodley, H. Gray, A. Peck.

The Visitors included Bros. H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, A. Gardiner S.W. 2707 P.G. Stewd., D. Redfern W.M. 753, J. C. Kruse 1624, J. Wynman, &c.

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The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. G. Tolley, A. MacGregor, G. Gibbs, W. E. Pryer, and G. James were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and those five Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Mr. W. S. Hale was presented as a candidate for initiation, the ballot having been taken and proved unanimous in his favour. In due course he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Both the ceremonies, including the ancient charge of the latter degree, were most impressively rendered, without the slightest hitch, and we congratulate the Brethren on having such a perfect worker and ruler added to the roll of their Masters. Bro. Miller P.M. Secretary read the different communications that had been addressed to the Lodge.

The W.M. proposed that a ladies' banquet should be given at an early date, which proposition remains under consideration.

The W.M. received well-earned hearty good wishes from the visitors, after which the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the Brethren adjourned to the Mess Room, where an excellent repast was provided.

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BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, on Wednesday, 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. R. J. Campbell W.M., who was supported by his Officers and other Brethren.

Work was performed in each of the three degrees, Mr. H. J. Dunnaway being initiated, Bro. C. Hawes passed, and Bros. J. Aylett and F. C. Fleming

The election of a W.M. for the ensuing financial year resulted in the selection of Bro. A. F. Hardyment S.W. for the important office, and he was

warmly congratulated on his preferment.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. J. Campbell P.M. for his services in the chair as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and a jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted for presentation to him at the close of his term

Bros. Paine, Goodwin, and F. Crook were elected to audit the accounts

of the Lodge.

The W.M.-elect will act as a Steward at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and at present has a list of eighty guineas, which we hope will be considerably increased ere the celebration takes place.

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PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

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On Tuesday, at Bro. Fred Crocker's, the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale, N.W., Bros. J. C. Kruse W.M., M. E. Swan S.W., D. R. Redfern J.W., G. Wood P.M. Prec., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., J. Hands S.D., D. Wall J.D., W. J. Stratton P.M. I.G., Fred Crocker Steward, J. W. Genese P.M., J. H. Craig, J. Page P.M., S. P. Turner, T. W. Rudrum, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. H. Craig being the candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming the same candidate answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Brother Hains was elected a member, and Bro. Swan W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. Crocker, the host, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the great amount of work the Secretary had done, in so able a manner, on the night of consecration, which was carried unanimously and duly acknowledged.

Bro. G. Wood P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge deserves great compliment for the attention he pays to every Brother.

The Auditors' report was presented, which gave great satisfaction.

Bro. Thomas Sec. proposed that Bro. G. Wood P.M. Preceptor be reelected to that office, which was unanimously carried.

Bro. Stratton Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Secretary were also re-elected to the offices which they occupy at present, each of those Brethren acknowledging the compliment paid them.

A ballot in connection with the Charity Association of the Lodge was afterwards taken, and poved in favour of Bro. J. Butler.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A T the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 2nd inst., Bros. A. J. Swash W.M., Justin Allen S.W., D. D. Heath J.W., F. J. Larkman acting Preceptor, C. Humble S.D., A. H. Bridger J.D., C. E. Dowling I.G., J. Stewart, E. C. St. Aubyn, and others.

The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. St. Aubyn taking the place of the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Stewart was examined as to his proficiency and entrusted, the third ceremony being rehearsed, after which the Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Justin Allen W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge was elected to preside on the following Thursday. Bro. E. C. St. Aubyn J.D. Era Lodge, No. 1423, was elected a member, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathies of the Brethren to Bro. H. T. Johnson, a member of the Mother Lodge, and a well known Journalist, who is confined to his bed with influence.

FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

VERY good meeting was held on Thursday, at Bro. Morris Abraham's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, E., when the chair was taken by Bro. M. Moses, who was assisted by the following: Bros. Trolowsky S.W., M. Maken J.W., L. A. DaCosta P.M. Prec., J. Davis Sec., Forey S.D., S. Moses J.D., Citroen I.G., J. Oxley P.M., B. DaCosta P.M., M. Corper, N. Goldman, Clark, Mayer, Richmond, T. Mendez, Valentine, M. DaCosta P.M., J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Corper acting as candidate. Bro. B. DaCosta, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Goldman was desired to read the revised bye-laws, which were adopted. Bro. L. A. DaCosta proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the trouble Bro. Goldman had taken in revising the bye-laws, which was carried unanimously.

Next Thursday being Officers' night Bro. Trolowsky S.W. was elected W.M. for the following week.

ST. CLEMENT DANES CLUB OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1351.

N Wednesday, at Bro. Carr's Restaurant, 265 Strand, the Fifteen Sections were worked by Brethren of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, under the presidency of Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, who was supported by Bros. D. Moss P.M. P.D.G.S.B. as I.P.M., B. DaCosta S.W., J. Oxley J.W., H. Peters Sec., Emden S.D., Lotheim J.D., G. Miles I.G., and several others, the whole attendance being about fifty.

The proceedings having been started in the usual way the Sections were worked by the following Brethren: First Lecture—Bros. Shaveren, Lotheim, Emden, Richmond, B. DaCosta, D. Moss, and I. Goulston; Second Lecture—Bros. M. Corper, J. Oxley, B. DaCosta, N. Goldman, and Goldstein; Third Lecture—Bros. J. Smith, D. Moss, and I. Davis.

The W.M. resumed to the first degree, and in most suitable terms

complimented the Brethren who had worked the sections in such faultless manner that night. Especially had they to thank those Brethren who had officiated in the place of others who were absent, and whose names were included in the programme.

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Bro. George Miles W.M. 1351 said he could not let the opportunity pass without especially thanking the Brethren of the Friars Lodge for their attendance, and their beautiful working of the Sections. He hoped to have the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance on many occasions in years to come

to come.

The usual compliments to the W.M. and others concluded the proceedings.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

A T the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 4th inst., Bros. A. J. Swash W. M., W. Atkinson S.W., K. M. Ross J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, R. Josey P.M Sec., W. Hide P.M. S.D., W. Hiscocks J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G., Past Masters E. Fox, P. Cronin, S. W. Keene; Bros. H. J. Cousens, S. J. Parker, L. Walsh, W. Handover, J. Potter, and several others.

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on the next occasion.

Bro. S. J. Parker W.M. of the Fulham Lodge was elected a member, and on the proposition of the Preceptor a hearty votes of thanks was passed to Bro. A. J. Swash W.M.-elect of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, for presiding in the Lodge for the first time.

PROVINCIAL.

LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

A N ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend. Bro. Alfred J. Walklin W.M. presided, and was assisted by Bros. J. N. Willis S.W., William Hawker P.M. acting J.W., R. J. Beamish P.M., Arthur Ronaldson P.A.G.S. Secretary, T. T. Hogg P.M. Treasurer, Ernest Ingman S.D., J. A. Gillett J.D., and Percy Bowen

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There were also present Bros. J. P. Moore P.M., Henry Forss P.M., Orlton Cooper P.M., T. A. Mummery, Robert Matthews, G. A. Grant, J. Hewison, A. Martin, A. E. Lockhart, G. C. Webster, A. J. Walklin junr., T. Kemp, Geo. C. Realff, H. Pettingale, Dr. Thurnell, J. Fothergill, R. L. Cosh, H. White, &c.

Visitors: Bros. J. G. Turner P.M. 299, T. S. Sutton 1329, William Field 2290, Edward Simpson 903. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was received. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Sidney Blandford, of the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, as a joining member, and of Mr. Arthur Tulk, as a candidate for initiation. The name of another candidate was wisely postponed, because neither the proposer or seconder were present to vouch for him.

The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, when Bro. George Arthur Oldland answered the necessary questions, and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree, and took his seat in the Lodge as a Master Mason.

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A letter was read from Earl Amherst, thanking the Lodge for their vote of congratulation upon his appointment as Pro Grand Master, and also granting his patronage to the Lodge Ball, which takes place on 13th inst. It will be remembered that Lord Amherst is also Provincial Grand Master of

Bro. Orlton Cooper returned thanks for the compliment conferred upon

him by his election as honorary member of the Lodge.

There being no other business the Visitors tendered their hearty good wishes, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The Brethren then adjourned to supper, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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LODGE. OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

THE meeting held on the 31st ult., at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.C., though not rich in numbers was a very successful one so far as work was concerned. Lodge was opened by Bro. H. E. Massie, who afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Geo. W. Davies P.M., the latter rehearsing the ceremony of raising, assisted by Bros. G. T. Lenard as S.W., M. Goth as J.W., R. W. Nuttall as S.D., and James Cooper as J.D. Bro. J. W. Hunston, Waverley Lodge, No. 1322, a visitor, acted as candidate.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 3rd inst., Bro. I. R. E. Birkett W.M., there being a good attendance.

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The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. George H. Smith was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. C. T. Tallent-Bateman was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Henry Nall P.M. P.P.G. Treas. The working tools of both degrees were presented and explained by Bro. H. W. Bloomer J.W.

An election of Officers then took place, with the result that Bro. John M. Crone S.W. was unanimously chosen as Worshipful Master-elect, and his installation into the principal chair will take place on Friday, 3rd March.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Bloomer, Nall, Denholm, Bateman, and John Travers P.M. 1387. Others visitors were Bros. Charles Cooper P.M. 1588 P.P.A.G.P., A. Dawson Sec. 2231, and Jas. McEvoy J.D. 1588.

FOSTER GOUGH LODGE, No. 2706.

THE festival of St. John and installation of Worshipful Master took place at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on Saturday, 28th ult.

The consecration of the Lodge was in March last year, and membership is confined to Masters and Past Masters. From the opportunities thus given to leaders of the Order to freely interchange opinion on all points of Masonic ritual and practice, it is hoped that progress and advantage will accrue throughout the Province.

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After the opening of the Lodge, five new members were elected, and a large number of nominations were received of joining members.

Lord Dartmouth presented the Lodge with a beautiful banner, worked by Miss Winterbottom, of Stone, as a memento of a very pleasant year of office, which he would always look back upon with pleasure and satisfaction. The banner is of the usual size and proportions, having a ground of Provincial blue bearing the Arms of the Province in the centre in the proper colouring, with a P.M.'s jewel in gold over; and surmounted by the Staffordshire Knot. The whole is encircled by a festooned ribbon, on which are inscribed the words, "Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706." The banner is fringed with gold.

On the motion of Bro. Frank James, seconded by Rev. V. Litchfield, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the noble lord for his handsome gift, and was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes.

Lord Dartmouth conducted the ceremony of installation in an able and impressive manner, the new Master being Bro. J. Bodenham P.A.G.D.C. England P.P.G.S.W., who regularly invested his Officers.

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The Worshipful Master, in thanking the Lodge for the honour of being placed in the chair, said that to preside over a Lodge representing the installed Masters of so important a Province was a distinction of which any Brother might reasonably be proud. The establishment of an Installed Masters Lodge was no new idea in this Province. Thirty-three years ago such a Lodge was sanctioned, with the present Senior Grand Warden of England Lord Burton as its first Master. Unfortunate circumstances prevented its consecration, and the Warrant was after a time returned. They numbered one or two of the petitioners among the present founders. The revival of the idea was in the mind of the late P.G.M. Col. Foster Gough, but he was not spared to fulfil all his aspirations. Two years ago it appeared to some of them that the time was ripe for an attempt to form such a Lodge, and an appeal to the Province met with a response far exceeding any possible anticipation, the list of founders having over 100 names. The movement was most materially helped by the cordiality with which Lord Dartmouth accepted the position of Master, not only giving the advantage of his official countenance, but thoroughly entering into the duties of the office. The masterly way in which he had undertaken the ceremony of that day was proof, if any were needed, that they had his hearty support and sympathy. In this connection he should also like especially to acknowledge the great services rendered by Col. Bindley. Referring to the future, the Worshipful Master said that during the present year he proposed, with the assent of the Lodge Committee, to devote one quarterly meeting to a paper by some competent Brother, and the other to a ceremonial reheaval. He fall it was

(Mr. W. C. T. Mynors) for kindly granting the use of the Mayor's Parlour for the occasion.

Following the proceedings in Lodge, a banquet was provided at the Swan Hotel, where excellent arrangements had been made for the comfort of the Brethren. The newly-installed Master Bro. John Bodenham presided, and a unique feature of the toast-list was the introduction of quotations from "The Garden of the Muses," compiled by John Bodenham, A.D. 1600. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Pepper, in submitting the toast of the Rulers and Officers of Grand Lodge, referred to the recent appointment of the Earl of Warwick as Deputy Grand Master, and congratulated the Craft on the addition to their rulers of so distinguished a nobleman.

The Grand Secretary and Bro. Spaull (Derbyshire) replied and joined in congratulating the Lodge upon the masterly way in which the ceremonies of the day had been carried out by the Provincial Grand Master.

Lord Dartmouth's health was proposed from the chair, and drunk with musical honours and cheers for Lady Dartmouth and Viscount Lewisham.

His Lordship replied in terms of cordial congratulation upon the success of the Lodge and the harmonious character of that day's proceedings, and acknowledged the kindly feelings which had prompted the reference to Lady Dartmouth and their son.

Lieut.-Col. Walker replied to the toast of his health and that of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and was able to give assurance that the Province was going on satisfactorily. He asked for assistance through the Lodges to the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Stewardship of the Prov.G.M.

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The health of the Worshipful Master was honoured with the greatest cordiality, and the visitors were toasted by Bro. Frank James—

As wordes are little worth where deeds come short, So banquets have no grace where wanteth guests.

Thus the author of "The Garden of the Muses," in praise of the virtue of

hospitality.
Col. Heneage Legge replied, and gave some Indian experiences of

Freemasonry.

The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. Dewsbury, and briefly replied to by Bro. T. Taylor President of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable

A number of other toasts were honoured, says the "Stafford Advertiser."

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The regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, on Thursday, 2nd inst., Companion Robert Rudman M.E.Z.

The principal business of the evening was that of balloting for and exalting Bro. Samuel Olier Eaton, Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, and Joseph Robinson P.M. Mellor Lodge, No. 1774, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. Rudman, assisted by Comps. T. C. Lilley J., W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., and J. C. Wilson P.Z.

Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to an excellent supper, the usual festive board following, Loyal and Arch toasts being agreeably varied by songs, &c., the contributaries being Comps. H. G. Walker E., Nelson Stokes N., W. E. Mowbray Organist, Robert A. Ackerley and C. W. Dove.

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Comp. Rudman M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Officers, this being responded to by Comps. Melling and Henry B. Brown P.Z. P.G.A.D.C.
Comp. Wilson proposed the health of the newly-exalted Companions, in a very excellent speech, this being duly replied to.
Besides those already mentioned, there were present Comps. Robert Adshead P.S., Wm. Rostron Treas., J. C. Brown, K. Mallies, D. Ostara, J. M. Frost P.Z., Matthew Goth, T. Faber, and others.

TRUTHS THAT A FREEMASON SHOULD REMEMBER.

That he once died for the Truth.

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That when he received physical light it was a witness to the Brethren that he had (or ought to have) received spiritual light.

That Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligations to pay that rational homage to God, which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness.

That reasonableness, righteousness and Godliness are identical.

That a listening ear, a silent tongue, and a faithful heart are still a part of Masonry.

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That the JJJ's were dispatched to a place of darkness—it is only the faithful who are to enjoy light and glory.

That the Master Mason represents a man under the doctrine of love, saved from the grave of iniquity and raised to the faith of salvation.

That the exhumation of the body of H. A. was not intended to prove a real historical fact. The celebrated artist is known to have lived at Tyre many

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Dalcho observes that the interpolated word "is not to be found in any language that was ever used. He says it is, in fact, not a word, but merely a jumble of letters, forming a sound without meaning." If Dalcho had been a little more careful in his investigations he never would have been guilty of such a statement. The change of one letter would have given him the truth. The same is true in the return word which is omitted in Michigan, but correctly given in Canada.

That he was charged to never mention God's name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator.

That he should do unto his neighbour as he would he should do unto him.

him.

That he should avoid all irregularity and intemperance, which may impair his faculties or debase the dignity of his profession.

MASONIC APHORISMS.

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Freemasonry is a society that strives to reconcile all mankind and uphold the moral equality of men combined in the ties of brotherhood in a cheerful submission to authority.

A true Freemason is a free man; free from passion, free from prejudice, free from selfishness, free from bigotry, free from fanaticism, and free from the blind spirit of intolerence.

Corporeal slavery has been abolished in nearly every part of the civilised world, but mental slavery still exists. Men are mental slaves everywhere—slaves to habit, slaves to custom and fashion, slaves to systems of early teaching, slaves to pre-conceived notions, slaves to the doctrines of hereditary "isms." The teaching of Freemasonry removes all this from the minds of its faithful votary, and makes him intellectually free.

On the 15th inst. the first volume of the cheap edition of "Cassell's Popular Educator" will be published. This new issue is unabridged, and contains all the coloured plates, maps, and text, &c., appearing in the more expensive editions previously published, whilst the work is kept revised to date as each issue passes through the press. It will be completed in eight volumes, which will be published at fortnightly intervals.

Mr. F. E. Hulme, F.L.S., F.S.A., has prepared forty new drawings of wild flowers for the forthcoming serial issue of "Familar Wild Flowers," which is to be commenced in March. This new edition will contain in all 240 plates in colours.

Mr. R. Kearton's new work, "Wild Life at Home," which was reprinted immediately after its publication at the end of last year, is again being reprinted, in consequence of the continuous demand.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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ALEXANDRA PALACE.

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The vast and noble pile of buildings, covering as it does upwards of nine acres, and standing in beautiful wooded grounds over 200 acres in extent, affords for the holding of an Exhibition on a large scale facilities which it is scarcely necessary to dwell upon. In addition to numerous halls and galleries, suitable for the effective display of Exhibits of all kinds, the buildings comprise a great Central Hall capable of scating 15,000 people with ease, a Theatre seating 3,500, and Concert Room seating 3,000. Other detached Buildings and Pavilions are scattered about the Grounds, the undulating slopes of which afford charming and extensive views of hill and dale.

The exhibition will be opened on 1st April next, and will continue till the following October. Exhibits are invited from all parts of the world, and will be placed in friendly rivalry in their respective sections. Applications accepted in each section will be limited in number, in order to increase the variety of exhibits and the attractiveness of the Exhibition.

Diplomas and Medals will be awarded on the recommendation of a Jury of such exhibitors in each section as may be deemed entitled thereto. The exceptional opportunity the exhibition affords to all manufacturers, traders, and others desirous of advertising and extending the sale of their goods and bringing them under the notice of all classes and nations will be appreciated when it is mentioned that during the past season over 1,000,000 visitors passed the Palace turnstiles without the attraction of a great exhibition such as the one proposed, which will, no doubt, multiply by many times the normal number of visitors.

The Board of Trade having granted their Certificate under the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Acts, 1883, inventors and designers will be able to exhibit and to compete for awards without prejudi

Criterion.—Mr. Charles Wyndham has at length come to a definite decision regarding future arrangements at this Theatre. Having benefited considerably in health by his holiday at Nice, he has now determined to prolong his stay there for some little time. In consequence negotiations have been concluded by which Messrs. Maltby and Spyers' tenancy of the theatre is renewed, and the run of "My 'Soldier' Boy" will accordingly be continued until the end of March, when the piece is to be sent on tour. Early in April Mr. Wyndham will be seen once more in his accustomed place. accustomed place.

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—Twice Daily, Dick Whittington.

Avenue.—8, The Rift within the Lute. 8.40, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—8-15, Milord Sir Smith. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday,

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Court.—8. For Love of Prim. 8·45, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 3. Covent Garden.—Tuesday, 14th Feb., Grand Carnival, 11 p.m. Criterion.—8·15, Nicolete. 8·45, My "Soldier "Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 3. Daly's.—8·15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30. Drury Lane.—Twice Daily, The Forty Thieves.

Duke of York's.—8, Red Roses. 8·45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2·30.

Gaiety.—8·15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Garriok.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2·15.

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Globe.—Saturday, 18th February, Ours.
Haymarket.—8·10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manœuvres of Jane.
Wednesday and Saturday, 2·15.
Her Majesty's—8·15, The Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and
Saturday, 2·15.
Lyceum.—Thursday, 16th February, The Only Way.
Lyrlc.—8, Little Miss Nobody. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2·30.
Opera Comique.—Twice Daily, Alice in Wonderland.
Prince of Wales.—8, Coquette. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Princess's.—8, The White Heather.
Royalty.—8·15, Confederates. 9. A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée,
Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8·20, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and
Saturday, 2.
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Strand.—8:15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

Vaudeville.—8, A Bad Penny. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Alexandra.—Next week, Man to man.

Dalston.—Next week, The Three Musketeers.

Grand.—7:30, Babes in the Wood. Monday and Wednesday, 1:30 also.

Parkhurst.—Next week, Captain Swift.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Jane.

Alhambra.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, &c.

Aquarium.—Varieties, Minting, Paula, The Great Dive, 10, 2 and 7.

Empire.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.

London Pavillon.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment.

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Tivoli.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2:15 also.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily, Pantomime, Santa Claus.

Egyptlan Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c. Father Christmas and Monster Lucky Tub.

Olympia.—Barnum and Bailey's Show.

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NEXT WEEK. LODGE MEETINGS

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

Monday.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, 1 M.H.
29 St. Alban, Albion
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall
193 Confidence, Anderton's
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall
1789 Ubique, Criterion
2012 Chiswick, Criterion
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2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l.
2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall
2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road Monday. 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 Fortifude, 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
379 Honour, Bath
411 Commercial, Nottingham
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
587 Howe, Birmingham
589 Drnid Love & Lib., Redruth
632 Concord, Trowbridge
643 Royal, Filey
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
721 Independence, Chester
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridan, Millbrook
941 De Tabley, Knutsford
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
1149 Dorking, Dorking
1174 Pentangle, Chatham
1221 Defence, Leeds
1237 Enfield, Enfield
1253 Travellers, Manchester
1302 De Warren, Halifax
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle
1350 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'ge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1474 Israel, Birmingham
1496 Trafford, Moss Side
1544 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
1855 Forest, Mansfield
1855 Torridge, Great Torrington
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1959 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
2034 Masefield, Moseley
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
2185 Ardwick, Manchester
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
237 Earl of Leicester, Borden
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale
2508 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion
180 St. James Union, F.M.H.
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
211 St. Michael, Albion
235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse
834 Ranelagh, Criterion

917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho. 933 Doric, Anderton's 1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall 1269 Stanhope, Camberwell 1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion 1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square 1668 Samson, Café Royal 1693 Kingsland, Highbury 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern 1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall 2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane 2427 Hampden, St. Pancras 2546 Rahere, Frascatı 2427 Hampden, St. Pancras
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80 St. John, Sunderland
93 Social, Norwich
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster
495 Wakefield, Wakefield
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
502 Rectitude, Rugby
503 Belvedere, Maidstone
567 Unity, Warwick
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen
593 St. Ann, Alderney
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham
650 Star in the East, Harwich
666 Jerusalem, Bristol
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
723 Panmure, Aldershot
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
892 Royal Edward, Leominster
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
903 Gosport, Gosport
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
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1402 Jordan, Torquay
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
1883 William of Wykeh'm, W'nch'ter
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull 2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-fees 2134 Wilberforce, Hull 2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man 2256 Warner, Chingford 2324 Horwich, Horwich 2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe 2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

Wednesday. General Committee Grand Lodge, and Board of Benevolence, at 5. 7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
169 Temperance, Deptford
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1571 Leopold, Southwark
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
1677 Crusaders,
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
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2272 Rye, Peckham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel 20 RI Kent Antiquity, Chatham 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance 121 Mount Sinal, Fenzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltentham
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
823 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighouse, Brighouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2514 City. Liverpool

2514 City, Liverpool 2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

Committee, Girl,s School, House 4.30.

4:30.
6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
179 Manchester, Anderton's
181 Universal, Albion
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1320 Blackheath, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2551 Clissold,
42 Relief, Bury 2551 Clissold,
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey

267 Unity, Macclesfield 268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne 280 Worcester, Worcester 286 Samaritan, Bacup 322 Peace, Stockport 343 Concord, Preston 286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Sutton
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2268 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon

Friday.
Board of Management, Boys School, Friday.

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143 Middlesex, Albion 975 Rose of Denmark, Kennington 1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's. 2157 St. Mark's College, H'lborn Rest 2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hail 152 Virtue, Manchester 152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
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347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.
715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
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