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SURREY.

THE Provincial Grand Master Designate General Davis was present at the installation meeting of the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, on the 16th ult., and, responding to the toast of his health, assured the company present that his highest ambition in succeeding to the rule of the Province would be to follow worthily in the footsteps of the noble Brother who was about to retire from the Office of Provincial Grand Master.

A FIGHTING LODGE.

RESPONDING at a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland a visitor from Bulawayo said his Lodge had for some time been working under great difficulties, but he was happy to say they had been able to surmount them all. Their Lodge took its name from a great fighting man, the late Major Alan Wilson, and might be termed a fighting Lodge. The Immediate Past Master was at present Captain of C Troop Southern Rhodesian Volunteers, and was with Colonel Plumer at the relief of Mafeking; the R.W.M. was for some time a cyclist scout in the same regiment; the Junior Warden was a Lieutenant of G. troop; the Senior Deacon he met in Durban about three months before, recovering from the effects of a mauser bullet wound through both lungs, received at the battle of Spion Kop; the last news he had of the Inner Guard was that he was engaged at the battle of Colenso; a former Inner Guard was Captain of F Troop Southern Rhodesian Volunteers, and was also, he believed, present at the relief of Mafeking; while one of the Stewards was a corporal in the same troop. So much for the Office-bearers. The rank and file had also done their part, and were too numerous to mention. Still, with all those absentees they had been able to work the Lodge in a creditable manner, as the remaining Brethren had worked hard to fill the gaps.

ROYAL ARCH.

NORTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in Carnarvon Castle, on the 25th ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent Comp. J. E. Greaves.

A past Treasurer's jewel was presented to Comp. Donald Cameron P.Z. The next meeting of the Chapter was arranged to be held at Bangor.

The following were appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Comp. J. Lloyd Griffith	...	H.
H. C. K. Benson	...	J.
J. G. Tuxford	...	Scribe E.
C. Rowland	...	Scribe N.
Edward Roberts	...	Treasurer
A. D. Rawson	...	Registrar
Rev. Llewelyn Hughes	...	Principal Sojourner
W. A. Foster	...	1st Assist. Soj.
J. Jones Morris	...	2nd Assist. Soj.
J. A. Rodway	...	Sword Bearer
Rev. W. D. Roberts	...	Standard Bearer
G. L. Woodley	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
T. Armstrong	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
W. G. Williams	...	Organist
W. A. Tuxford	...	Assist. Scribe E.
Thomas Powis	...	Janitor.

MARK MASONRY.

SOMERSET.

THE annual meeting of the Mark Master Masons of this Province was held on Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bath, under the presidency of Bro. R. C. Else Prov.G.M.M., who invested the following as his Officers for the year:

BRO. Rev. E. A. Purvis P.P.G.C.	...	Senior Warden
T. Baggs	...	Junior Warden
S. J. Sellick	...	Master Overseer
W. Longworth Dames	...	Senior Overseer
J. P. Capell	...	Junior Overseer
Rev. F. F. Frizell	...	Chaplain
B. H. Watts	...	Treasurer
O. W. Wiltshire	...	Registrar
F. T. Elworthy	...	Secretary
P. Edinger	...	Senior Deacon
A. W. Dalby	...	Junior Deacon
T. H. Chaffin	...	Inspector of Works
G. James	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
E. Huntley	...	Sword Bearer
A. Gates	...	Standard Bearer
W. J. Nosworthy	...	Organist
Frank Everitt	...	Inner Guard
W. F. Cooling	...	Steward
R. J. H. Scott	...	Ditto
A. J. Salter	...	Tyler.

SOUTH WALES.

THE following were appointed the Provincial Grand Officers for the year at the recent meeting of this Lodge, reported in our last issue:

BRO. Thomas Walters 116	...	Senior Warden
Isodore Leon 28	...	Junior Warden
Samuel G. Rogers 256	...	Master Overseer
William Thomas 297	...	Senior Overseer
Thomas W. Barker 116	...	Junior Overseer
Rev. David Bowen 116	...	Chaplain
John Munday 28	...	Treasurer
Dr. De Vere Hunt 28	...	Registrar
Nelson D. Marks 28	...	Secretary
H. J. E. Price 297	...	Senior Deacon
Lewis Thomas 297	...	Junior Deacon
C. H. Williams 116	...	Inspector of Works
James John 116	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. Lancaster 28	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
W. T. Holt 256	...	Sword Bearer
Alfred Keeping 297	...	Standard Bearer
R. D. Gilbertson 256	...	Organist
John Shearman 28	...	Pursuivant
R. F. Morgan	...	Steward
C. A. Britten	...	Ditto
Ben Winfield 28	...	Ditto
Amos Jenkins	...	Tyler.

The first meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, since the installation of Bro. Walter James Carroll, is to held on Thursday, 8th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., and will provide ample occupation for the new ruler and his Officers, there being no less than four candidates on the agenda for raising, two for passing, and five for election and initiation. To cope with this amount of work the Lodge is called for half past three o'clock, dinner being arranged for 7.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Asaph Lodge will take place on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. W. Mathews is to be installed as W.M. The present Master Bro. C. B. Powell will perform the ceremony.

CORNWALL.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday of last week, at Camborne, under the banner of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1544, and was very largely attended. All parts of the county were well represented, and most admirable arrangements were made by the local Brethren for the entertainment of visitors and the proper conduct of business. Upon arriving in the town, which was gaily decorated throughout in honour of the occasion, the members of the Fraternity were regaled with light refreshments, provided in the supper room of the Masonic Hall. The following ladies presided over the tea and coffee stalls: Mesdames Nicholls, Bailey, and Lawrence, the Misses Nicholls, Trythall, Thomas, Turner, Newland, Meddlin, and Burge.

At eleven o'clock Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in the Assembly Rooms. The Prov.G.M. was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. P. Colville Smith, and many other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The roll having been called, the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge on the wonderful appearance they presented there and the trouble many of them had taken to come such long distances.

After the confirmation of the minutes the Provincial Grand Master said, in accordance with their wish, he had now to present Bro. Edyvean with the clothing of his rank in Grand Lodge. His Lordship expressed their congratulations, and hoped that Bro. Edyvean would live long to wear the clothing.

In returning thanks, Bro. Edyvean remarked that he need not assure them that his work on behalf of the Charities of the Province had been done with all his heart and soul, and as long as he lived he should do what he could for the Province.

Bro. Edyvean reported that there had been 148 initiations against 161, and 31 joining members against 20, the total subscribing members being 1,984, the highest recorded in the annals of the Province. The decrease in initiations showed that the Lodges were beginning to appreciate the fact that Freemasonry should be regarded as a luxury and not a benefit society. Foundation-stones of new Masonic Temples had been laid at St. Austell and Calstock, and the new and beautiful Temple had been solemnly dedicated at Camborne. The Province had contributed £473 to a Masonic War Fund. In moving the adoption of the report, the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Province on two Lodge Rooms begun and one finished, the latter a very beautiful building, which he inspected at Camborne on the previous evening. He had to thank Bro. Edmund Carlyon and Bro. Colville Smith, who had acted for him during the year. Bro. Carlyon was one of the oldest Past Masters in England, and in Bro. Colville Smith he knew he had someone to rely on whenever he could not himself be present. He hoped the Brethren did not think he was wrong in taking up the War Fund, and that he had their general approval in appropriating £100 out of the sum subscribed in response to the proposal of Grand Lodge to assist their Brother Masons who were in distress in the Transvaal. The report was adopted.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. F. A. Rawling also presented his statement of accounts, which was agreed to.

Bro. Milford presented a report on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The total, £362, fell short by about £30 of the amount received last year. Seven annuitants had been paid £150, nine widows £132, and eight educational grants £100, total £382. The income from investments was £234. The contributions from the different Lodges were as follow:—Love and Honour, Falmouth, £15; Mount Sinai, Penzance, £14; Fortitude, Truro, £20 16s 6d; True and Faithful, Helston, £17 8s; One and All, Bodmin, £13 17s; Phoenix, Truro, £8 15s; Cornubian, Hayle, £10 2s; Peace and Harmony, St. Austell, £12 5s; St. Martin, Liskeard, £12 17s 6d; Loyal Victoria, Callington, £14 10s 6d; Druid's, Redruth, £27 10s; Boscawen, Chacewater, £10 3s; Dunheved, Launceston, £8 2; Meridian, Millbrook, £6 16s; Restormel, Lostwithiel, £12 10s; Three Grand Principles, Penryn, £13 18s; St. Anne, East Looe, Fowey, £5 12s; Tregullow, St. Day, £6 11s; Zetland, Saltash, £11; Carew, Torpoint, £21 15s; St. Andrew, Tywardreath, £8 17s; Eliot, St. Germans, £7 5s; Tregenna, St. Ives, £19 15s; Duke of Cornwall, St.

Columb, £5 12s; Mount Edgcumbe, Camborne, £13 12s 6d; St. Petroc, Padstow, £9 12s; Molesworth, Wadebridge, £10; Cotehele, Calstock, £12 16s; St. Petroc Chapter, Bodmin, £2 2s.

Replying to Bro. Colenso, who thought the income of the Fund justified further expenditure, Bro. Milford said they were required by their constitution to invest a certain amount of their receipts, and he assured Bro. Colenso that no worthy case brought before the Committee was ever refused.

The report of the Committee of Relief recommended grants to the Masonic Charities as follow:—Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, 50 guineas; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 30 guineas; Boys School, £10; Girls School, £10.

The Secretary presented the report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association for Bro. Gilbert Pearce, who was unable to attend, and Bro. E. A. Broad made his statement as manager of the votes of the Province for the central Charities.

At this stage, one o'clock, the Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned for the Church Service. The Brethren, attired in Masonic clothing, and bearing the banners and regalia of their respective Lodges, were marshalled in the adjoining Market House, and paraded in the usual order through the principal streets of the town to the parish church. The long procession made quite an imposing spectacle, and attracted the attention of practically the whole of the inhabitants. Immediately preceding the Grand Officers of England, some of whom were present, walked Masters Dunkin, Bennallack, Barke, and Berringer, four "Lewises," carrying the Volume of the Sacred Law.

The Rector of Camborne, the Rev. G. B. Hooper, conducted the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. R. Erskine.

Preaching from the text, "Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king," the Rev. W. R. Gilbert Prov. G.Chap. said those words might be more particularly applied to them as members of the Masonic Order. As Freemasons they were taught to be true men. The Bible was open before them, and they were counselled to regulate their lives and actions by its teachings. Love to their fellow men was a prominent feature in Freemasonry. They were taught to do their neighbour every kindness in their power, to relieve his distress, soothe his afflictions and show sympathy in time of sorrow and trouble. From letters he had received from South Africa he learnt it was wonderful how ready our enemies were to recognise a Brother Mason, and many a British prisoner's lot had been made more easy when he was discovered to be a member of the Fraternity.

Theirs was also a loyal Brotherhood. They were taught to be true liegemen of the Sovereign, and to be honest and faithful subjects of the King and Master whom they served. The obligation was placed upon them to do no villany or wrong, whereby the Craft or science would be injured. If they looked below the surface of their ritual and ceremonies they found that Masonry was an Institution entitled to call to their minds the most sublime truths and teachings in the midst of their usual pleasures and occupations. It was a Society founded upon liberality, Brotherly love, and charity.

In Masonry was found an admirable system of morality. It called them to the study of science, and the practice of virtue, and taught them those moral duties which were incumbent upon them as men. They found it embracing peoples of all religions which were worthy of the name, and all states and conditions of men. It was content and willing to be judged by its actual merits and its usefulness. He asked them to consider what Masonry had done for mankind at large, and urged them to try to do their duty to the utmost of their power, not, perhaps, by actually building with their hands churches and cathedrals, as did their predecessors, but with the higher and nobler purpose of fitting every human heart to be a temple of the living God. The true children of light were those who lived under the peaceful and splendid banners of morality and science, and whose lives were an example of the true principles of Masonry.

During the singing of the hymn, "Lord of glory," the collection was taken, after which the service concluded with the Benediction.

The Provincial Grand Lodge subsequently re-assembled, and before resuming the transaction of business the four "Lewises" were admitted, and each was presented by the Prov. G.M. with a handsome copy of the Bible, bearing his

lordship's autograph on the fly-leaf, as a memento of their share in the day's proceedings.

On the motion of Bro. Chirgwin, seconded by Brother Courtney, Brother E. A. Broad, the present Charity Representative, was elected Prov.G. Treas. for the year. Brother Broad was also re-elected Charity Representative, on the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

It was announced by the Prov. G.M. that the Church offertory amounted to £10 7s 6d, which was divided as follows:—£4 2s each to the Cornish Masonic Annuitant and Benevolent Fund, and to the Camborne Nurses Fund, and £2 1s 6d placed at the disposal of the Rector.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follow:

BRO. G. H. Chilcott 331	...	Senior Warden
J. M. Carne 75	...	Junior Warden
Rev. H. K. Southwell 330	...	Senior Chaplain
Rev. W. G. Kerr 331	...	Junior Chaplain
E. A. Broad 450	...	Treasurer
A. W. Walters 1544	...	Registrar
B. F. Edyvean 330	...	Secretary
F. J. Lee 1544	...	Senior Deacon
J. Tonkin 131	...	Ditto
J. Crossman 970	...	Junior Deacon
T. A. Taylor 1272	...	Ditto
F. J. Gardener 1544	...	Supt. of Works
H. Downing 589	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
C. J. Webber 2747	...	Dep. Dir. of Cers.
A. R. Brown 856	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
W. Andrew 077	...	Sword Bearer
J. Smith 1006	...	Standard Bearer
P. C. Jeffery 1136	...	Ditto
C. H. Whetter 496	...	Organist
T. E. Roach 967	...	Assistant Secretary
G. Goodfellow 330	...	Pursuivant
G. Anderson 1954	...	Assistant Pursuivant
A. Bowhay 2166	...	Steward
R. Colenso 121	...	Ditto
C. Mitchell 510	...	Ditto
P. Blake 1785	...	Ditto
W. Stephens 893	...	Ditto
J. Brooking 1071	...	Ditto
J. V. Bray 450	...	Tyler.

In investing the Rev. H. K. Southwell, of Bodmin, as Chaplain, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe mentioned that Bro. Southwell had recently returned from South Africa, where he had been serving as a Volunteer Chaplain on the march from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. When Bro. Lee came up for the collar of Senior Deacon, his Lordship said he had, on behalf of the Brethren of the Camborne Lodge, to present Bro. Lee with a gold watch and chain, and also a Past Master's jewel in token of the esteem in which he was held for his valued services as Secretary of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge for eight years, and for services in connection with the building of the new premises.

This closed the formal business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but, before the Brethren separated, the Prov. G.M. said that, although it seemed a considerable time since the dastardly attack was made upon the life of their beloved Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and, although, after consultation with some of the Provincial Officers, he took upon himself to express their horror at the act, and gratitude for his Royal Highness's escape, he thought they could hardly close that Grand Lodge without repeating their feeling, not only of horror, at the attempted crime, and of sympathy and love for their Grand Master, but of disgust at the conduct of the authorities in Belgium in dealing with the would-be assassin. His Lordship added that he would like to have given a Provincial Collar to the brother of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hugh Smith who, he was sure, would have conferred dignity on the office of Sword Bearer. Brother H. Smith served with the gallant 21st Lancers in Egypt, and afterwards volunteered for South Africa, where he was now engaged.

Invitations were given on behalf of Bodmin, Truro, and Looe, at which to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge next year, and this concluded the business.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where luncheon was served, and presided over by the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Mason P.G.Std.Br. responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and made an earnest appeal for further support on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, which, he mentioned, was paying £17,000 a year in annuities.

The toast of the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Past Deputy Grand Master of England was sub-

mitted by Brother F. Harvey, who referred to the firm, yet courteous and kind manner in which his lordship conducted the business of the Lodge. In the wide and sympathetic interest which he showed in the public affairs of the county he set an example which might with advantage be followed by other leading residents. They were delighted to see his lordship looking so well, and trusted he would long be spared to preside over the Province, and use his influence for the general welfare of the county.

The Provincial Grand Master, replying to the toast, said he thought at one time that he should not be able to carry on his duties as efficiently as heretofore, but he was thankful to say he now felt quite equal to it. It was a great pleasure to him to see that such a large number of Brethren took an interest in Provincial Grand Lodge, and he could not help feeling when he saw the size of the gathering that they ought to be able to do a great deal, not merely in the direction of charity, but in leavening the country with the principles which they professed to observe, as members of the Craft. The practice of those principles ought to tend to a unity of feeling which other motives did not tend to, and in other relations of life besides those immediately connected with their own Lodges they ought to do what they could to encourage unity. Other toasts followed, interspersed with songs.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday afternoon, 26th ult., at the Drill Hall, Barnsley, under the banner of the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, of which Bro. H. B. Nash is Worshipful Master. The October meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge is always of less importance than the April one, at which the Officers for the year are appointed and invested, but it is many years since so poor an attendance of the Brethren was registered, the call of the roll disclosing that out of the eighty-one Lodges of the Province some twenty-two were unrepresented.

The Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided, supported by many Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge.

As a preliminary to his address to the Brethren, the Provincial Grand Master read a letter from the Grand Secretary Bro. Letchworth, who was desired by the M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales to convey to the Brethren of West Yorkshire his best thanks for the resolution, passed at the April meeting, congratulating his Royal Highness on his providential escape from the attack made upon his life at Brussels. Bro. Jackson went on to say they were met that day under the banner of the Friendly Lodge. The first Lodge in Barnsley of which they had authentic information was one founded in 1777, concerning which few particulars were known. The first Friendly Lodge was founded in 1816, but was erased in 1832, and a second Friendly Lodge, established in 1842 ceased to exist nine years later. The present Lodge was consecrated in 1874, by Bro. Bentley Shaw D.P.G.M., when Bro. Ensor Drury, who was that day acting as Prov.S.G.W., installed as W.M. the then Mayor of Barnsley, Bro. William Carter. Prov. Grand Lodge last met in Barnsley in 1879, when Sir Henry Edwards presided, Bro. T. W. Tew being present as the D.P.G.M. The Prov. Grand Master proceeded to refer to the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall, in Great George Street, Leeds, in July last, and said the injunction of the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of England, that the building was to be completed without delay, had been so far followed, that the roof was now on the structure. Allusion was made to the presentation by the Brethren of the Province of Grand Lodge regalia and clothing to Brother W. C. Lupton, Mayor of Bradford, who for upwards of sixteen years rendered invaluable services as Chairman of the Charity Committee, and whose elevation by the Prince of Wales to Office in Grand Lodge was hailed with gratification throughout the Province. Sympathetic reference having been made to the sudden death in Barnsley of Bro. C. Lingard P.G.S.B., the Prov. Grand Master read a letter from the D.P.G.M. Bro. Wilson, apologising for his absence owing to the serious accident which he met whilst on a yachting tour, and conveying the gratifying intelligence that steady progress was being made towards recovery. Bro. Jackson proceeded to deal with matters of purely local interest, and in conclusion

expressed his satisfaction at the good feeling and harmony existing throughout the Province.

Brother Blackburn Chairman of the Charity Committee presented his half-yearly report, which showed that the Brethren of the Province, notwithstanding the numerous outside calls upon them, had subscribed to the Masonic Charities during the year a grand total of £3,533. At the recent elections the seven candidates from West Yorkshire had all been carried, at a cost of 32,806 votes. For the coming elections there were five candidates, and Brother Blackburn, in urging increased liberality, pressed upon the Brethren the claims of the West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Fund.

On the motion of Bro. Wm. Watson P.P.G.W. Hon. Librarian, who stated that he had recently secured an old parchment manuscript of great interest and value, a sum of £25 was voted to the Library Fund, and the Prov. Grand Master intimated that he proposed to appoint as Hon. Asst. Librarian of the Province, Bro. H. B. Wilson, son of the D.P.G.M.

The remainder of the business was purely formal. A large number of the Brethren subsequently dined together at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

A MUSICAL MASON.

THE Council of the Royal Manchester College of Music have just accepted the following strange collection of old and curious musical instruments presented by Bro. Dr. Henry Watson, Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156:—English: Viols, treble and tenor; viol da Gamba, six strings, by Barak Norman; cittern, 18th cent.; keyed cittern, dancing master's kit and pocket fiddle; zither (old); bassoon, five keys, c. 1780; oboe, six keys; pitch pipe, c. 1700; two pan-pipes, picco pipe. Indian: Two turhi (brass trumpets), pungi (snake charmer's pipe), two bin-baja (pipes used at weddings), small and large sitars, dotara (guitar), vina (the national instrument of India), manjeera (brass cymbals), three sets; kangari (tambourine), two dolak (tom-toms), dhol (drums), sarangi (fiddle), two large, one small, with bows; debrubba, Hindoo fiddle made of tortoise shell, tabla (small drum). Chinese: Urheen (violin and bow), san hsien (banjo), hiuen chung (large bell). Japanese: Koto (and a representative set of Japanese instruments now on the way to England). African: Marimba (Zulu harmonicon), large and small igedegbo, &c. A five-stringed harp (Egyptian), nose flute (Savage Islands), &c. Piano family: Dulcimer, virginal, 1570; clavichord (German), 1700; spinet (English), 1773; harpsichord (English), 1780; square piano (English), 1791.

The gift is contained in a letter from the donor, addressed to Mr. Brodsky, the Principal of the College, in the following terms:

Dear Sir,—For some time past I have been gathering together a collection of old and curious musical instruments, with a view to presenting them (when the collection became of sufficient interest) to some public institution where they would be of service. The number of instruments now in my possession has already out-grown the space at my disposal, and I now wish to hand them over to the institution I have decided on, which is the Royal Manchester College of Music, provided, of course, the council see their way to accept the gift. In that case I will sign a deed of transfer making over the instruments to the college. The only conditions I attach are that proper provision should be made for their display and that I should have the care of the collection and have access to it at all reasonable times. The collection consists of instruments of most countries—England, France, Germany, India, China, Japan, Africa (South Africa, Zululand, and Niger districts, and North Africa, Egypt, and Morocco), South Sea Islands, &c.

The whole piano family is represented, beginning with the dulcimer, the virginal, clavichord, spinet, harpsichord, and square piano up to the modern grand, while the violin family is represented by a set of old English viols and stringed instruments of a like nature of other countries. And here I would like to state that many good friends, both at home and abroad, knowing the object I have in view, have assisted me with many valuable gifts of rare instruments, for which I heartily thank them, and as others are

constantly looking out for all kinds of instruments on my account, I shall be able to add to the collection from time to time, and hope eventually to make it of great practical use to the College students particularly, and to the public generally, as showing the development of musical art at different times and in different parts of the earth, so that they may be able to compare the past with the present and form an idea of the advance made in this direction at the present day.

I may mention that a portion of the collection is now being shown at the Crystal Palace International Music Exhibition, London.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY WATSON.

As will be seen, the collection consists of instruments from nearly every country, and is a very valuable and interesting one.

At fifty-nine years of age Bro. Charles Wyndham is one of the most famous of English actors. In his early days he was intended for the ministry, and was educated at a Moravian Academy in Germany, but on his return to England he took up the study of medicine, and in 1863 he was in America, a doctor with the Federal Army. Even then the stage-fever which had been with him as a youngster was acute, and, through John Wilkes Booth, he got an engagement at a small theatre. As an actor he returned to England, and laid the foundations of his Thespian reputation at the Old Amphitheatre, Liverpool. In 1866 he made his debut in London. The rest is known.

A rising Common Councilman of the City of London, Bro. Bowater, mentions a novel Masonic meeting. He relates that a party of nine or ten city men travelling to Berlin found that all but one of them were Masons, and that the Brethren managed to secure a carriage to themselves and actually opened Lodge therein. Freemasonry is clearly travelling at express speed. Good! Charity cannot be too much accelerated.—"Sketch."

At a meeting of the Senatus Academicus of the Ophthalmic College of Canada, held at Toronto on 1st October last, it was unanimously decided to confer upon Dr. Charles Forshaw, of Bradford, their honorary degree in optics. The diploma came to hand on Monday last, and is a very handsome document. It will be remembered that a few months ago the Optical Institute of Canada at Montreal conferred on Bro. Forshaw a like degree.

The annual dinner of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 2184, which meets on Wednesday afternoons at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, will be held at that establishment on Wednesday, 14th inst., and will take the form of a Ladies festival, the members of the fair sex being invited to participate in the proceedings. The price of tickets is fixed at 3s 6d each.

Our highly esteemed Brother and Companion John Nathaniel Willis, the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, has been re-elected to fill the office of Chief Magistrate of the ancient Borough of Gravesend. The past year has proved Bro. Willis's fitness for the post, and we hope that his second year as Mayor will be even more successful than its predecessor.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to record the death of Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Wright Wilkinson, of Stockport. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, 17th ult., was attended by a large contingent of Freemasons. The procession, headed by an imposing number of police officers, and the 4th Volunteer Battalion Cheshire Regiment under the command of Col. Carrington, V.D., left St. Thomas's Church, of which deceased was churchwarden, and as it proceeded to Tiviot Dale Wesleyan Chapel, the place of interment, it was watched by crowds of sympathising spectators. Besides the Brethren of the Craft there were present representatives of the Stockport Sunday School, and numerous deputations, including one from the Grammar School, and the Infirmary. Then came Justices of the Peace for the borough and county, the Mayor of Stockport and many public officials, all anxious to show their appreciation of the life-labours of our deceased Brother.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday next, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, at six o'clock in the evening, punctually.

BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

To read acknowledgment of address from Grand Chapter to H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th July, to the 18th October 1900, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£256	3	0	
" " Unappropriated Account	35	10	5	
Subsequent Receipts	366	4	1	
				£657 17 6
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£361	17	0	
Balance	40	16	6	
" " Unappropriated Account	255	4	0	
				£657 17 6

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Thomas Atkinson Argles as Z., Richard John Nelson as H., Thomas Taylor as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, to be called the Wansfell Chapter, and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside, Westmorland.

2nd. From Companions John Wyatt Court as Z., Allan Mc Intosh as H., George Band as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, to be called the Granville Chapter, and to meet at the Foresters' Hall, Walmer, Kent.

3rd. From Companions Felix Sumner Knyvett as Z., Rev. Oliver C. Cockrem as H., John Pearce Taylor as J., and fourteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, to be called the Clarendon Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Watford, Hertfordshire.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a Memorial with extract of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapter:—

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(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
17th October 1900.

Election of a Member of the Committee of General Purposes in the place of the late Companion George Graveley A.G.D.C.
Comp. Henry A. Tobias P.G.Std.Br., the only Companion nominated.

Ixion Chapter, No. 2501.**INSTALLATION OF COMP. W. J. BARNES.**

AT the annual installation meeting of this Chapter, held last Saturday, at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, Comp. W. J. Barnes was installed M.E.Z. for the second year of Office. Comps. George E. Gratton and C. Horst were installed as H. and J. respectively. The following Officers were elected and invested, with the exception of the Scribe N., who was unable to be present: George T. Peall P.Z. P.P.G.R. Scribe E., E. Jennings S.N., T. Glasgow P.S., T. Hinderwell 1st Asst., W. G. Shadrake 2nd Asst., B. Stewart Treasurer, H. Bladon Steward, and David Legg Janitor.

Bro. James Smith, of the Ixion Lodge, was exalted into the supreme degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers. Two other Brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

Although Comp. Barnes still remains in the First Principal's Chair the members of the Chapter presented him with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, to mark the termination of his first year of Office. The compliment was suitably acknowledged, and there being no further business the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions afterwards dined together.

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Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held at 33 Golden Square, W., on Friday of last week, when Comp. J. R. Cleave M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. Lionel W. Harris H., and Imre Kiralfy acting J. The other Officers present were Comps. W. Singleton Hooper P.Z. Scribe E., Claude A. Hooper Scribe N., Walter Beard Treasurer, J. Wright P.S., A. J. Thomas D.C.

The Chapter was formally opened by the Principals, and the Companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Albert H. Collings P.M. 211, and a member of the Eccentric and Jubilee Masters Lodges. Needless to say the election was unanimous; he was therefore introduced, and was regularly exalted as a member of this supreme degree. The ceremony was very perfectly rendered by Comps. Cleave and Wright, assisted by Comps. Lionel Harris and Imre Kiralfy, who gave the Lectures of their respective chairs.

This being election night the members then proceeded to elect their Principals for the next year, with the result that Comps. Lionel Harris, Walter Clifford and J. A. Harrison were appointed to the Chairs of Z., H., and J. The subordinate Officers of the Chapter were also elected, and the installation ceremony was fixed to take place on the 4th January 1901.

Upon the closing of the convocation the company adjourned to the Eccentric Club, where they partook of dinner. A delightfully pleasant evening followed, during which the customary compliments were passed amid "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

The November number of the "Life Boat," the Journal of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, has an illustration of the "City Masonic Club" Life-Boat, which is stationed at Poole, thanks mainly to the exertions of our Bro. J. H. Whatcoat P.G.D.; and several other items of interest to those who care to read of the work and humane services of the immense fleet of life saving vessels managed by the Institution.

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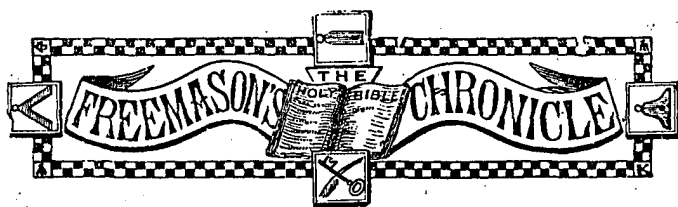
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SATURDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 1900.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

WE are requested to call attention to a mistake in the summons for the next meeting of this Lodge, No. 2076. The Lodge will meet on Thursday, 8th inst., instead of Friday, 8th, as erroneously printed.

DEVON CHARITY.

IN aid of one of the most deserving of local charities—the Devon Masonic Educational Fund—a popular concert given by children, mostly of Masons, will take place in Plymouth Guildhall, on 5th December next. The concert is given under the banner of the Elms Lodge, No. 1212, and by special dispensation Brethren attending will be allowed in Craft clothing. Bro. Willoughby, Mus. Bac. Oxon., P.P.G.O. Devon, is once more in charge, and a capital show by the children, in view of former experiences, is assured. Bro. Willoughby has composed a new nautical operetta entitled "The crew of the 4.7." This at once arouses reminiscences of the part H.M.S. Powerful played in the relief of Ladysmith. The scene of the operetta is laid on her deck, and Bro. Willoughby's music, always bright and tuneful on these occasions, will be enhanced by the fact that the lyrics will be written by Mr. G. V. Keast.

THE NEW G.SEC. OF SCOTLAND.

AT a recent meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, certain arrangements were made with regard to the election of a successor to the present Grand Secretary Bro. D. Murray Lyon. It was agreed that the Brother appointed to the Office should devote his whole time to its duties, and receive a salary of £400 per annum in full of all duties devolving upon him, including those of the Annuity Fund; and that the Special Committee in charge of the matter should select and submit a list of candidates to Grand Lodge, from which the Office should be filled at a "pro re nata" meeting of the Grand Lodge on Thursday, 13th December next. It was further resolved that the election should be by an absolute majority of the members voting on the occasion; and that the resignation of Brother Murray Lyon should only take effect on and after the date of the election of his successor.

The annual ball of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, is fixed to take place on the 29th inst., at the Town Hall, Stratford. The proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the West Ham Hospital. Brother W. H. Ridgley, of 3 Selborne Gardens, Ilford, is again acting as the Hon. Sec. Last year £126 was sent to the Hospital as the result of the ball.

There are divided opinions held on the subject of life membership, says our Scotch contemporary, the "Mallet," who continues: The other night I came upon two Past Masters in discussion on the question, the one holding that the system was hurtful to the Lodge, the other that it put the Lodge in good funds and secured its position, besides giving the Brother an unbroken connection and interest in the Lodge during his life. My own opinion is in favour of life membership. If there is any fear of loss to the Lodge, let the fee of perpetuity in membership be increased. In the case of a Lodge sending out circulars for each meeting, causing an actual expenditure on each member in postage of at least one shilling per annum, the life fee of 21s is far too small; but the remedy in this direction rests with the Lodge. The smallness of the fee should not condemn the system.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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Doric Lodge, No. 933.

THIS Lodge resumed its meetings, after the summer recess, on Tuesday, 9th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. Harry J. Seal W.M.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Brethren went through the bye-laws and made some alterations. Lodge next proceeded with the passing of Bro. Barker to the second degree, and this being properly carried through communications were taken, one being an application from the "Daily Telegraph" Soldiers, Widows, and Orphans Fund. In connection with this application Bro. Tucker P.M. moved that a second grant of one hundred shillings be made from the Benevolent Fund, and this was unanimously agreed to.

A light supper followed the meeting and the customary toasts were honoured with the usual intervals of harmony and amusement.

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Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.**INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM MILES.**

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at St. James's Restaurant, on Monday evening, 22nd ult., among those present being Bros. J. Genese W.M., Dr. Oppenheim I.P.M., H. Passmore S.W., W. Miles J.W., A. J. Bailey P.M. Treasurer, L. Weil P.M. Secretary, and a large gathering, including Brothers James Terry P.G.S.B., G. Thomas P.P.G.S.W., G. Imroth (Johannesburg), F. Brazil W.M. 1924, G. Bratt W.M. 1851, W. Arter W.M. 1572, A. Kemp P.M. 1924, F. Jenkins P.M. 860, W. Roots P.M. 2589, E. Petley P.M. 1672, C. G. Lindo 59, F. Bridge 2699, P. Mahlendorff 1969, J. R. Hosker 2528, C. Combie 162, Carl von Buch 235, D. Bril 2060.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. H. Vaughan Purvis was a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was conducted in a very impressive manner.

The Treasurer of the Lodge Bro. Bailey P.M. installed Bro. Wm. Miles. Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. kindly officiated as D.C. The Officers appointed were Bros. Alfred Barclay S.W., A. F. Serjeant J.W., A. J. Bailey P.M. Treasurer, Leopold Weil P.M. Secretary, J. Polak P.M. D.C., Rev. S. J. Roco P.M. Chaplain, S. Russell S.D., E. H. Parry J.D., Wm. Cooper I.G., Gervas Cooper Organist, W. E. Geddes and G. Leonard Jones Stewards, and A. Young Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and after a choice banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. Terry, replying to that of the Grand Officers present and past, in very witty language thanked the members of the Chaucer Lodge for the prominent part they had always taken in the Charity work of the three Masonic Institutions. He hoped they would not stand back this year, but would enable their W.M. to present a substantial list for the Old People, of which he (Bro. Terry) had the honour to be the Secretary. He mentioned that the Dep. G.M. the Earl of Warwick was this year taking their view, and where he was there could not fail to be a success.

The Immediate Past Master Bro. Genese suitably proposed the health of Bro. W. Miles W.M., and complimented him on having presided over the largest gathering ever assembled of the Lodge.

Bro. Miles replied, and briefly referred to the Quincentenary of Chaucer, to be celebrated in a few days in St. Saviour's, Southwark, and added that as this year was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chaucer Lodge, he felt that the coincidence was a happy one for him and his Officers.

The W.M. referred in happy terms to the Initiate, and said the Lodge warmly welcomed his advent into Masonry. Bro. Purvis thanked the Brethren and said he felt it an honour to be counted as a Brother among Masons.

In proposing the I.P.M., the W.M. said that Bro. Genese's zeal for Masonry had been strongly marked in no ordinary way, and that every Brother who aspired to the high position he held and appreciated, must envy the Immediate Past Master's success as W.M. of the Lodge. In presenting him with a P.M. jewel from the Brethren of the Lodge, Bro. Miles added that this privilege he considered a great one, for on every side very high encomiums had been deservedly passed on the way the ceremonies in the Lodge had been conducted.

The Installing Master Bro. Bailey replied to the Past Master's toast, and the Visitors was ably responded to by Bros. Thomas P.P.G.S.W.; and Bril, of La France Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the Officers, and said he was to be congratulated on having a zealous body of Brethren to officiate with him, and that he confidently looked forward to a successful year of Office, with their good help and assistance.

Bro. Barclay S.W. responded and assured the W.M., on behalf of his colleagues, that he felt nothing would be wanting on their part to gain the terms of praise accorded to the toast.

The musical arrangements, under the able guidance of Bro. Gervas Cooper Organist, comprised solos from Miss Florence Ogilvy,

Miss Nicholson, Bros. Cooper, G. Leonard Jones, Mr. Walter Hengler, and a conjuring entertainment by Bro. Baron von Buch, all of which were much appreciated.

Altogether the Installation Night of the Chaucer Lodge was most successful, and if, at the end of the proceedings, the Brethren unanimously thanked the W.M., they themselves are to be congratulated on having at their head for the ensuing twelve months such a popular and earnest Mason as Bro. W. Miles.

Special mention must be made of the programme, upon which the name of each Officer was followed by a quotation drawn from Chaucer, referring to his duties, as may be seen in the following reproduction:

W.M.—“And gladly would he learn and gladly teach.”

I.P.M.—“A better envied man was nowhere named.”

S.W.—“He was a very perfect knight.”

J.W.—“Not a word spake he more than was need.”

Treasurer—“For gold in phisic is a cordial,
Therefore he loved gold in special.”

Secretary—“Nowhere so busy a man as he.”

D.C.—“That first he wrought and afterwards he taught.”

S.D.—“He was a philosopher.”

J.D.—“A better fellow should a man not find.”

I.G.—“To do the gentle deeds that he can.”

Organist—“He could songs make and well endite.”

Stewards—“So was our jolly whistle well wetted.”

Chaplain—“Well could he read a lesson or a story.”

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Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Thursday, 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Robert Gabell W.M., who was supported by Bros. William Croxson I.P.M. Treas., W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., R. Rowland P.M., James Lechford P.M., Henry Buckeridge P.M., Erle Douglas Side P.M., Humphrey Cohen P.M., T. J. Rawling S.W., B. Cohen acting J.W., E. S. Rice S.D., J. E. Smith acting J.D., W. E. Bennett I.G., A. E. Kipps Organist, C. Plant P.M. Tyler; Bros. F. Penny, W. Gunton, S. Morris, A. Levy, E. Wass, P. Nilen, E. H. Smyth, J. E. Davies, J. Shaw, W. R. Hummerston, R. Symons, John Gibbs, G. Cully, John Hibble, H. Gibbons, C. Sisman, G. Potter, N. Knapman, G. F. Tavener, J. Lockett, L. Bell, J. Atkinson, F. Atkinson, F. A. Marlow, W. Biles, Frank Palmer J.W. 1658, F. Lloyds, J. Papworth, L. D. Godefroy, J. F. Wetzen, &c., &c.

Among the Visitors were Bros. W. A. Able 1901, W. A. Williams J.W. 101, W. C. Sargent 2488, H. Pitt 1441, George White P.M. 975, A. E. Button 901, J. Salley I.P.M. 2663, Rev. St. Clair Hill P.M. 2513 P.G. Mark Chaplain Surrey, &c., J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was regularly opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. G. Cully, G. Potter, F. C. Atkinson and J. Atkinson, who were initiated at the previous meeting, were examined, entrusted and subsequently passed to the second degree.

Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. Sydney Charles Stanley May. It proved unanimous in his favour, and he was regularly admitted to the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

The work of the W.M. was most satisfactory, while the several Officers were well up in their duties. Bro. Henry Buckeridge P.M. rendered efficient service by a fine delivery of the Ancient Charge.

A letter of apology was read from Bro. W. Rose, who was on the agenda as a candidate for passing, but who was unable to be present. The resignation of a member was accepted with regret and a gentleman was proposed for initiation.

Bro. Boys P.M. Secretary reminded the Brethren that the annual Ladies banquet, concert, and ball would take place on the fourth Thursday in January next.

Bro. W. Croxson I.P.M. Treasurer said he had received information that Bro. Frank Nilen was ill. He proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent him, wishing him a speedy recovery, and this was agreed to.

Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to partake of an excellent dinner provided by the hostess Mrs. Venables, after which the W.M. proposed the usual introductory toasts.

Bro. Croxson I.P.M. gave that of the W.M. who, he said, had been a hard working Mason from the time of his initiation, and particularly from the period when he was appointed to fill the minor Offices in the Lodge. As W.M. he had shown ability, particularly that evening in the rendering of the first and second ceremonies, which he had gone through in a manner highly creditable.

The W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid him, in a neat little speech, and promised to do all in his power to make the future of the Lodge prosperous. Particularly he hoped the coming Ladies night would prove as successful as any of its predecessors. The health of the initiate was proposed by the W.M., who gave the new Brother a hearty welcome, and trusted he would prove himself a worthy member of the Lodge.

Bro. May replied, expressing the pride he felt in being admitted a member of the Skelmersdale Lodge, and sincerely thanking all for the confidence they had reposed in him.

The Visitors were next toasted, the W.M. expressing the pleasure of the members at being able to entertain guests, and hoping each of them would have further opportunities of visiting the Lodge. He specially referred to Bro. George White P.M. 975,

who was an old and regular visitor, more like a member in fact, and it was probable he would some day seek to join the Lodge. The Rev. Bro. St. Clair Hill was the son of their late P.M. and Treasurer and was most welcome as a guest in the Lodge of his late father.

Bro. Hill replied. It was with considerable feeling he stood in the Lodge of his late worthy father, the kind expressions in regard to whom showed he was not forgotten by the members. His father was a member of the Lodge for nearly twenty-five years, and personally he was pleased to recall the fact that he was himself initiated in the Lodge some eighteen or nineteen years ago, at the same time as Bro. Robert Rowland P.M. He was delighted to see such an increase in its membership, and recognised the Lodge as one of the most prosperous in the south-east of London. He knew the Lodge had a great reputation for excellent working, and hoped to have future opportunities of paying a visit to it. By permission of the W.M. Bro. Hill reminded the Brethren that he was Scribe E. of the Skelmersdale Chapter, and if any Brethren wished to join the degree, or those who had been exalted desired to visit it, he would be pleased to hear from them.

Bro. J. Salley I.P.M. 2663 thanked the W.M. for his kind reception. He was pleased to have been present to witness the perfect working of the W.M. and the excellent assistance rendered by the Officers.

Bro. W. Williams J.W. 101 said that was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge, but he hoped it would not be the last. The working of the Officers—from the Worshipful Master down to the Inner Guard—was perfection, and it was with great delight he had seen Bro. Smith acting as Junior Deacon in the absence of the regular Officer.

Bro. George White P.M. and others also responded to the toast.

The Past Masters having been toasted, Bro. Boys P.M. Sec. thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness. He was pleased to see their Master so well supported by the members of the Lodge, of whom there were no less than sixty present that evening, and hoped the Lodge would continue to prosper. Referring to the proposed Ladies' night, he said they would call a Committee meeting, and let the Brethren know fuller particulars. Last year they had 250 present, but there was plenty of room for 300, and he hoped that number would be reached, so as to make the meeting an exceptional success.

Bro. W. Croxson I.P.M. and Treasurer said the W.M. knew his work so well that the duties of Immediate Past Master were very light indeed. He was particularly pleased to see the son of their late Treasurer present that night. Bro. Hill was a grand Mason, Treasurer of their Lodge for many years, and at all times he did his very best for its welfare.

Bros. Cohen, Rowland, and other Past Masters also replied.

Bro. T. J. Rowling S.W. responded to the toast of the Officers, as also did Bro. James Palmer J.W., who said he was exceedingly sorry that he had not been present earlier; important business had detained him, and he sincerely thanked Bro. Cohen for the able manner in which he had filled his place in his absence.

Praise is due to Bros. J. Shaw, W. J. Williams and others for songs, and to Bro. H. Cohen for his recitation. The evening was altogether a great success.

INSTRUCTION.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

AT the usual weekly meeting at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, the Brethren turned up in mighty strength. Bro. Mears occupied the chair, ably supported by Bros. Green S.W., Rowlands J.W., Bushell S.D., Carr J.D., Done I.G., Goovearts acting Secretary, Bailie Steward, Spice P.M. Preceptor.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fells S.W. of the Mother Lodge, being the candidate. Questions leading to the second and third degrees were ably answered by Bros. Geddes and Johns. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a masterly and perfect manner, Bro. Johns being candidate. We particularly noticed the manner in which Bros. Green and Rowlands performed their duties as Senior and Junior Wardens, they were almost perfect in their parts, and showed the great attention they had previously paid to the instruction of the worthy Preceptor Bro. Spice I.P.M. Next week will be devoted to the Officers of the Mother Lodge.

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Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

AT the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bros. E. W. Lindsey W.M., H. Bagnall S.W., F. J. Middleton J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., C. Halston S.D., F. Beasley J.D., W. H. Handover W.M. 1642 I.G., C. E. Lilly W.M. 733, George Weaver I.P.M. 733, R. J. Barns, J. Potter, F. Chidley, W. Weiffenbach, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weiffenbach acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off. On resumption, the W.M. vacated the principal chair in favour of Bro. Lilly W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who rehearsed the third ceremony, Brother Chidley first acting as candidate for examination prior to raising.

Bro. Bagnall was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Mrs. Rogers, acknowledging the letter of sympathy and condolence sent by the members on the death of her husband Bro. Rogers P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge.

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Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425.

MONDAY, at Bro. Stevens's, the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, Paddington, was Officers' night, and we then had the pleasure of seeing Bro. A. Collman W.M. of the Mother Lodge in the chair, supported by Bros. H. C. Martin S.W., L. J. Powell W.M. 2246 J.W., G. E. Harris acting Prec., H. Dehane P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., F. Spink S.D., A. Toop P.G.O. Surrey J.D., W. H. Beardon I.G., A. R. Taylor, J. Wynman, T. E. Jackson, W. H. Smith, Frank Green.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor acting as the candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Green answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. A. R. Taylor 1150 was elected a member, and Bro. Toop chosen to preside at the next meeting.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.

ON the 17th ult., at 27 Knightbridge Street, E.C., Bros. George Henrich W.M., Thomas Powell S.W., Chas. Strong J.W., J. A. Hoffmann Sec., E. P. Weinel P.M. 1828 P.Z. 1475 Preceptor. J. D. Webb P.M. 1851 W.M. 1745, W. R. Witt P.M. 1745, G. K. Oakes S.D., Arthur Metcalf I.G., Jas. Shervington, Geo. Meissner, W. Hayward, J. R. L. Daish, and J. Kistruck.

The Lodge having been opened to the second degree, Brother Jas. Shervington answered the usual questions leading to the third, and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed by Bro. Henrich for the first time and to the credit of himself.

Bro. Thomas Powell was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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Angel Lodge, No. 51.**INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN E. CHEESE.**

THE Installation meeting was held at Colchester, on the 25th ult., and was in every way a success.

The Lodge was opened at 5.30 by Bro. Willoughby John Bean, and three joining members having been elected Bro. Bean said he would like to take the opportunity to thank the Brethren, and especially the Officers, for the loyal support they had given him during the past year, rendering it to him one of unalloyed satisfaction and pleasure. As a crowning pleasure he was glad to have the opportunity of doing honour to a Brother who was held in the greatest esteem by all the members of the Lodge—he alluded to Bro. Ives. This Brother, at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, received at the hands of Lord Warwick the appointment to the highest Office in the Province, that of Senior Grand Warden. The Brethren felt that this was not only an honour to Bro. Ives, but was also an honour to the Lodge generally, and they had therefore taken the opportunity to show to Bro. Ives their satisfaction at the well-deserved honour he had received, and also their appreciation of the earnest efforts he was always making for the welfare of the Lodge. He had been a member some twenty years, and passed through the chair about fourteen years ago, and it was not only as Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge that they willingly put themselves under his direction, but in the Instruction Lodge he was always ready to give them his valuable services in perfecting themselves in the work of the Craft. The W.M. then, amidst the plaudits of the Brethren, invested Bro. Ives with the full-dress clothing of his rank as Senior Grand Warden of the Province, adding that he trusted he might be spared for many years to wear it, and to continue his great services to the Lodge.

Bro. R. Haward Ives, who was heartily applauded, said he hardly knew how to find words to express his thanks for the honour the Brethren had done him, and the kind feeling that had prompted the presentation. When the Provincial Grand Master appointed him to the high position of Senior Grand Warden of their great Province he felt very deeply the honour that his Lordship conferred, but that had been greatly enhanced by the satisfaction that had been expressed to him by his Brethren of the Angel Lodge. His heart was full of gratitude to his Brethren for that mark of their esteem; and the fact that the presentation had been made to him in open Lodge, and in the presence of so many distinguished visitors, was one that he should always remember. He felt most intensely that the Brethren amongst whom he lived, who knew him best, and amongst whom his Masonic life had been spent, should have singled him out for so special an honour. He felt sure he saw in the presentation the hands of Brethren who were his dearest friends, and he thanked them and all who had contributed, from the bottom of his heart.

The principal business of the day was then proceeded with, viz., the installation of Bro. John E. Cheese, headmaster of St. John's Green Board School, as W.M. for the ensuing year; the ceremonies appertaining to which were most ably performed by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green P.M. P.P.S.G.W. At the conclusion the Officers for the year were appointed.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M. Bro. Joseph Grimes P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works was re-elected Charity Representative, and much regret was expressed at the enforced absence of Bro. Grimes from the meeting, through illness.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green for his able conduct of the installation ceremonies, and the visitors present having given "heartly greetings," the Lodge was closed.

Between sixty and seventy Brethren afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the

host, Bro. Hart. A feature of the menu was a haunch of venison in prime condition, presented by Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green.

A most enjoyable programme was arranged by the Organist of the Lodge Bro. Charles Wood, those taking part being Bro. Abel Hustler, Bro. H. J. Baynton, Bro. W. H. Heal, Mr. E. Genders, Mr. Hughes, and Masters Slade and Alders, of St. James's Choir.

Expressions of regret at their inability to attend were received from the Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master, Col. Lockwood D.P.G.M., His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Brigadier-General Morgan Crofton, Sir Weetman Pearson, M.P., Capt. George Hearn, the Mayors of Cheltenham and Chelmsford, Col. Tyssen Holroyd, Bro. Richard Clowes, and other distinguished Brethren.

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Lodge of Faith, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Bradford Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 17th ult., Bro. Dr. E. Evanson Jones W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. James Littlewood, Rubber Manufacturer, Gorton, who was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. William Jones P.M. This was followed by the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bros. Arthur Walter Taylor, and Joseph Tilley, the first ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the second by Bro. J. H. Smith P.M. The usual festive board followed.

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Concord Lodge, No. 1534.**INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEO. H. NIELD.**

THE annual meeting was held at the Local Board Offices, Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 18th ult., Brother James Kershaw W.M.

The principal business of the day was the installation of Bro. Geo. H. Nield S.W. into the chair of K.S.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Sedgwick, Merit Lodge, No. 934, who was desirous of becoming a joining member. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring Master, assisted by several Past Masters of the Lodge.

Following this was the Festival of St. John, which was held in the Liberal Club, adjoining the Lodge Room.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by the efforts of a competent glee party. There was an attendance of something like forty members and visitors, principal among the latter being Bros. Jas. J. Lambert P.M. 1387 P.G.D. Eng., Capt. John Barlow P.M. 1212 P.P.G.W., Hy. Walmsley P.M. 317 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. H. Marsh P.M. 1730 P.P.G.D. W.L., John Marshall P.M. 61 P.P.G.D. West Yorks, W. E. Davies S.W. 2554, and H. G. Ward P.M. 993.

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Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 19th ult., Bro. Wm. Woodeson W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. John Holt was passed to the degree of F.C. The election of Officers followed, with the result that Bro. A. H. Sellars J.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, Bro. Smith S.W. having retired through ill-health.

The installation will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Saturday, 17th inst.

RULERS IN THE CRAFT.

THE following, in addition to those reported elsewhere in our columns, have recently been installed, Bros.:

Henry Humphries, Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569, Head Quarters Honourable Artillery Company, London.
Rev. R. W. R. Loosemore, M.A., P.P.G.C., Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle.
J. L. Kirkbride, Fermor Lodge, No. 1313, Southport.
Viscount Cranley, Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking.
Jones, Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573, Swansea.
R. H. Rogers, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, Gosport.
Charles H. Kempling, Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, London.
John Whitehead, Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, Scarborough.
Thomas Hammond, Loyal Wye Lodge, No. 1807, Builth.
John Wood, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth.
Ellis Wilkin, Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, Barmouth.
G. W. Powell, Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, Bournemouth.
E. Caldecott, Downshire Lodge, No. 2437, Wokingham.
H. Fincham, Crane Lodge, No. 2660, Cranbrook.
W. A. Cocks, Victoria Lodge, No. 2671, Windsor.
A. T. G. Woods, Weald Lodge, No. 2707, Brentwood.
J. H. Huish, Lindisfarne Lodge, No. 2762, North Shields.
W. C. A. Holzapfel, Industry Chapter, No. 48, Gateshead.
A. M. Betchley, South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, Lewes.
W. H. Belcher, Hope Chapter, No. 574, Newbury.
E. Silk, Benevolent Mark Lodge, No. 316, Teignmouth.
Robert Cook, Chelmer Mark Lodge, No. 342, Chelmsford.

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Books of the Day.

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Books, Music, &c. intended for review, should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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The Catacombs of Paris. By E. Berthet. Rendered into English by M. C. Helmore (6s).—Archibald Constable and Co., Limited.

WE should like to read this work in the original French by M. Berthet. But it is only fair to the translator to say that his version is so vivacious and uniformly interesting that he can hardly have done much injustice to the author. The story is very ably planned, and is full of brisk, shrewd dialogue and dramatic incident. The period, that immediately prior to the Revolution, is set before us in a series of chapters which would not disgrace the greatest names in French literature—Balzac, Victor Hugo, Dumas, Souvestre, or Daudet. We are shown vividly the meeting of many extremes: great wealth and abject poverty, innocence and guile, pride and humility, quietude and unrest. Above the lower grades of life we are shown a society infinitely more corrupt and wicked than the very lowest, and as we read we can but wonder that any lady, however pure minded, could live in such a world and escape pollution. Several characters are skilfully drawn—Phillipa and Therese, Abbe Chavigny, and the Abbess of Val-de-Grace. Readers of "The Catacombs of Paris" will hardly find themselves in a new world, for it is a world that has been sketched by Dumas over and over again, notably in "Le Chevalier de Maison-Rouge." But this is a further reason why we should congratulate the author of the work before us; so difficult is it to impart fresh interest to a well worn theme. This M. Berthet has accomplished with conspicuous success. We hope to meet with other periods of French history delineated with equal skill.

The rise of Wellington. By General Lord Roberts, V.C. With portraits and plans. Third edition (3s 6d net).—Sampson Low, Marston and Co., Limited.

AN admirable summary of the career of one of the greatest soldiers of all time. "The Rise of Wellington" as narrated by Lord Roberts affords a double exemplification of the truth of that dictum of Pope:—

"Each might his several province well command
Would all but stoop to what they understand."

If ever a man understood the art of war that man was Wellington, and if there is a soldier living who is competent to utter an adequate appraisal of the conqueror of Napoleon that soldier is Lord Roberts. He understands and appreciates the labours of Wellington as Huxley—in a far different field—understood and appreciated the labours of Darwin. We have before expressed our admiration for the literary skill of Lord Roberts, and need only add that this little volume is in every respect worthy of the author of "Forty-one years in India." We think the Peninsula and Waterloo campaigns are, on the whole, more ably treated than the campaign in India; but that early period in Wellington's life is difficult to grasp owing to comparative scarcity of material. We hope to see many further editions of so useful a book.

The Princess of Copper. A novel. By Archibald Clavering Gunter.—F. V. White and Co.

WE shall be greatly surprised if this book does not prove a bone of contention. Criticisms upon it will probably illustrate the truth of the saying that extremes always meet. In many quarters it will be praised; in others it will certainly be abused. It will be praised for some fine characterisation, some sketchy descriptions, some brisk dialogue; it will be blamed for its too frequent use of slang of every sort and kind. The fact is Mr. Gunter has written a story containing some very good points, and for the sake of that story we could wish either that somebody else had the telling of it or that Mr. Gunter had chosen to tell it in a somewhat different manner. Lucille has all the poet's "sweet attractiveness and grace" and Walker, her lover, is an able, manly fellow; but few other persons of the drama are other than what the writer would call "shady." Mrs. Brighton and her fellow members of the Utopia New Woman's Club in New York are hardly edifying in their conversation or behaviour; and as they, together with "Branch" and a few other kindred worthies occupy a considerable share of our attention, the result is less satisfactory than we could wish. The utterly reckless financial rascality of those who have large dealings in stocks and shares in New York is here so painfully apparent that we heartily wish we could think the picture overdrawn. If such is not the case Mr. Gunter can at least claim to have opened our eyes to see things not seen before. In this respect, at least, "The Princess of Copper" has reminded us of Stevenson's "Wrecker." On the whole, the book is by no means dull, and will doubtless be widely read.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN & CO. have just issued Mr. John Morley's "Oliver Cromwell." Readers who have upon their shelves "Voltaire" "Rousseau" "Burke" and "Walpole" by the same writer will agree with us that he is eminently qualified to discuss so complex a subject as the administration of the Protector. There is also an illustrated edition of this work, at 14s.

THE same publishers have also issued the "Life and Letters of Thomas Henry Huxley." This is unquestionably the most important biography of the season. It is hardly too much to say that no man ever possessed more exact and profound knowledge of biology combined with a complete mastery of the arts of lucid exposition.

MESSRS. WARD, LOCK & CO. have sent us their announcements for the season 1900-1. The items perhaps most worthy of special

notice are the "New Standard Dictionary" which is, we understand, in every way a truly superb work, and the many excellent romances by Guy Boothby, E. Phillips Oppenheim, Orme Agnus, Joseph Hocking, S. R. Crockett, and other able writers. Nor can we omit to mention the library editions of the novels of Whyte Melville, Sir Walter Scott, and Henry Kingsley. We have had the pleasure of looking into many of these volumes, and can warmly recommend them to all lovers of sound, honest literature of perennial interest.

MESSRS. GOWANS & GRAY, of Glasgow, announce that they are about to publish a "Complete Library." It is to be issued in monthly volumes at 1s net. The first volume is to be 'The Complete works of John Keats, including his Letters.'

FROM time to time one hears of a revival of interest in one or other of the dead-and-gone masters of fiction. How far this revival is spontaneous on the part of the public or artificially created by the publishers is a question hardly worth discussion, seeing that the general result is wholly a matter of satisfaction. Every new, attractive, and cheap edition of Thackeray and Dickens, for instance, is bound to produce a crop of fresh and enthusiastic admirers. Amongst the recent editions which have certainly been a joy to the old lovers of these novelists and a stimulus to the new must be included the dainty "New Century Library" of Messrs. T. Nelson and Sons, to which we have awarded praise on several occasions in this column. Thackeray and Dickens have never before been presented to the British public in such a pleasant, convenient, and cheap guise. The bulky three-volumes in which each novel was formerly entombed are now replaced by one slim book, which slips easily into the coat-pocket. He who runs may read, and that with no fear of destroying his eyesight, for the type is large, and the compression of bulk has been brought about solely by using the Royal India paper, the thinnest printing paper in the world. Messrs. Nelson's latest development is to issue the complete works of Thackeray in fourteen of these delightful volumes, and to pack them in a leather case which measures 9½ inches in length, and 6¾ inches in depth. In about one-sixth of a cubic foot one may now have Thackeray complete and in the most sumptuous form. The issue is a feat of which Messrs. Nelson and Sons may well be proud.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Hero of Romance. By Richard Marsh. Illustrated by Harold Copping (6s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.
Masonic Musings. By Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., F.R.S.L., &c. (5s).—George Kenning.

The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Court.—On Thursday, As you like it.
Covent Garden.—Fancy Dress Ball Wednesday next.
Criterion.—8.20, A Charitable Bequest. 8.50, The Noble Lord. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—7.45, The Price of Peace. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.45.
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8, Realism. 8.40, The Wedding Guest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—On Saturday, The Gay Pretenders.
Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, The Haunted Room. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Haymarket.—8, The School for Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Her Majesty's.—8.30, Herod. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Lyceum.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales.—8.30, English Nell. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Royalty.—8.20, Mr. and Mrs. Daventry. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
St. James's.—8.30, A debt of Honour, and In Honour Bound. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Savoy.—On Wednesday, Patience. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8.15, The Casino Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, Punctured. 9, In the Soup. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Yellow Peril. 9, Self and Lady. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Wyndham's.—8.20, Mrs. Dane's Defence. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Carl Rosa Opera Co.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, T. B. Thalberg's Repertoire Co.
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, The Fighting Fifth.
Standard.—7.45, The Worst Woman in London.
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment, Soldiers of the Queen, &c.
Aquarium.—Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c., daily.
Empire.—8, Variety Entertainment. Sea-side, War Pictures, &c.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. A Galaxy of Stars. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Egyptian Hall.—8 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions. Siberia, Sandow, &c.
St. James's Hall.—8, Mohawk and Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Café Chantant. International Music Exhibition, &c.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.**Monday.**

- 12 Fortitude & Old C., Ship & Turtle
 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall
 72 Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel
 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
 256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall
 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall
 1321 Emblematic, Criterion
 1625 Tredegar, London Tavern
 1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1731 Cholmeley, Cafe Royal
 1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
 1996 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton
 2098 Harlesden, National Schools, Harles.
 2535 Fellowship, Frascati
 53 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Bath
 61 Probity, F.M.H., Halifax
 85 Faithful, Swan, Harleston
 89 Unanimity, Angel, Dukinfield
 102 Unanimity, King's Arms, N. Walsham
 107 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Lynn
 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston
 119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven
 135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater
 156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth
 154 Unanimity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
 251 Loyal, F.M.H., Barnstaple
 264 Nelson of the Nile, F.M.H., Batley
 302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
 328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay
 331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro
 338 Vitruvian, Royal, Ross
 395 Guy, Victoria House, Leamington
 408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
 428 Sincerity, Angel, Northwich
 431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields
 433 Hope, Duke of Well'ton, Brightlingsea
 441 Three Grand Principles, Cambridge
 467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham
 478 Churchill, F.M.H., Oxford
 482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth
 543 Cleveland, F.M.H., Stokesley
 557 Loyal Victoria, F.M.H., Callington
 613 Unity, F.M.H., Southport
 622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne
 694 Oakley, F.M.H., Basingstoke
 699 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
 839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
 850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
 928 Friendship, F.M.H., Petersfield
 959 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Ipswich
 977 Fowey, F.M.H., Fowey
 985 Alexandra, F.M.H., Sutton Bridge
 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
 1051 Rowley, F.M.H., Lancaster
 1071 Zetland, F.M.H., Saltash
 1077 Wilton, Red Lion, Blackley
 1180 Forward, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1211 Goderich, F.M.H., Leeds
 1239 Wentworth, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1254 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Exeter
 1264 Neptune, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
 1280 Walden, Rose & Crown, Saffron Walden
 1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Brigg
 1286 Bayon, F.M.H., Market Rasen
 1312 St. Mary, F.M.H., Braintree
 1434 Nottinghamshire, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
 1542 Legiolium, F.M.H., Castleford
 1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea
 1575 Clive, Raven, Market Drayton
 1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge
 1600 Hamilton, F.M.H., Alford
 1861 Claremont, Greyhound, Croydon
 1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
 2039 Londonderry, F.M.H., Sunderland
 2078 St. Lawrence, F.M.H., Scunthorpe
 2163 Jersev, Railway Hotel, Southall
 2166 Cotehele, F.M.H., Calstock
 2240 Arrow, Burton, Kingston
 2322 E. Lancashire Centurion, Manchester
 2497 Carville, F.M.H., Wallsend-on-Tyne
 2520 Prince Wales, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 2533 Fitzwilliam, F.M.H., Peterborough
 2541 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Avonmouth
 2586 St. Nicholas, F.M.H., Scarborough
 2753 St. John's Thanet, Mas. Tem., Margate

Tuesday.

- 9 Albion, Freemasons' Hall
 18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel
 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
 166 Union, Criterion Restaurant
 172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall
 217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel

- 765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel
 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Sq.
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tav.
 1261 Golden Rule, Cafe Royal
 1381 Kennington, Horns, Kennington Park
 1397 Anerley, Clarence Hall, Anerley
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Nth. Woolwich
 1662 Beaconsfield, Brooke, Walthamstow
 1803 Cornhill, Cafe Monico
 2150 Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant
 2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall
 2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant
 2524 Train-Bands, Barracks, Finsbury
 2715 Acanthus, Gt. Eastern Hotel
 2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's
 47 Newstead, F.M.H., Nottingham
 52 Union, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
 103 Beaufort, F.M.H., Bristol
 124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Durham
 126 Silent Temple, Bull, Burnley
 158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness
 160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
 209 Etonian, F.M.H., Windsor
 252 Harmonic, F.M.T., Dudley
 265 Royal Yorkshire, F.M.H., Keighley
 315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 340 Alfred, F.M.H., Oxford
 364 Cambrian, F.M.H., Neath
 373 Socrates, George, Huntingdon
 378 Loyal Welsh, F.M.H., Pembroke Dock
 393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick
 421 Loyal Industry, F.M.H., Southmolton
 448 St. James, F.M.H., Halifax
 457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
 484 Faith, Gerard's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
 493 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
 510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard
 558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone
 624 Abbey, F.M.H., Burton-on-Trent
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool
 685 Northumberland, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 702 Sherborne, Sub. Rooms, Stroud
 794 Warden, New Royal, Sutton Coldfield
 734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington
 789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
 804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant
 847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton
 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulveston
 910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
 949 St. Barnabas, Elephant & Cst., Linslade
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
 967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn
 974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford
 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
 1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth
 1072 Aberystwith, F.M.H., Aberystwith
 1096 Lord Warden, Forester's H., Walmer
 1134 Newall, F.M.H., Manchester
 1168 Benevolence, F.M.H., Sherborne
 1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
 1222 Saint Kew, F.M.H., Weston-super-Mare
 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar
 1265 Vale of Catmos, Agri. Hall, Oakham
 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
 1336 Square & Compass, F.M.H., Wrexham
 1367 Beaminster Manor, Beaminster
 1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
 1488 St. Eleth, Eleth Inn, Amlwch
 1509 Madoc, F.M.H., Portmadoc
 1522 Olicana, New Masonic Hall, Ilkley
 1587 St. Giles, Town Hall, Cheadle
 1619 Sackville, F.M.H., East Grinstead
 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
 1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton
 1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow
 1807 Loyal Wye, F.M.H., Builth
 1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
 1908 Cholmondeley, F.M.H., Frodsham
 1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields
 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
 2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
 2490 Amphill, White Hart, Amphill
 2561 West Essex, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill
 2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh
 2676 Royal Connaught, Grand, Eastbourne

Wednesday.

- Grand Chapter, at 6.
 411 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel
 1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant
 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
 1491 Athenæum, Criterion
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn Rest.
 1610 Northern Bar, Cafe Royal
 2562 Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel
 2484 Second Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.
 2615 Zodiac, Denmark, East Ham
 2739 Verity, Cafe Monico

- 2744 Sydenham, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 2764 St. Olave, Tower Bridge Hotel
 74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
 94 Phoenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
 159 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 164 Perseverance, F.M.H., Sidmouth
 168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
 279 St. John, F.M.H., Leicester
 282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
 287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
 298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
 313 United Friends, Great Yarmouth
 320 Loyalty, F.M.H., Mottram
 326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol
 327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
 387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
 406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
 417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
 429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
 471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 611 Marches, F.M.H., Ludlow
 633 Yarborough, Grand, Manchester
 645 Humphrey Chetham, Manchester
 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
 681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 920 Waveney, King's Head, Bungay
 970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Loos
 992 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
 1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
 1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull
 1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby
 1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge
 1104 Athole, F.M.H., Douglas, I. of Man
 1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
 1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick
 1193 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
 1205 Metham, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 1206 Cinque Ports, Town Hall, Sandwich
 1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
 1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone
 1335 Lindsay, F.M.H., Wigan
 1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
 1369 Bala, Plas Cock, Bala
 1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
 1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolston
 1478 Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster
 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cannock
 1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow
 1544 Mount-Edgumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington
 1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
 1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2120 Abbey, F.M.H., Chertsey
 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson
 2200 Antilles, Pump R., Tunbridge Wells
 2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton
 2334 Jersey, Masonic Temple, Bicester
 2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
 2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head, Uckfield
 2453 Duke of York, F.M.H., Cardiff
 2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
 2556 Glyn Ebbw, F.M.H., Ebbw Vale
 2560 Earl of Lathom, Royal, Bury
 2690 West Kirby, Tynwold Hall, W. Kirby
 2729 Streatham, Streatham

Thursday.

- 19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel
 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel
 879 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1155 Excelsior, Bridge House Hotel
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Notting Hill
 1708 Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley
 1791 Creaton, Freemasons' Hall
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal
 1987 Strand, Criterion Restaurant
 2033 University of London, Freemasons' H.
 2047 Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham
 2090 Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammer.

2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel
 2417 Bolingbroke, Mun. Bg., Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet
 2730 Cutlers, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane
 2754 Thomas-a-Becket, Old Kent Road
 35 Medina, F.M.H., Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, F.M.H., Sunderland
 112 St. George, F.M.H., Exeter
 130 Royal Gloucester, M.H., Southampton
 132 Unity, F.M.H., Ringwood
 139 Brittainia, F.M.H., Sheffield
 191 St. John, Knowsley, Bury
 215 Commerce, Commercial, Haslingden
 216 Harmonic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 324 Moira, Wellington, Stalybridge
 333 Royal Preston, Castle, Preston
 344 Faith, Ram's Head, Radcliffe
 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 369 Limestone Rock, Swan, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Darwen
 437 Science, F.M.H., Wincanton
 442 St. Peter, F.M.H., Peterborough
 449 Cecil, Sun, Hitchin
 450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
 456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttroter
 469 Hundred of Elloe, F.M.H., Spalding
 472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
 477 Mersey, Mas. Chambers, Birkenhead
 487 Portsmouth, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 546 Etruscan, F.M.H., Longton
 561 Zetland, F.M.H., Guisborough
 586 Elias De Derham, F.M.H., Salisbury
 588 St. Botolph, Corn Exchange, Sleaford
 625 Devonshire, F.M.H., Glossop
 725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
 732 Royal Brunswick, Pavilion, Brighton
 739 Temperance, F.M.H., Birmingham
 761 St. John, F.M.H., Dursley
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 816 Royd, Falcon, Littleborough
 945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
 971 Trafalgar, F.M.H., Batley
 973 Royal Somerset, F.M.H., Frome
 991 Tyne, F.M.H., Wallsend
 1035 Pr. of Wales, Skelmers. Hall, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Victoria, Manchester
 1061 Triumph, County & Com., Lytham
 1098 St. George, Temper. Hall, Tredegar
 1099 Huyshe, F.M.H., Stoke
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Town Hall, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, George and D., Ashton-u-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 1147 St. David, F.M.H., Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool
 1213 Bridgwater, Assembly Rooms, Eccles
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 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, F.M.H., Thirsk
 1429 Albert Edward P. W., Newport, Mon.
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 1495 Arkwright, New Bath H., Matlock Bath
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 1515 Bertie, F.M.H., Oxford
 1583 Corbet, Whitehall House, Towyn
 1592 Abbey, F.M.H., Bury St. Edmunds
 1697 Hospitality, Royal, Waterfoot
 1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
 1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon
 1763 St. Mary, F.M.H., Thame
 1863 Priory, F.M.H., Tynemouth
 1911 De La Pre, F.M.H., Northampton
 1915 Graystone, Foresters H., Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Masonic Temple, Cardiff
 2038 Portcullis, St. Mary's Chapel, Langport
 2109 Pr. Edward, Assy. Hall, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, F.M.H., New Brighton
 2189 Ashburton, F.M.H., Ashburton
 2217 Windermere, Mas. Room, Windermere
 2218 Rickmansworth, Victoria, Rickworth
 2227 White Horse, F.M.H., Westbury
 2234 Onslow, F.M.H., Guildford
 2285 Eden, Masonic Rooms, Workington
 2311 St. Alkmund, Victoria, Whitchurch
 2343 Sir W. Harpur, Assy. Room, Bedford
 2372 James Terry, Falcon, Waltham Cross
 2428 Gracedieu, F.M.H., Coalville
 2449 Duke of York, Albion, Manchester
 2523 Roll Call, Oddfellows' H., Hounslow
 2568 Delaval, Central, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2606 Fforest, Masonic Rooms, Treharris
 2619 New Brighton, Victoria, New Brighton

Friday.

33 Britannic, Freemasons' Hall
 134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall
 177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall
 1704 Anchor, Cafe Royal
 2399 Ordnance, F.M.H., Plumstead

2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke Newington
 2737 Captain Coram, Foundling Hospital
 2740 Comrades, Holborn Restaurant
 36 Glamorgan, F.M.H., Cardiff
 81 Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, F.M.H., Weymouth
 404 Watford, F.M.H., Watford
 458 Aire and Calder, F.M.H., Goole
 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-u-Lyne
 516 Phoenix, Fox, Stowmarket
 526 Honour, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
 652 Holme Valley, Victoria, Holmfirth
 680 Sefton, Adelphi, Liverpool
 786 Croxteth United Service, Liverpool
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
 916 Hartington, Queen's, Eastbourne
 1001 Harrogate & Claro, F.M.H., Harrogate
 1034 Eccleshill, F.M.H., Bradford
 1087 Beaudesert, Ass. Rs., Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, F.M.H., Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, F.M.H., Bishop Auckland
 1289 Rock, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead
 1428 United Service, F.M.H., Landport
 1605 De la Pole, F.M.H., Hull
 1661 Newton, F.M.H., Newark-upon-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Cen. M.H., Newcastle-o-T.
 1715 A. J. Brogden, M.H., Grange-o-Sands
 1849 Royal Leek, F.M.H., Bangor
 1983 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold
 2359 Doric, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 2380 Beneventa, Wheatstheaf, Daventry
 2554 Manchester, F.M.H., Manchester
 2558 Furnival, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2594 Old Priory, Masonic Rooms, Beeston
 2605 Wyreside, Town Hall, Garstang
 2608 Headingley, Parochial Institute, Leeds
 2622 Albany, Kingston-on-Thames
 2660 Crane, George, Cranbrook
 2674 Ravensworth, F.M.H., Gateshead
 2677 Calcaria, Masonic Rooms, Tadcaster

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
 1426 Great City, City Terminus Hotel
 1446 Mount Edgcombe, Holborn Restaurant
 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern
 1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall
 2029 King Solomon, Freemasons' Hall
 2206 Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel
 2599 Engineer, 33 Golden Square
 2686 Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel
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