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### BERKSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Guildhall, Windsor, on Tuesday, 29th inst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge Brother John Morland presided, and many members of the Grand Lodge of England as well as of the Berkshire and other Provinces attended. A resolution was adopted recording the sorrow of the Brethren at the loss the Province had sustained by the deaths of the Grand Master Lord Wantage, the Grand Chaplain the Rev. E. Adams, and the Grand Treasurer Bro. Charles Stephens, and condolence with their respective families was unanimously agreed upon.

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### WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Church Institute, Bradford. Bro. R. Wilson Deputy Prov. Grand Master presided, and there was a large attendance of members, only six Lodges being unrepresented.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in addressing those present, dealt with the history of the Craft in Bradford. He remarked that the first authentic record related to the holding of a meeting in the town by the old Lodge from York in 1713. The Hope Lodge was formed in 1794, and was followed by others, until now there were eight Lodges in the city. While in other large centres of industry in the Province there had been sprinklings of failures during the past century Bradford stood out exceptionally strong, every Lodge having gone forward and prospered. Just fifty years ago the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England the late Lord Zetland, accompanied by the Grand Lodge, visited Bradford to lay the foundation stone of the St. George's Hall. Speaking of recent events he mentioned that on the 8th October the new premises of the St. Laurence Lodge, at Pudsey, were opened, and on the 22nd the Regent Lodge at Barnsley was consecrated.

Bro. H. S. Childe (Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee), in presenting the report of the Committee, stated that in April they elected nine cases from West Yorkshire to the Masonic Institutions in London, and one was presented under the Heaton testimonial. A fortnight ago the Committee elected two boys and one girl. He urged the Brethren to qualify for Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the coming year, and intimated that there were already twelve candidates for the elections, which would take place next April and May—a larger number than they had ever before at one time. The report was adopted.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then presented and invested Bro. H. G. E. Green Provincial Grand Secretary, on his appointment as Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Craft and Past Assist. Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Arch, with his Grand Lodge clothing, which had been subscribed for as a mark of affection by the eighty-one Lodges of the Province. In doing so Bro. Wilson spoke of the eminent services of Bro. Green to the Province, and added that he regarded the appointments not only as an honour to Bro. Green, but to the Province.

Bro. Green, in thanking the Brethren, pointed to the progress Freemasonry had made in the Province during the sixteen years he had held office as Secretary. The number of members was now 4,339, and during the sixteen years there had been a complete change in the membership of the Province. Upwards of £75,000 had been collected and sent to London for the Masonic Central Charities, and £70,000 of that had passed through his hands. In the same period they had elected 178 candidates to the Charities,

which had necessitated the collection and manipulation of 457,000 votes.

The Hon. Librarian Bro. W. Watson thanked the Brethren for their support of the library.

Bro. J. T. Last moved a resolution with respect to the method of election of the Grand Treasurer of England, arguing that the present method of personally tendering votes was unsatisfactory, and entailed great inconvenience and expense upon the Brethren in the Provinces. Bro. Major Bolton seconded the motion, which, however, was ruled out of order, and was dropped.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. A dinner was held in the Masonic Hall, Rawson Square, and was well attended.

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### NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Monday afternoon, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger Street West, Newcastle, the Provincial Grand Superintendent the Right Hon. the Viscount Ridley presiding over a large attendance.

It was arranged that the next meeting be held under the Berwick-on-Tweed Chapter at Berwick. In the evening a banquet took place at the Central Station Hotel, a large number of Companions being present.

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### SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Somersetshire was held on the afternoon of the 25th ult., at Yeovil, under the banner of the William de Irwin Lodge, No. 162, and the presidency of the Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. R. C. Else.

The Prov. G. Secretary Bro. T. F. Elworthy first called the roll of Lodges, and every Lodge throughout the Province was found to be represented.

Bro. Watts Prov. G. Treasurer presented the accounts for the year, showing a balance from last year of £80 19s 11d, and that the cash in banker's hands at the present time was £60 11s 7d, the reduction in amount being explained by the fact that a donation of £21 had been sent to the South African Masonic Relief Fund. The accounts were adopted, and Bro. Watts was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and heartily thanked for his past services.

The Prov. G.M. proposed that a sum of fifteen guineas be granted from the funds of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed upon the list of the Brother who undertakes the Office of Steward at the 1902 Festival. Bro. Watts seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Bro. Else Prov. G.M. expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Colonel Long D.P.G.M. who, he remarked, was now entering on his third year's active service in South Africa. For some time after he got there, Colonel Long wrote stating that he rather liked the climate and got on very well, but unfortunately lately he had suffered from the heat, and his health did not seem to be as good as it was. His son too has been seriously wounded, and was now in Netley Hospital, and under those circumstances Colonel Long would no doubt be glad to return home at no distant period. They all sincerely hoped he would soon be able to do so, and that they might once more have the pleasure of shaking him by the hand. He had very great pleasure in again nominating Bro. Colonel Long as his Deputy for the ensuing year.

The Prov. G.M. next proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers.

Bro. Else said for the third time in succession at the Prov. G. Lodge he had to bring before them a motion for the appointment of another Prov.G.M. (Cries of "No.") He thought it almost a disreputable thing for the grand old Province of Somerset that it should continue to be represented by such a "lame duck" as himself—(renewed cries of "No.")—as he was so feeble on his legs that he could not get about with any comfort, and he really felt that the time had now come when he should stand aside in favour of one who could devote more constant personal attention to the duties. He hoped, therefore, they would now accept his nomination for the ensuing three years of Colonel Long, who had served them so well and faithfully as Deputy Prov. G.M. He would invite his esteemed Bro. the Prov. G. Chaplain, as a matter of form, to second his proposition.

Bro. R. Frazer Frizell Prov. G. Chaplain said it was with great reluctance that he rose to disobey the command of the Prov. G.M., and instead he would respectfully submit that in having already nominated Bro. Colonel Long as his Deputy the Prov. G.M. had precluded them from accepting the proposition he had made. Although he had called himself a "lame duck" Bro. Else had again shown that day that his faculties were unimpaired, and that he would still continue to discharge very efficiently and satisfactorily all the duties appertaining to the high and honourable Office he filled at the present time, and which they were all so desirous he should continue to retain.

Bro. Else expressed his great appreciation of all the kindness shown him, but hoped that some Brother would favour him by seconding the nomination of Colonel Long.

Bro. G. T. Dunsford P.P.S.M.O. remarked that as an old P.M. of Bro. Else's Mother Lodge he had much pleasure in seconding the observations of the Prov. G. Chaplain, and he was confident that he was giving expression to the feelings of the Brethren generally throughout the Province when he asserted that Bro. Else's severance of his long and valued connection with them would be deeply deplored by one and all of them, and regarded as nothing less than a calamity. They all trusted most earnestly and fervently that he would be able to see his way clear to retain the Office of Prov. G.M. for at least another term.

The Prov.G.M. thanked the speakers for their kind expressions, and said he presumed the nomination must go up without a seconder.

The Prov. G. Chaplain formally proposed that Bro. Else's nomination of a successor be not accepted, and this was seconded by Brother Dunsford, and agreed to with acclamation.

The customary banquet afterwards took place at the Mermaid Hotel.—"Western Daily Press."

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#### ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

A GRAND COUNCIL will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Monday, 11th inst., at 6 p.m., when the report of the Grand Secretary will be read, Grand Officers appointed and invested, and general business dealt with. A banquet will be provided at Freemasons' Tavern, at seven o'clock, at which the Earl of Euston Grand Master of the Order has kindly consented to preside.

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#### SERVICE AT STALYBRIDGE.

THE corner-stone of the new infant schools connected with Christ Church, Stalybridge, were laid on Saturday afternoon, 19th ult. The occasion was made memorable by the presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, the chief corner-stone being laid by the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by many members of the Craft. Prior to the ceremony a procession took place through the streets of Stalybridge.

The new schools are intended to accommodate about 240 children, and are designed to further the useful work hitherto carried on at the Christ Church Schools. The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, in declaring the principal stone well and truly laid, spoke of the connection between Masonry and education, and especially of education which had for its object the teaching of Church principles. Freemasons, he said, looked upon work of that kind as one of the great promoters of their Masonic science, because in teaching the youth of this country the great principles of Churchmanship they were laying the foundation of a Masonic career.

The Provincial Grand Master afterwards declared the stone to be well and truly laid, after which Mr. Platt-Higgins, M.P., expressed on behalf of those present their grateful thanks for the presence of members of the Order.

At a later stage the Hon. M. White-Ridley, M.P., laid another corner stone. The hon. member was presented with a trowel by Alderman Fentem. In the course of his speech, the hon. member said there seemed to be an idea that education was to be developed by cramming, but they in Stalybridge knew that under the direction of the Rev. J. Grant Bird that was not the aim of those who taught the children who attended Christ Church Schools.—"Manchester Courier."

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#### LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

UNDER the chairmanship of Bro. E. R. Latham P.P.G. Treasurer, a numerously attended meeting of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 25th ult. at headquarters in Hope Street. It appeared from the minutes of the House Committee that Bro. J. S. Willis had been appointed hall porter in succession to the late Bro. Glass.

On the motion of Bro. Captain J. Macnab P.P.G.J.W., seconded by Bro. J. Scott P.P.G.S.B., and supported by several Brethren, the subjoined resolution was passed, with only one dissentient:—"That from the 1st January 1902, the Masonic Hall Committee shall at its own cost provide and maintain for the use of the Lodges and Chapters meeting in the building all furniture, such as chairs, pedestals, tables, and banners of the R.A. degree; that all Lodges and Chapters be invited to lend their existing furniture, as above specified, to the Hall Committee for the purpose, and instruct their Tylers to co-operate with the Committee's servants in the care and preservation of the same; and that a written document be given to each of the Lodges as to its ownership of the property thus entrusted to the keeping of the Committee."

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#### PROPOSED NEW LODGES.

ARRANGEMENTS for the formation of a Bethnal Green Borough Council Lodge are, in the able and energetic hands of Councillor Read, making good progress. It will, the "Eastern Post" hears, start with twenty Founders, while a number of well-known gentlemen are expected to become initiates. Contrary to what has been stated, the Lodge will not be exclusively confined to members of the Council. It would, manifestly, be impossible to form a Lodge from among the members of the Council alone, observes our contemporary.

A P.M. has addressed the following letter to the Editor of the "Southend Echo": "Knowing the interest you take in local Masonry, I shall esteem it a favour if you will allow me through the medium of your columns to make a suggestion to the Brethren who are located at this, the West-end of the town, and that is that the time has now arrived for the founding of a Lodge identified with this district, as the phenomenal growth of Westcliff has been the means of attracting and retaining as residents a large number of Brethren who for various reasons have not associated themselves with local Masonry, but who would doubtless be glad of an opportunity of joining a Lodge in this district, with its many social advantages. I need not remind you, Sir, of the excellent accommodation we have in our midst in the Queen's Hotel, and I feel sure that Bro. Wagstaff and Mr. Goring would do all in their power to make Brethren comfortable, and the Lodge a success; and whilst I should be very sorry to advise taking any steps that would prove hurtful to the prospects of the Masonic Club, it appears to me that the new Lodge in the Borough would indirectly benefit the Club, as the bulk of the joining or new members would feel it their duty to support an institution that has been so very useful to Southend and visiting Brethren. Should you think this idea worthy of a thought, or better still, should any of your Masonic readers write you on the subject, I should be pleased to hear from you with a view to a preliminary meeting or such other steps as may, in your wisdom, be considered best."

It is announced that another medical Lodge, on the same lines as the Rahere (St. Bartholomew's) and London Hospital Lodges, will be consecrated on Monday next, in the Governors' Hall of St. Thomas's Hospital and that the Duke of Connaught M.W. Grand Master will himself under-

take a most important portion of the ceremony. The Lodge, which will be numbered 2870 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, will be called the "Cheselden," after the name of the great anatomist and surgeon of St. Thomas's who introduced the operation of lateral lithotomy. The Officers named in the Warrant are Bros. Thomas Wakley jun., L.C.R.C.P. Lond., W.M., H. H. Clutt, F.R.C.S. Eng., S.W., and G. J. Crawford Thomson, M.D. Durham, Junior Warden.

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It is proposed to mark the jubilee in Masonry of Sir Horatio Lloyd Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, by the Prov. Grand Officers and Brethren in December next, with some appropriate memento of such an interesting occasion. The exact form the presentation will take has not yet been arrived at, but we have no doubt the response of the Brethren will be a most loyal and Masonic one. This reminds us that, according to Bro. John Armstrong's "History of Cheshire Freemasonry," Bro. Richard Newhouse, the veteran Prov. Grand Secretary, will celebrate his jubilee as a Mason in 1902. Bro. Armstrong, while praising a long series of D.Prov.G. Masters and Provincial Grand Secretaries for the manner in which they kept the minutes, awards the palm to Bro. Newhouse. "His minutes," says Bro. Armstrong, "are illuminated throughout, and are splendid examples of penmanship, to be handed down from generation to generation as specimens worthy of emulation."—"Manchester Courier."

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Bro. F. A. Philbrick, K.C., Past Grand Warden responded to the toast of the Grand Officers at the installation banquet of the Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, held at Bournemouth last week. He remarked that for seventeen years he served as Deputy G. Master of the Province (Essex) over which the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of England presided, and a more popular ruler and more agreeable man never lived. Selected by the King as his Deputy, Lord Warwick was a typical Mason, and he claimed for the Grand Officers that they were wisely selected and worked well. Bro. Philbrick also proposed the health of the W.M., reminding the Brethren that the Master was an Initiate of their Lodge, and had risen step by step to the proud position he now held. They as Masons adhered closely to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and elected a new Master every year.

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Sir Augustus Webster, who has just been appointed Grand Master of the Hampshire Masons, is one of the cleverest amateur banjoists in the kingdom. Before he married and retired from the Guards, in order to look after the family estates and Provincial Masonry in Hampshire, he was regarded in the brigade as a "cert" for any kind of entertainment whether got up for the amusement of the officers' friends or the charitable and benevolent funds of the Guards in general. He was one of the prime movers in the famous Guards' burlesques of some ten years ago, and in company with Mr., now Captain, Nugent took principal parts in singing, acting, dancing, and banjoing. His retirement was much regretted by the regiment, not only on account of personal popularity, but also as a severe loss to the regimental "company."—"Tatler."

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A dinner was given to Bro. Alfred J. Thomas a few days ago by a few of his friends to congratulate him on his recent appointment as P.A.G.D.C. The dinner took place at Oddenino's Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street, and was of a most enjoyable character. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Fraser W.M. of the Eccentric Lodge, one of the Lodges to which Bro. Alfred Thomas belongs, and there were present: Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Colonel Probyn, L.C.C., J.P., Under-Sheriff Langton, H. J. Gardiner, J. Morrison McLeod, Carl Hentschel, W. J. W. Beard, and M. R. Sewill. In proposing the health of the guest of the evening, Bro. Fraser expressed the pleasure that was felt by all Bro. Thomas's friends at his receiving Grand honours. To the toast of the Grand Officers Bros. Alderman Vaughan Morgan and McLeod replied.

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It is not often we hear of a Lodge Secretary being voted direct to the chair, although it seems to us to be a ready means of recognising faithful service on the part of a Brother who may not happen to be Past Master of the

Lodge in which he fills the onerous position of "recorder." This was the view taken by the members of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, who unanimously elected Bro. R. J. Hennings P.M. 2508 P.P.G.D. Essex as W.M., in recognition of the indefatigable discharge of Secretarial duties, the other Officers foregoing promotion for a year as a testimony to the value of Bro. Hennings's work. He was duly installed last Saturday.

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We were particularly pleased to meet a very old friend the other night in the person of Bro. Egbert Roberts P.M. P.Z., and still better pleased to hear him in splendid voice. "The Veteran," as he likes to be called, assured us he was singing as well now as ever, and after hearing him we quite agreed. Bro. Roberts is open to provide artistes for installations and banquets, and when a quartette is not required Bro. Roberts can bring one artiste with him—a Brother or a Lady vocalist. He accepts engagements alone to sing and play, also to accompany any of the Brethren, and may be communicated with at 45 Pentonville Road, Islington, N.

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Bro. Johns, who has been for a very long time associated with the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, has been elected to the position of Beadle of the Langbourne Ward of the City of London, and we desire to offer our congratulations to the many tendered him since his appointment. Bro. Johns desires to specially thank the many Brethren who worked on his behalf, and ascribes his success to the efforts made for him by those with whom he is associated in Freemasonry, and who know by experience his qualifications for the position.

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A very appropriate present to the retiring Master of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, was made on the occasion of the recent installation meeting, in the form of a Past Master's collar and jewel, the latter having the names of the initiated Brethren on its back.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ONE of the most widely known members of the English Craft, and a fellow worker with ourselves for many years past in the field of Masonic journalism, was called to his rest on Saturday last. Bro. George Kenning died suddenly at his residence at Sydenham, at the age of sixty-five. Our deceased Brother was the founder of the "Freemason" and the "Masonic Magazine," and issued many other works in connection with Freemasonry, and his death will be greatly regretted in many quarters. He was one of the leading members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and took a lively interest in many other Masonic bodies; was a Past Provincial Officer of Middlesex, and a warm supporter of all of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. We tender our sympathy with the members of his family in their great bereavement.

THE death took place at Newport, Mon., on Sunday, at the age of 52, of Bro. Richard Alexander Forsyth, rails inspector and engineer of the Indian States Railways, who had twice been W.M. of the Isca Lodge, and was its Treasurer at the time of his death. He was P.Z. of the St. Woolos Chapter, was Scribe E. of the Provincial Grand Chapter, E.P. of the Gwent Preceptory of the Knights Templars, and R.W.S. of the Ivor Hael Chapter of the Rose Croix.

AN exceedingly wide circle of friends and acquaintances will regret to learn the death of Bro. W. Coulter, of Cotehele, Calstock, which took place on Monday. Deceased had been many years in the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe's service as steward. He was seventy-one years of age. A zealous Freemason, he had been W.M. of Cotehele Lodge, and Prov. G. Pursuivant, the latter being an appointment made by the noble Earl as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall.

THE funeral of Bro. Dr. Alfred Aplin, medical superintendent of the Notts. County Lunatic Asylum, who died on Monday of last week, took place on the 24th ult. at the Church Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of mourners. The members of the Craft present included the Provincial Grand Secretary and members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, of which deceased was a Past Master.

THE death is announced of Bro. Philip Rowland, of Swansea and Neath, who was the "father" of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 364, which meets in the latter town.

## CIRENCESTER JUBILEE.

AT Cirencester on Wednesday evening, 16th ult., an interesting celebration took place: the Cotteswold Lodge, numbered 592 on the roll of Grand Lodge, celebrating on that evening the fiftieth year of its existence. As a fact, the commemoration was intended to have taken place in January last, but the sudden death then of one of the Lodge's oldest Past Masters the Rev. C. J. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain of England, and the subsequent national mourning, led to its postponement.

The Lodge was constituted in 1851, chiefly through the exertions of the late Bro. Newmarch, who was afterwards Deputy Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire. Up to the date stated, the Cotteswold capital had been without a Lodge for many years, but it is interesting to note that it was the birth-place of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, now meeting in Cheltenham. The Warrant for that Lodge was issued in July 1813, under the Grand Mastership of the fourth Duke of Athole, and the Lodge was known as an "Athole" or "Ancients" Lodge until a few months later, when "Ancients" and "Moderns" united under the rule of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and Grand Lodge was constituted as it now continues. It is a singular fact that in the same year a second Warrant, originally given to a Lodge meeting at the White Lion Hotel, Bristol, was transferred to Cirencester, and both the Royal Union and the Royal York Lodge (the second Lodge referred to) were warranted as meeting in Cirencester, at the King's Head Hotel, for some years after 1813. Neither of them could have been, however, in a flourishing condition, for in 1820 the Royal York Lodge died of inanition, and was erased from the roll of Grand Lodge, and in the following year the Royal Union Lodge was transferred to Cheltenham, on the purchase of its Warrant, regalia and jewels by Freemasons in that town who deemed the creation of a second Lodge necessary. Cirencester was thus without the "light of Masonry" from the year 1821 until the date of the foundation of the Cotteswold Lodge in 1851. Its old Warrant had, however, remained in active and prosperous working in Cheltenham, where the paraphernalia which it handed over with the Warrant in 1821 is still in regular use. At the constitution of the Cotteswold Lodge two Brethren at least of those who were members of the Royal Union thirty years previously took part: Bros. R. Anderson and Bowly, both names well known to Cirencester, and a descendant of the former is now a Past Master of the Lodge.

The Lodge met at 6.15 under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. C. Mackinnon, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Bathurst being Senior Warden. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and Bro. Bevir Prov. G. Secretary Wilts P.G.D.C. Eng. Chairman of the Masonic Boys School. The first-named distinguished Brother is the oldest surviving Past Master of the Lodge, and it was a notable incident of the evening's proceedings that Bro. M. H. Hicks Beach, a son of the Prov. G. Master, was elected a joining member of the Lodge, he having been initiated into Masonry in St. Helena, in which island Freemasonry has a flourishing growth, during his recent service there with the 4th Gloucestershire Regiment.

At a banquet after Lodge, over forty Brethren sat down, presided over by the W.M. during the earlier part of the proceedings and subsequently, when a professional emergency called him away, by Bro. Harmer I.P.M.

In proposing the health of the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge, the W.M. recalled the fact that Sir Michael became a member of the Lodge in 1856, only five years after its foundation, and that he occupied the Master's chair exactly forty years ago.

The Prov. Grand Master, who was received with the utmost enthusiasm, said it was true he was "father" of two bodies of great importance: one was the House of Commons and the other was the Cotteswold Lodge. He would not attempt to gauge the relative importance of those two bodies on that occasion, but speaking at Cirencester he was inclined to think that the Cotteswold Lodge was the more important, and to assert, even in the presence of Bro. Norman, that the town in which it met was the "hub of the universe." In spite of the distant dates to which the W.M. had referred, he did not feel quite worn out yet, and he was endeavouring still to do his duty as their Provincial Grand Master; but it was a matter of some pain to him to look round those tables and to think that he was addressing so

many present whose fathers were among his dearest friends. Still, he hoped he might make friends with the sons as he did with the fathers, and he felt sure that the younger generation was doing its best for Masonry in everything connected with the Cotteswold Lodge, of which they were now celebrating the fiftieth anniversary. He referred with satisfaction to the fund that he understood was being raised, and with considerable success, to suitably celebrate that event, and offered the suggestion that it might be applied to the provision of a Masonic Hall for the Lodge meetings.

Later in the toast list "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. the Hon. Ben. Bathurst, M.P., P.M. and P.Prov. S.G.W., and acknowledged by Bros. Norman and Pettit (Mayors of Cheltenham and Wallingford respectively), and Bro. Wood S.W. of the Hicks Beach Lodge, Stroud. Bro. Norman, in his reply, said that he readily acquiesced in any proposition Sir Michael laid down, and he did not therefore challenge his estimate of the relative importance of the two institutions of which he was "father," or the position of Cirencester in the universe. Indeed, he might claim for Cirencester additional distinction in the fact that, though it was celebrating the jubilee of its Lodge that night, the more ancient Lodge to which he belonged had its birth nearly a century ago among Cirencester Masons. He had in his possession probably the only copy extant of the Bye-laws governing the Lodge in its old Cotteswold days. They were quaint and amusing: one made provision for the treatment of any member who attended "disguised in liquor." Though the fact that that bye-law seemed to have been found unnecessary when the Lodge moved to the vale need not be quoted to the detriment of Cirencester, he thought it might fairly be instanced as a token of the change that had taken place not only in Masonic Lodges but in the habits of the people during the past century.

Among other toasts, the Masonic Charities was proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. C. Tudway P.P.G.Reg., in responding, showed that since 1878 the Cotteswold Lodge had contributed no less a sum than within a few shillings of £2,500 to the three Masonic Charities, a record which Sir Michael said he believed could be equalled by few Lodges of like numbers.—"Cheltenham Examiner."

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## NEW HALL AT COLCHESTER.

VARIOUS projects for building a Hall for the Angel Lodge, No. 51, have fallen through, but at last the members of the Lodge, having acquired a site in Abbeygate Street, Colchester, have commenced the erection of a Masonic Hall from plans prepared by Mr. Charles E. Butcher, architect. The builders are Messrs. Henry Everett and Son. The accommodation includes a Lodge Room, 26ft. by 45ft. on the first floor, and a room of like dimensions on the ground floor. There are in addition various rooms and offices. The first contract is over £2,000. It is proposed to heat the building with hot-water pipes, and to light it by electricity. The Lodge Room proper will be kept for Masonic purposes, but the other parts of the building will, it is expected, be largely used for meetings and entertainments.

At 11.30 on Thursday morning of last week Lodge was opened at the Cups Hotel. By special dispensation from the Prov. G.M. the Brethren wore Craft clothing during the procession to the site of the Hall immediately after the opening of the Lodge. First came the Tyler with drawn sword, followed by the members of the Lodge, the juniors being in front. Next came the Architect with the plans, followed by the J.D. bearing the trowel, and the S.D. with the mallet, the Secretary with the Book of Constitutions, and the Treasurer, who bore the phial which later was deposited in the stone. The visiting Brethren came next, and were followed by the J.W. with the plumb rule, and the S.W. with the level. The Chaplain, bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law, immediately preceded the W.M. bearing the square, and after him came the Mayor Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green P.M. 51 P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G. Treasurer. Members of the Town Council brought up the rear of the procession.

The head of the procession having arrived at the site, the Brethren opened out to the right and left to allow the Mayor and officiating Brethren to proceed to their places on a platform specially erected near the south-east corner of the intended building.

The D.C. having proclaimed silence, the Mayor gave a brief address. He said that Freemasons were true and faithful to the laws of their country, and engaged in solemn

obligations to erect buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. They had secrets, but they were honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They had been entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been lawfully transmitted to the present generation of Freemasons, it was their duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. If those secrets had not been honourable, the Masons would not have lasted for so many centuries, nor would so many illustrious Brethren have joined the Order. They were assembled that day to erect a house to the honour and glory of the Most High, and wherein local Freemasons might practice their Craft.

The Chaplain Brother Rev. Pierrepont Edwards then offered prayer, at the conclusion of which the Mayor called upon the Secretary Brother T. J. Ralling P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary Essex to read the inscription on the stone. The inscription was as follows:—"This corner stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Claude E. Egerton-Green, Esq., M.A., J.P., D.L., Mayor of Colchester, P.P.S.G.W. and P.P.G. Treas. Essex, October 24th, 1901."

The phial, containing coins, a copy of a local paper, and programme of the ceremony, having been deposited by the Treasurer Bro. A. S. B. Sparling in the cavity, the J.D. Bro. H. G. Elliott presented an inscribed silver trowel to the Mayor, and requested him to set the stone. An Entered Apprentice presented the cement, which was spread on the upper face of the lower stone. The upper stone was then slowly lowered with three distinct stops, the Mayor standing to the east of the stone, with the W.M. bearing the Square on his right hand, the Wardens going to the west with the Level and Plumb Rule. The Mayor, having proved the "just position and form of the stone by the Plumb Rule, Level, and Square," which were successively handed to him by the J.W., S.W., and W.M., his Worship gave the stone three raps with the mallet, which was delivered to him by the S.D. Bro. J. G. Laver. The Mayor having next inspected the plans, delivered the same to the Architect, together with the tools used in proving the position of the stone. At the same time, His Worship desired the Architect to "proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans."

After a hymn the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Barking Bro. Dr. Stevens P.G.C., and the Architect having presented the Mayor with the Trowel, the procession then formed in inverted order, and proceeded to the new Town Hall, in order that the ceremony of unveiling the statue of Queen Victoria, which is situated at the top of the grand staircase, might be performed by the Mayor.

The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. Ives.

The statue, which represents the late Queen seated in her coronation robes, holding the globe and sceptre, is of white marble, and is on a pedestal of red marble. The total height is 7ft. 6 inches. The statue was executed by Messrs. L. J. Watts, Limited, at a cost of some £300. It is the gift to the town of Alderman H. G. Egerton-Green, and is placed at the top of the grand staircase, in front of the memoriam window of Mr. William Warwick Hawkins, who was M.P. of the Borough, 1852-57.

After the processionists had taken their places, Councillor Wilson Marriage, Chairman of the New Town Hall Committee, said he was glad to report on behalf of that Committee that the erection of the statue of her late Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria had been completed. Having alluded to the fact that the donor worthily filled the office of Mayor of Colchester during the Jubilee year of the late Queen (1887), and again the year of the Diamond Jubilee (1897), he said it seemed very appropriate that they should receive from his hands this handsome gift in memory of their late Queen. The only thing they regretted was that the health of Alderman H. Egerton Green did not permit him to attend. It was a great pleasure to think that the work was completed, so that a member of the family of the donor could unveil it before the conclusion of his year of office. It was an added gratification to the inhabitants of Colchester to know that the whole work had been carried out by Colchester people.

The Mayor, previous to performing the unveiling ceremony, said he had received a letter from Alderman H. Egerton Green, asking him to present the statue on his behalf. It also stated that he originally meant it to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, but now he wished to dedicate it to the pious memory of the best Queen England

or the world had ever seen. His Worship then expressed the pleasure he felt at performing the ceremony on behalf of his uncle. He alluded to the very serious illness which prevented his uncle from attending. He then drew the curtain aside, and "God save the King" was sung.

Continuing, his Worship said that, as Mayor, it gave him the greatest pleasure to receive that very handsome addition to the decoration of their Town Hall. Putting aside the personal element, he thought that everybody in the town would recognise that it was one more instance of the Alderman's generosity, and his desire to do all he could for the borough. He congratulated Colchester and Messrs. L. J. Watts, Limited, on the production of such a work of art.

This was the first occasion on which Masonic clothing had been worn in public in the town since the members of the Angel Lodge laid the foundation stone of St. Mary Magdalene Church, in 1853.

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#### NEW HALL FOR MARYHILL.

A NEW hall erected in Wyndford Street, Maryhill, for the use of the Maryhill Lodge, No. 510 (S.C.), was consecrated and formally opened on Wednesday, 23rd ult., by Bro. John Graham of Broadstone Prov.G.M.

In the course of the evening Bros. Graham and Campbell Prov.G.Sec. were each presented with a gold mounted umbrella, in recognition of the services rendered to the Brethren of Maryhill in securing a suitable place of meeting. The new Hall is constructed to hold 300, in addition to which there are ante-rooms and other necessary accommodation.

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A presentation in which a large number of Brethren participated was recently made to Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Past Dep. Prov.G.M. of West Yorkshire, on the occasion of the completion of his eightieth year. We add ours to the numerous congratulations he received on that occasion, and trust he may be spared to continue his work in the Craft for many years yet to come.

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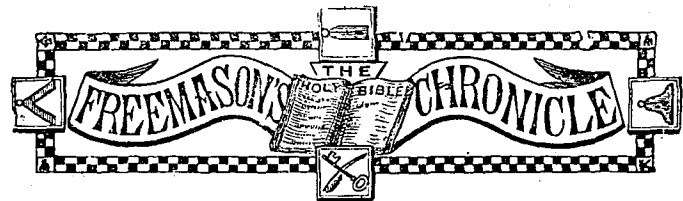
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SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 1901.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE are asked to state that Thursday, 28th inst., is the latest day by which petitions for the April election of 1902 must reach the Office of this Institution. It is, however, very desirable that they should be received as much before that date as possible.

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### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

AT the regular meeting of the Council, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Friday, 26th ult., Bro. Major J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.D. Vice-Patron was in the chair, and amongst those attending were Bros. Geo. Chapman, George Everett, J. Percy Fitzgerald, C. Pulman, W. Russell, J. Stephens, W. A. Scurrah, Alfred J. Thomas, and J. W. Woodall.

A letter from Mrs. Pritchard thanking the Council for its vote of condolence on the death of her husband, who had been a member of the Board of Management since 1891, was read.

It was reported that Harry Douglas Aubrey Maidment had been awarded the "Victoria Diamond Jubilee" Scholarship, and had entered at the Royal College of Science, South Kensington, to undergo a course of studies to qualify as a mining engineer. A grant of £20 was made to him for his assistance during his studentship.

Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Management created by the death of Bro. Henry Pritchard.

The Secretary reported that Lodge Victoria, No. 2329, Buenos Ayres, in the district of the Argentine Republic, had made a special donation of seventy-five guineas to the Institution, in memory of its late Grand Patron Her Majesty Queen Victoria, after whom the Lodge was named.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

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### GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Grand Committee has unanimously recommended to Grand Lodge that the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., be re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and Bro. Hozier has intimated his readiness to accept the Office.

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A wall decoration in the meeting place of one of the oldest Scottish Lodges is the painting of an old Tyler of the Lodge, says the "Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News." He is armed with the regulation sword, and looks fierce enough to use it to some purpose if occasion had required, but instead of the emblem of that war-like weapon hanging from the collar there is a padlock. A suitable enough emblem, but it is the only "jewel" of the kind I have seen or heard of in connection with Masonry, remarks our contemporary.

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

- 12 Fortitude & Old C., Ship & Turtle  
 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall  
 45 Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant  
 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  
 2796 L'Entente Cordiale, Café Royal  
 2807 Paddington Rifles, Harrow Road  
 37 Anchor and Hope, F.M.H., Bolton  
 53 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Bath  
 107 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Lynn  
 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston  
 119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven  
 135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgewater  
 154 Unanimity, F.M.H., Wakefield  
 156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth  
 199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover  
 251 Loyal, F.M.H., Barnstaple  
 274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch  
 328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay  
 331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro  
 338 Vitruvian, Royal, Ross  
 395 Guy, Victoria House, Leamington  
 428 Sincerity, Angel, Northwich  
 431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields  
 441 Three Grand Principles, Cambridge  
 467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham  
 478 Churchill, F.M.H., Oxford  
 482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth  
 622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne  
 694 Oakley, F.M.H., Basingstoke  
 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  
 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  
 1434 Nottinghamshire, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea  
 1801 Claremont, Greyhound, Croydon  
 1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge  
 1993 Wolseley, F.M.H., Manchester  
 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, Kington  
 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  
 2812 St. Martin, Schools, Fenny Stratford

## 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  
 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  
 158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness  
 209 Etonian, F.M.H., Windsor  
 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'  
 252 Harmonic, F.M.H., 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  
 393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick  
 421 Loyal Industry, F.M.H., Southmolton  
 457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth  
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 510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard  
 558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone  
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 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton  
 673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 685 Northumberland, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 702 Sherborne, Sub. Rooms, Stroud  
 734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington  
 794 Warden, New Royal, Sutton Coldfield  
 804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant  
 847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton  
 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade  
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff  
 967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn  
 974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford  
 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth  
 1072 Aberystwith, F.M.H., Aberystwith  
 1096 Lord Warden, Forester's H., Walmer  
 1134 Newall, F.M.H., Manchester  
 1222 Saint Kew, F.M.H., Weston-super-Mare  
 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar  
 1336 Square & Compass, F.M.H., Wrexham  
 1367 Beaminstor Manor, Beaminstor  
 1488 St. Eleth, Eleth Inn, Amlwch  
 1509 Madoc, F.M.H., Portmadoc  
 1619 Sackville, F.M.H., East Grinstead  
 1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton  
 1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow  
 1807 Loyal Wye, F.M.H., Builth  
 1908 Cholmondeley, F.M.H., Frodsham  
 1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields  
 2120 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell  
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon  
 2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford  
 2490 Amptill, White Hart, Amptill  
 2561 West Essex, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill  
 2676 Royal Connaught, Grand, Eastbourne  
 2815 Southport Temperance, Southport

## Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6.

- 511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel  
 1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant  
 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern  
 1491 Athenæum, Criterion Restaurant  
 1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn Rest.  
 1687 Rothesay, Frascati  
 2484 Second Middlesex Artillery, F.M.H.  
 2562 Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel  
 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  
 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  
 326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol  
 327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester  
 429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate  
 471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.  
 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  
 1004 Athole, F.M.H., Douglas, I. of Man  
 1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull  
 1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby

- 1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge  
 1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick  
 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  
 1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle  
 1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool  
 1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington  
 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor  
 1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax  
 1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool  
 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson  
 2200 Cantiles, Pump R., Tunbridge Wells  
 2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton  
 2279 Thornham, F.M.H., Oldham  
 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

## Thursday.

- 27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel  
 192 Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel  
 227 Ionic, Criterion  
 231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall  
 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall  
 1288 Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant  
 1351 St. Clement Danes, Hotel Cecil  
 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square  
 1425 Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant  
 1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate  
 1672 Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel  
 1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal  
 1963 Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall  
 2291 West Ham Abbey, Town H., Stratford  
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, Leytonstone  
 2550 Piccadilly, Cafe Monico  
 2729 Streatham, Streatham  
 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.  
 31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
 38 Union, Council Cham., Chichester  
 41 Royal Cumberland, F.M.H., Bath  
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull  
 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil  
 114 British Union, F.M.H., Ipswich  
 120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Hereford  
 123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorks.  
 195 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth  
 230 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devonport  
 249 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry  
 266 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood  
 269 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn  
 289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds  
 294 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley  
 295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield  
 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 305 Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles  
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 539 St. Matthew, Dragon, Walsall  
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 1012 Prince of Wales, Derby, Bury, Lanc.  
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 1304 Olive Union, F.M.H., Horncastle  
 1324 Okeover, Masonic Room, Ripley  
 1379 Marquess of Ripon, M.H., Darlington  
 1384 Equity, Central, Widnes  
 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton  
 1473 Bootle, F.M.H., Bootle  
 1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich  
 1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham  
 1512 Friendly, F.M.H., Barnsley  
 1557 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Hexham

1565 Earl of Chester, F.M.H., Lymm  
1639 Watling Street, Cock, Stony Stratford  
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon  
1790 Old England, Art Gallery, Croydon  
1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
1874 Lechmere, F.M.H., Balsall Heath  
1899 Wellesley, Wellington, Crowhurst  
2043 Kendrick, F.M.H., Reading  
2169 Osborne, F.M.H., East Cowes  
2321 Acacia, F.M.H., Bradford  
2342 Easterford, Mas. Temple, Kelvedon  
2350 Corinthian, Bird i' th' hand, Hindley  
2386 Clarence, F.M.H., Chester  
2433 Minerva, Bank Bldgs., Connah's Quay  
2496 Wirral, Claughton Hall, Birkenhead  
2602 Baring, Hotel Metropole, Cromer  
2651 Charity, F.M.H., Warrington

**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  
2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall  
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  
458 Aire and Calder, F.M.H., Goole  
516 Phoenix, Fox, Stowmarket  
526 Honour, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton  
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  
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  
1295 Gooch, Queen's Royal, New Swindon  
1428 United Service, F.M.H., Landport  
1605 De la Pole, F.M.H., Hull  
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  
2554 Manchester, F.M.H., Manchester

2558 Furnival, F.M.H., Sheffield  
2594 Old Priory, Masonic Rooms, Beeston  
2608 Headingley, Parochial Institute, Leeds  
2652 Albany, Kingston-on-Thames  
2660 Crane, George, Cranbrook  
2674 Ravensworth, F.M.H., Gateshead  
2677 Calcaria, Masonic Rooms, Tadcaster  
2811 St. John, Queen's, Coventry

**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  
737 Wentworth, F.M.H., Wellingborough  
1556 Addiscombe, Public Hall, Croydon  
1755 Eldon, Royal, Portishead  
2005 Caterham, F.M.H., Caterham  
2686 Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel

**IS HE QUALIFIED?**

MEN sometimes gain access to Masonic Lodges and become influential members therein, who are so narrow-minded, so indifferent to the true intent of Masonry and so utterly selfish in working only for the advancement of their own interests, that they use the power their position gives them to prevent the admission of others, against whom they may have a personal grudge.

Nothing can be more despicable than such conduct as this, and the individual who exhibits such spleen has not in his composition the material out of which to build a genuine Mason, at least on short notice. To oppose the candidacy of a good citizen—a kind husband and father, a man generous in thought and act, and confessedly clean in his relations with society—simply because one has, for some reason perhaps impossible to rationally explain or justify, conceived a dislike to such individual, is totally indefensible, and one who does it is wholly out of his sphere in the Masonic Lodge room. We may honestly dislike the man personally, and find neither enjoyment nor benefit in his company; he may not belong to our church, or believe as we do about baptism or transubstantiation; he may not vote with our party; he may be an unreasonable democrat, an unreflecting republican or an unphilosophical populist; he may not be a member of our club or set or take his daily plunge in our social bathing hole; he may eschew what we revere and champion what we loath and flaunt the flag of arrogant independence and universal heterodoxy in our face at every turn, and yet, strange as it often seems, be a good man after all and as justly entitled to a seat in the New Jerusalem as ourself, and hence as fully entitled to all the privileges and honours of Masonry. In spite of his being out of affinity with us he may pay his debts, love his wife and children, have beating in his bosom a kind heart and really desire the betterment of mankind. Personal predilection for or against should not govern us in our yes or no when the admission of a member is under consideration. The only proper action is for us to weigh the candidate as to character and qualification for Masonry. If he meets the requirements bar not his way, though he may be your aldermanic competitor, while if when put on the scales he be found wanting, you should stop his Masonic advancement though he were your political campaign manager.—"Indian Freemason."

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**HIGH DEGREES.**

WE have heard some pretty tall stories of high degree Masonry in the United States of America, but our cousins across "the herring pond" will have to look to their laurels, if there is any foundation for the following, which we extract from the "Manx Sun," and which would seem to point to a society having a membership of about seven millions, or so:

**MASONIC HONOUR FOR SHEIKH ABDULLAH QUILLIAM.**

A mandate, dated 12th October 1901, has been issued from the Supreme and Ultimate Council 360 degrees of the Royal Oriental Order of the Sat Bhai (Asiatic Masonry)

"ordering that Bro. W. H. Abdullah Quilliam be constituted one of the Seven Arch Censors (the highest dignity in the Sat Bhai)."

This Oriental Order includes 360 degrees and embraces the highest point of the Masonic fabric, and forms the junction of Oriental and Occidental Masonry.

Each Arch Censor has rule over seven Arch Couriers, 49 Couriers, 343 Arch Ministers, 2,401 Ministers, 16,807 Arch Heralds, 117,649 Heralds, 523,543 Arch Scribes and Scribes, Arch Auditors and Auditors, Arch Mutes and Mutes.

The Sheikh was first received into the Order twenty-one years ago.

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**MASONRY AT THE FRONT.**

AMONG the Boers there are scores of Freemasons, and not a few of them belong to English Lodges.

"It is a well-known fact out here," writes an "Answers" reader from Middelburg, "that if a soldier who is a Mason happens to be made prisoner by the Boers he is treated much better than his non-Masonic confrères."

"One particular instance," he says, "was of an officer of the Imperial Yeomanry who was captured in the Orange River Colony. He had been trekking as a prisoner with his men for many days, when by some mysterious means he intimated to the Boer commandant that he was a Mason. From that day until the prisoners arrived near the Natal border every possible kindness was shown him. On arriving near a British camp, the commandant came to him one evening and offered him his freedom, also a horse and Cape cart, with a guide, if he wished to escape under cover of darkness. This, however, the officer refused, saying that he would not use his Masonry for such a purpose, and preferred rather to stay with his men."

"Almost all the old Transvaal Government officials are Masons, and even away in the wildest parts of the veldt each little village has its Masonic Lodge."

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At the installation meeting of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, held on Thursday, 17th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Bro. Henry Cornford, after being again installed W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. A solid silver tea service was handed as a wedding present to Brother Councillor William Henry Morson P.M., as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the Lodge, of which he has been again elected Treasurer, an Office he has filled for many years.

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The Ethical Lodge of Instruction, held under the sanction of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, meets on Thursday evenings, 9 to 10.30 p.m., at the Hotel Great Central, Marylebone Road, N.W., under the preceptorship of Bro. Dr. A. L. Achard.

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The Lord Mayor-Elect and the Sheriffs have accepted invitations to the installation of Bro. Alfred F. Robbins as the Worshipful Master of the Gallery Lodge on Saturday, 7th December.

## THE LOGIC CLUB.

As usual at this Club there was an excellent meeting on Sunday, at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, and on this occasion we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Stanley Pringle officiating as W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. A. L. Achard S.W., J. Hart J.W., Robert Manuel P.M. Preceptor, J. J. Thomas P.G. Standard Bearer Treasurer Benevolent Association, J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. Sec., E. Gatfield S.D., Dr. J. Eyre J.D., Mirroy D.C., G. F. Carr I.G., Barclay Gammon Organist, H. C. Labes Inner Tyler, S. Ellis O.G.; members of the Committee: R. Robinson, G. Paxton, N. Robinson; also Bros. F. J. Davies, H. Saunion, W. J. Webster, F. W. Hale, M. Hendelsohn, T. Frazer, R. Malpiger, J. Goldstein, Duncan Terry, W. Lawrence, W. Short, G. H. Peters, O. Barnett, Foxton, Duncan, &c.

Visitors: Bros. H. Dunley P.M. 1056, G. Jackson J.W. 1364, W. E. Lane P.M. 1624, A. Koski 753, J. Wynman, and others.

The usual formalities being strictly observed, the second ceremony was rehearsed in a perfect manner, Bro. Saunion making an excellent candidate. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Nathan Robinson P.M., for the purpose of allowing him to rehearse the installation ceremony, for which Bro. Stanley Pringle was presented as W.M.-elect, Bro. Murray P.M. acting as D.C. Having taken the obligation the Installing Master Bro. N. Robinson continued with the three addresses in grand style. We have seldom heard the ritual of installation more perfectly rendered. Bro. Robert Manuel P.M. Preceptor with deserved compliment congratulated the acting Installing Master on his excellent working, saying he had afforded them a real Masonic treat. Bro. R. Manuel also complimented the W.M. on his working.

Bro. Dr. Talham Armitage I.G. 2127 was elected a member and Bro. Dr. Achard W.M. for Sunday, 10th November, next Sunday being at the disposal of the Committee of the Club, and Bro. W. Foxton being nominated to preside on that occasion.

Bro. Fitzgerald P.M. Sec. announced that eight ballots of five guineas each had been taken in connection with the Benevolent Association, and had resulted in favour of eight different members, whose names were mentioned. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the proceedings terminated.

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In view of the fresh laurels that "The Eternal City" has earned for Mr. Hall Caine, the new story from his pen that commences in the Christmas number of the "Windsor Magazine" will be awaited with deep interest by that novelist's large circle of readers. The tale, which is entitled "Unto the third and fourth generation," is a fascinating love story, but at the same time deals with one of the most tremendous problems that humanity has to face. In the ordinary course the story would have run as a serial in several monthly numbers of the magazine, but by special arrangement it will be issued in two large instalments in the Christmas and January issues of the "Windsor."

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A beautifully framed portrait of Bro. W. Spicer, J.P., P.M. P.P.S.G.D., first W.M. of the Whitley Lodge, No. 2821, was presented to the members on the occasion of the regular meeting of the Lodge, held on Friday of last week at the Masonic Hall, Whitley.

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A very interesting feature of a recent meeting of the Brighton Grammar School Old Boys Lodge was the initiation of Mr. Thomas Read, B.A., B.Sc. (headmaster of the School), the ceremony being admirably conducted by the W.M. Bro. Harry Manwaring.

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## 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. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas John Rawlings W.M., who is again to be congratulated on the altogether admirable manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Lodge, while compliment is also due to the Officers, for the perfect way in which they performed their respective parts. They were Bros. R. Gabell I.P.M., W. J. Farmer S.W., E. S. Rice J.W., W. Croxson P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Boys P.M. Secretary, J. W. Sandell S.D., W. E. Bennett J.D., E. H. Smyth D.C., Herbert Townsend Organist, J. Smith acting I.G., C. Plant P.M. Tyler. There were also present Past Masters Earle Douglas Side, R. Rowland and Henry B. Buckeridge; with Bros. T. A. Rawlings, J. H. Down, J. Atkinson, F. A. Marlow, A. Tinley, W. Biles, J. Davies, F. Hardy, J. Shaw, S. Morris, C. Martin, F. Atkinson, F. Foster, W. Clarkson, J. R. Papworth, H. Levy, G. Bell, C. Everett, J. W. Tratt, E. H. Smyth, S. May, G. Nilen, S. Smeltzer, R. Godefroy, W. Watts, M. Leighton, E. Castleman, F. Penny, W. R. Knapman, C. Sisman, F. Lloyds, J. W. Tredwen, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. J. Rugg J.W. 1298, F. H. Carpenter 2411, C. H. Williams 1695, J. A. Barton J.D. 72, R. Omash S.D. 2649, James Smith P.M. 1590, E. A. Boreham 2822, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being formed, the minutes were confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. J. W. Tredwen, D. Gould, A. Tinley, and C. Martin having answered the questions were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and those Brethren having been re-admitted were subsequently raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Edward Hitchin Smyth was presented by his father Bro. C. H. Smyth D.C., who on this occasion acted as Senior Deacon. Having answered the questions without the slightest assistance Bro. Smyth jun. was entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and he was passed a Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for Mr. John Goff and Mr. William Albert Trathen as candidates for initiation. It proved unanimous in their favour, and in due course they had the pleasure of being admitted as members of the Craft. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably rendered, Bro. Henry B. Buckeridge P.M. giving the ancient charge in grand style.

Bro. T. A. Rawlings proposed a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting, which proposition was heartily supported by his father, the Worshipful Master.

Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, after which the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served by the highly esteemed hostess Mrs. Venables. At its conclusion the usual Loyal toasts were honoured.

Bro. R. Gabell I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and felt it was quite unnecessary to point out the good qualities of their Worshipful Master; it required only a few words to ensure their approval. Since the W.M. was installed he had worked the three degrees, and by the look of it work would continue till the end of his year of Office. The ceremonies he had performed that evening had been rendered to perfection and had given further proof of his qualifications for his position. The toast was heartily honoured.

The W.M. replied, thanking Bro. Gabell for his kind remarks. He was pleased his working that night had given satisfaction. He thanked the Senior and Junior Wardens, also the other Officers, for their kind support. Bro. Gabell had rendered him all the assistance that was required; indeed, was always on the alert to help him. He (the W.M.) had worked his way up from the position the initiates occupied that night, and he strongly recommended them to attend Lodges of Instruction if they also desired to progress. There they would find true fellowship, and Past Masters who would render all the assistance that was required. Once again he thanked them all for the cordial reception accorded him.

The W.M. had next the pleasure of proposing the toast of the initiates. They brought with them the highest of recommendations, and by the great attention they had paid to their initiation and the charge he was sure they would make excellent Brethren, and become additional ornaments to the Lodge. The W.M. called upon the Brethren to receive the toast with good Masonic fire, which was done.

Bro. W. A. Trathen thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the manner in which he had been received into the Lodge. What the W.M. had said he would never forget; his ambition was to work his way up to the position the W.M. occupied that day.

Bro. John Goff said he was very much impressed with the ceremony, and hoped to give that satisfaction which was expected. He thanked the Brethren for having received him as a member in the Skelmersdale Lodge.

The W.M. now had very much pleasure in proposing the toast of the Visitors, and tendered them a most hearty welcome.

Bro. James Smith P.M. United Mariners Lodge, No. 1598

(Nunhead) said he was delighted to be amongst the Brethren of the Skelmersdale Lodge again, and was pleased to hear the W.M. mention Lodges of Instruction. Attendance thereat would stimulate the younger members to get on in their Mother Lodge. The W.M. could not attend their Instruction Lodge now, because the distance from Herne Bay to Nunhead was about eighty miles, but he used to attend the meetings of that and other Lodges of Instruction, otherwise he could not have worked their beautiful ceremonies so perfectly as he had done that evening.

Bro. John Rugg J.W. 1298 thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had spoken of the Royal Standard Lodge. It was the first time he had visited their Lodge, but he hoped it would not be the last. It was an understood law in his Lodge that every member should attend instruction meetings, and he was pleased to hear the same mentioned by the W.M. He highly appreciated the working of the Master, and the hearty reception he had received, and sincerely thanked them all.

Bro. Omash S.D. 2649 also replied, thanking the members for their kind reception. He had been a member of the Craft for fourteen or fifteen years, but business had prevented his working up to the position of W.M. Being now S.D. in his Mother Lodge he should certainly work hard to gain the position which the W.M. so worthily occupied that day.

Bro. J. A. Barton J.D. 72 said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending the Lodge. He thanked Bro. Bennett J.D. for having invited him. He had told him to be punctual at 4.30, and he was pleased to have been so, because he had had the pleasure of witnessing the working from the commencement, and he had highly enjoyed it; it had been a real Masonic treat, and if the W.M. would allow him, he would give a little song, just in a small way to show his gratitude.

The W.M. next presented in complimentary terms the toast of the Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Rowland P.M. responded.

Other toasts followed, and that to all poor and distressed Masons terminated one of the pleasant evenings which are always to be had at the Skelmersdale Lodge.

The musical arrangements were excellent, Bro. H. Townsend with his usual ability officiating at the piano.

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#### Citadel Lodge, No. 1897.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Gayton Reception Rooms, Greenhill Parade, Harrow, on Saturday, 26th ult.

Bro. F. W. Kessler W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, a number of Past Masters, other members and visitors.

Mr. E. W. F. Horstead, eldest son of Bro. Arthur G. Horstead S.D., was initiated and four Brethren were raised, viz.: Bros. Lovesey, Williams, Holtorp, and Galpin.

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#### PROVINCIAL.

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#### Lodge of Faith, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Bradford Hotel, Mill Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 16th ult., Bro. S. Andrew W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bros. Ernest Pollitt, Robert Goodier, and Thos. George Parkes were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the bulk of the ceremonial devolving upon the W.M. and Bro. Robert Adshead P.M.

At the festive board which followed Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied with songs, rendered by Bros. Dr. C. Carruthers S.W., Moorhouse, Roberts, and Axon.

Visitor: Bro. the Rev. William Frederic Barton Chaplain 317.

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#### Egerton Lodge, No. 1030.

##### INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES BERTRAM OLDHAM.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 21st ult. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the Auditors' report and the Treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted. Then followed the most important item of the day's proceedings, viz.: the installation of Bro. James Bertram Oldham into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. A. Bacon P.M., assisted by other Past Masters of the Lodge.

The Officers for the ensuing financial year are: Bros. W. C. Sheard S.W., J. W. Fitton J.W., R. B. Preston P.M. Treas., Thos. Knott P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. Boyd S.D., W. H. G. Brocklebank J.D., George B. Goodfellow P.M. D.C., H. E. Travis I.G., W. A. Downham Org., A. F. Seed and M. Young Stewards.

A large number of visitors had availed themselves of the invitations extended to them to be present at the Festival of St. John, principal among whom were Bros. C. D. Cheetham Grand Deacon England, Rev. E. J. Reeve P.M. P.P.G.C., William Wood 323 P.P.G.D. Cheshire, W. Johnson P.M. 323 P.P.G.S., J. H. Walker P.M. 361, C. Barrie Taylor P.M. 1077, A. C. K. Smith P.M. 2554, C. Champion W.M. 287, R. Sutcliffe W.M. 322, W. Ingram S.W. 852, Andrew Ellor S.W. 2464, and others.

Bro. Oldham W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts, and also that of the Officers of Grand Lodge, the latter being responded to by Bro. Cheetham, who received a very flattering ovation. Other toasts followed.

Bro. A. Boyd, the former Organist, had provided a very attractive harmonic programme, himself furnishing several very clever specialties, as for instance, "The Old Bassoon," and a "Drawing Room Sketch," which were very much applauded.

Bros. G. W. Healey I.P.M. 287 P.P.G.S., Edward Ball S.D. 322, W. D. Booth I.G. 104, and A. W. Johnson 1219, supplied other numbers, and it was with very great pleasure that we listened to a

song of the old-fashioned pastoral kind, called "The Lincolnshire Poacher," which was fittingly rendered by Bro. Goldthorpe, a veteran in musical entertaining matters.

Bro. Herbert R. Greaves, whose place in the Lodge the present W.M. has succeeded to, was abroad, and the usual jewel for services in the chair could not be presented, but no doubt his return to England will, upon some evening in the future, supply the motif for a pleasant task in this direction.

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#### Concord Lodge, No. 1534.

##### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER ASHTON WHITWORTH.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at Prestwich, on Thursday, 17th ult. The ceremony of installing Bro. Ashton Whitworth S.W. into the principal chair was performed by Bro. Geo. H. Nield W.M., assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge. The Officers invested were as follow: Bros. D. McCarthy S.W., J. D. Ramage J.W., I. Walkden P.M. Treas., Jas. Kershaw P.M. Secretary, T. E. Collier S.D., W. Southan J.D., W. Hallard I.G., J. W. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. D.C., W. T. Walker Organist, J. Leach, H. J. Franks, W. Scholfield, Thos. Scholfield, and John Mather Stewards, R. Hothersall P.P.G.A.D.C. C.R.

The festival of St. John was a successful function. Loyal and Masonic toasts being pleasantly varied by songs, &c., given by Bros. Sedgwick, Howard, Roberts, Nield, Scholfield, Almond, and others.

Bro. Whitworth W.M. proposed the toast of the I.P.M., and took the opportunity of presenting him with a jewel for past services. It was inscribed:

Presented by the Brethren of the  
Concord Lodge, No. 1534, Prestwich, to  
BRO. G. H. NIELD W.M. 1900-01.  
17th October 1901.

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#### METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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#### Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

BEING informed that the popular Secretary of the Lodge Bro. George Mogford P.M. Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2363, would officiate, and knowing by experience that his working of the ritual of Freemasonry is exemplary, we put off other engagements in order to pay a visit to this Lodge on Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W.

Those present were Bros. G. Mogford P.M. 2362 W.M., F. Beasley S.W., E. Thomas J.W., H. Dehane P.P.S.G.D. Preceptor, G. Weaver P.M. Treasurer, F. Middleton acting Sec., J. Matthews S.D., E. J. Potter J.D., W. Wiffenbach I.G., Chidley Steward, H. W. Handover P.M., T. Mogford P.M., E. W. Tucker, H. Bagnall, Barns, Phillips, Houlton, Shaw, Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge being formed, the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Phillips and Houlton, who were lately initiated in the Mother Lodge, were favoured with the ancient charge, delivered to them for the first time, by the W.M. The same Brethren answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. T. Mogford P.M. 2363 acting as D.C. and presenting Bro. H. Bagnall S.W. 733 as W.M.-elect. He being installed was saluted in the various degrees, and afterwards rehearsed the investiture of Officers. The installing Master Bro. George Mogford delivered the three addresses in his usual dashing style. There was not the slightest hitch or hesitation, the work was all that could be desired. The W.M. having resumed his position in the Lodge, Bro. West 2049 and Bro. Anthony 1977 were elected members.

Bro. Dehane P.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Bro. G. Mogford to show the appreciation of the Brethren of the real Masonic treat they had received. Bro. Mogford only had the opportunity of showing his ability two or three times a year. Bro. G. Mogford said it was the first time this year he had officiated as W.M.; and he was pleased to hear that his working was appreciated.

Bro. Dehane also proposed that a hearty vote be passed to Bro. Bagnall S.W. of the Mother Lodge for the ability with which he had invested the Officers for the first time; and to Bro. Tom Mogford P.M. 2363, who had acted as D.C.; he could only say the work had been perfectly done.

Bros. Bagnall and T. Mogford P.M. suitably acknowledged the compliments.

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#### Stuart Lodge, No. 1632.

At the Deacons Restaurant, Walbrook, E.C., on Friday, 25th ult., at 7.30 p.m., Bros. J. Taylor W.M., R. F. Thomson (W.M. 1227) S.W., C. Farrow J.W., W. J. Carroll I.P.M. 1227 Preceptor, R. J. K. Bennett P.M. Treasurer, J. T. Whitehead Secretary, M. Baillie J.D., Arthur Smith I.G., R. Rawlinson P.M. 2399, R. Spurr, W. J. Yardley, G. Allen, F. Reynolds, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bennett P.M. kindly acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomson, who with his usual ability rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Reynolds being the candidate.

The W.M. having again taken his position, resumed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. Carroll Preceptor, in complimentary terms, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had rendered the ceremony of initiation for the first time in the Lodge. Bro. Taylor, in returning thanks, said he hoped to give still greater satisfaction on the next occasion he had the honour of being W.M. at the Lodge.

Bro. Thomson was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## Gallery Chapter, No. 1928.

## INSTALLATION OF COMPANION E. A. PEACHEY.

THE annual installation of the three Principals of this, the only Press Chapter in the metropolis, was carried out at a Convocation, held by dispensation at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Saturday last. The Chapter was formally opened by Comps. Orilton Cooper Z., Ernest A. Peachey H., and George Tarran J. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was accepted and referred to the General Purposes Committee.

A Board of Installed First Principals was then constituted, when Comp. Ernest A. Peachey Z.-elect, was presented by Comp. Herbert Wright P.Z. and was regularly installed in the chair of Z. by his predecessor in Office. Comps. George Tarran and Lionel F. Gowing H. and J.-elect respectively were installed in the second and third chairs by Comp. John Read P.Z. Past Grand Organist, who conducted the ceremony in a very admirable and impressive manner.

The new Principals having been saluted, the following Officers were invested: Comps. Herbert Wright P.Z. Scribe E., A. F. Robbins Scribe N., Cornwallis Smith Treasurer, George Ribbons P.S., E. C. Froom 1st Assist., W. F. Patterson 2nd Assist., J. J. Fretwell P.Z. D.C., T. Buchanan Steward, and J. Shepperd Janitor.

The First Principal's chair was then resumed by Comp. Orilton Cooper, and Bro. James Reginald Thomas, of the Gallery Lodge, who had been previously elected, was admitted and regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree. Every endeavour had been made to render the ceremony as perfect as possible; the work of Comp. A. F. Robbins as P.S. was particularly good; whilst the delivery of the historical and symbolical lectures by Comps. Tarran and Peachey elicited the highest commendation of those present.

Another candidate was proposed for the next meeting, and some minor business having been transacted, the Chapter was closed in due and ancient form. The Companions subsequently dined together and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

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## GOVERNMENT BY FREEMASONRY.

## A REMARKABLE PROTEST FROM TAMWORTH.

THE municipal elections at Tamworth appear to be turning in a singular fashion upon the question of Freemasonry in the Town Council. An appeal has been issued to the electors by the Tamworth and District Ratepayers' Association, in which the hope is expressed "that they will unite not only in resisting the importation of any further Freemasonry into the authority and Council, but that stringent efforts will be made to expel this undesirable element from the public life of the town, as the first step towards the promotion of its higher interests."

Along with the appeal there is printed a long letter from Councillor Frederick Alldritt, J.P., showing the extent to which the Tamworth Council is permeated and dominated by members of the Masonic Fraternity. Mr. Alldritt declares that from 1888 down to the present year every Mayor of Tamworth, with one exception, has been a Freemason. With a single exception likewise,

ALL THE ALDERMEN HAVE BEEN FREEMASONS, and are so to-day. "Until the County Court Judge, Mr. H. W. Sadler, and myself were placed on the Commission of the Peace the Bench consisted of four Freemasons and four others, with a Freemason always in the chair." The Borough Council, according to Mr. Alldritt, contains six Freemasons out of a total membership of sixteen, and they hold the chairmanships of the Estate, Lighting, General Purposes, Fire Brigade, Castle, and Waterworks Committees. "All Committees," the writer says, "have been carefully constituted so as to afford the Freemasons and their unswerving supporters power to swamp and monopolise the whole of the Council's proceedings," and he adds that the Town Clerk, the Surveyor, and the Medical Officer are also Freemasons. The charges pressed against the Masonic Fraternity by Mr. Alldritt are that "on any and every question, almost invariably, the Freemasons always act together on any matter introduced by or affecting the interests, directly or indirectly, of a Freemason," and that "every piece of extravagant or unreasonable expenditure, during my connection with the Council, has emanated from, or been supported and carried out by the aid of Freemasons."—"Birmingham Daily Argus."

The following letters have been addressed to our contemporary in reference to this item:

To the Editor of the DAILY ARGUS.

SIR,—I observe in your issue of to-night that Mr. Alldritt has carried a domestic squabble from this borough to your columns, so as, I suppose, to obtain a wider publicity than he can obtain here. We in Tamworth are all familiar with Mr. Alldritt's catalogue of insinuations, innuendoes, and baseless assertions in respect to public work in our borough, and we value them at their true worth. But since he has obtained by your paper a medium for further

spreading his absurd statements, I trust in all fairness you will permit me a reply on behalf of a large number of ratepayers. First, let me say that in the early part of this year Mr. Alldritt made similar assertions against the Tamworth Rural District Council, but the members of that authority quickly brought him to book, and when Mr. Alldritt was asked to substantiate without any evasion his assertions he was totally unable to do so, with the result that the District Council unanimously passed a vote of censure upon him. Since then the Rural District Council has heard no more of Mr. Alldritt. At the present moment this gentleman, who arrogantly assumes to himself all the honesty and fair mindedness of the borough, has launched a series of charges directed against the Borough Surveyor, who has discharged his duties honestly for the last twelve years. Not one of these charges has Mr. Alldritt been able to substantiate, despite the fact that he has access as chairman of the Finance Committee to every detail of information.

Now as to the particular charge he brings against Freemasonry, that also is baseless, as can be easily proved. He says, first of all, that from 1888 down to the present time every Mayor has been a Freemason. The facts are that in each of the following years, namely, 1890, 1891, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and part of 1898, the Mayoral chair was occupied by gentlemen who were not Masons. The Town Clerk was appointed several years before he became a Mason. Mr. Alldritt says that, with a single exception, all aldermen have been Masons. There are only four aldermen in the Council, and until quite recently these were not Masons. He also says that a Freemason has always been in the magisterial chair. That is also incorrect. The senior magistrate is not a Mason, and, again, the Mayor of the borough is chief magistrate and always takes the chair by virtue of his office, and it follows, therefore, that during the years I have stated above the magisterial chair was not occupied by a Mason. Mr. Alldritt further says that out of sixteen members of the Council, six are Masons. He is correct there, but he fails to remember that the election of the Mayor and of the Aldermen is made by the Council, so that if the Masons had been such a bad lot as he says they are, they could not, of course, of themselves have elected a single alderman, so that Mr. Alldritt's shaft in this respect fails to hit the mark.

Further, the same remark applies to the election of the chairmen of the various committees, but as a matter of fact every chairman was elected unanimously. Mr. Alldritt says that the Masons have always acted together and that "every piece of extravagance or unreasonable expenditure has emanated from and been supported and carried by the aid of the Masons," but the thing is absolutely absurd. The Masons according to Mr. Alldritt's own showing are in a minority of four, so it follows if any piece of extravagance or unreasonable expenditure has taken place it has been with the sanction of those who are not Masons. But the fact is that this as well as every statement of Mr. Alldritt's has no substantial basis, and if certain members of the corporation and certain officials would only do the bidding of Mr. Alldritt everything would be as well in this world as it could possibly be.

NOT A MASON.

Tamworth, 24th October 1901.

To the Editor of the DAILY ARGUS.

SIR,—In your issue last night a correspondent, "Not a Mason," makes a long story in the hope of showing that Mr. F. Alldritt, of Tamworth, is wrong in his statements that the town is under Masonic rule. I am closely connected with the public life of that town, and there is no gainsaying the fact that it is completely honeycombed by Freemasonry. All the public positions of any note are held by Masons, the chief offices are occupied by the Brotherhood, and it is absolutely impossible to proceed with any scheme in the hope of success if it has not their will and pleasure. New blood is wanted in the local Council; the members have got into a groove; they are dictated to and often overruled by officials—P.P.G.'s &c., of the Order—and the rates are ever on the increase. The thanks of the public are, I consider, due to the Ratepayers' Association, headed by so loyal a Liberal and fearless a fighter as Mr. Alldritt, for coming forward with such a progressive and economic policy. They are to be congratulated upon their wisdom and courage. Organisation is the only method by which the clique can be fought. Their actions have forced it upon the town. The fact that the Ratepayers' Association is composed of many of the best tradesmen is a proof that dissatisfaction exists with the present Government. There has been a good deal of abuse, but this brings no return, and the Masons will only have themselves to thank if they are turned out of office. No wonder this indignation, seeing that they have "ruled the roost" for the last thirty years. The electors will mistake if they regard it as a "domestic squabble." There is a great principle involved.

WORKING MAN.

Market Street, 25th October.

To the Editor of the DAILY ARGUS.

SIR,—I think it quite time the Town Council and their supporters here should attend more to the interests of the overburdened ratepayer than to be continually blaming Mr. Alldritt for all the petty things which do not please them. We know (and it is common conversation amongst the working classes) things have been grossly mismanaged, and by this clique of Freemasons, and, whatever they say, we shall be able to give them our reply at the elections. We have placed confidence in these men, and they have deceived us again and again. If ever an investigation was required into the affairs of a public body, it is in Tamworth.

Why, sir, I am living to-day in a cottage which you could get in Birmingham for 5s per week inclusive, and here we are paying

5s rent and an average rate of nearly 2s per week (or 7s per week including rates), and we blunder home in the dark, if the moon doesn't appear at night, because they are "careful" of the rate-payers' money! We have no sewerage scheme, and when that comes, and it must come soon, goodness knows what we shall have to pay in rates if something isn't done to stop this wilful expenditure of money by this clique of Freemasons.

DISGUSTED.

To the Editor of the DAILY ARGUS.

SIR,—As one of the much-abused Masons of Tamworth, and as one who knows more of the real facts of our municipal life than Mr. Alldritt is ever competent to find out, I crave permission to place a few facts before your numerous readers to show that the Masons of Tamworth, like their Brethren throughout England who are similarly placed, have faithfully discharged the public trust which their fellow townsmen have reposed in them for many years, and that the foul libels to which they are being subjected are due to the fact that they will not bow the knee to Baal.

It is almost impossible to fix our slanderers down to a single definite statement. Of insinuations and innuendoes there are plenty, but life is too short to endeavour to show the baselessness of these, as your readers must admit. The Ratepayers' Association here has been absolutely captured by Mr. Alldritt. When the Association was started, everyone had a good word for it, but its real object was soon seen. The moment there was an endeavour made to reply to mis-statements the Committee constituted themselves an inner circle—a modern Star Chamber—sat in judgment upon applicants for membership, and actually refused membership to several well-known gentlemen, who, it is needless to add, were not abject admirers of Mr. Alldritt. The Association now exists to register faithfully the decrees of Mr. Alldritt. It is a case distinctly of the tail wagging the dog.

The attack upon Freemasonry has arisen in this way. For a year past Mr. Alldritt has been assiduously endeavouring to find evidences of maladministration of the town's affairs, and, as was to be expected, he has totally failed in his quest. He also boldly asserted that courage, determination and disinterestedness were almost absent virtues on the Rural District Council, and for failing to prove his statement when requested to do so, his colleagues on that body passed a vote of censure upon him.

Now, the municipal election is rapidly approaching, and on 1st November Mr. Alldritt will commence the last year of his present term of office as a Councillor. He is credited with a strong desire to be elected Mayor of the town. Unless he secures a majority of his own followers on the Council, he cannot be Mayor. He has obtained four candidates to go to the poll next Friday. He cannot raise a cry in their favour on the ground of mal-administration of the town's affairs; so he has developed a personal attack against the most respected members of the Council because they are Freemasons. Every thinking person with a knowledge of the world knows that Freemasons are debarred by every sense of honour from taking part as Masons in public matters, but Mr. Alldritt knows better, and the members of the Ratepayers' Association, into whom he pours his native eloquence as one pours water into a bucket, swallow with eagerness every allegation, no matter what it is, that he makes about men who were working hard in the public interest before he was born.

Your correspondent "Working Man," who has evidently supped heartily of the mental pabulum provided so liberally by Mr. Alldritt says the town is honeycombed with Freemasonry. Will you believe, sir, that the local Lodge comprises only about fifty members, and that nearly one-half of these are non-residents or non-attenders? According to Mr. Alldritt's own showing, there are only six Masons on the Council out of a membership of sixteen. Where does Masonic domination come in? Again, according to Mr. Alldritt, there are nine committees of the Council, with a total membership of 75; of these 34 are Masons! Where is the oppression here?

If public positions of note are held by Masons, it is solely on account of the fact that the Masons in question—and there are only three or four who can be considered in this respect—are elderly gentlemen, who have for years given a great part of their time, their talent, and their money to the work of the town. They are never weary in well-doing, and the town has honoured them for what they have done. Would that the same could be said of their opponents.

In your issue of this evening you state with respect to Alderman Martineau—"It is worth remembering that never in the history of the Council has an alderman been refused re-election, and to create a precedent of the kind under such circumstances would indeed be a disgrace." Sir, it is the case here, that to remove an alderman this year is one of the avowed objects of Mr. Alldritt. The majority of Tamworth people feel that the good name of the town is, as you fairly observe with regard to your own City Council, "being dragged in the mire by unscrupulous zealots, who have no respect either for age, character, or life-long service."

It is a notable fact that almost the whole of the £4,000 required to purchase our Castle for the public enjoyment has been secured by a Mason in the Council, and of that money £300 has been subscribed by one Mason, who also some years ago erected a public baths and institute for the town, as well as a Cottage Hospital for the district, which has been a great boon. You might search from now to Doomsday to find a record of the subscriptions to the Castle Purchase Fund of Mr. Alldritt's principal supporters. These same gentlemen have consistently "crabbed" every attempt to obtain a good sewerage scheme for the town and district, which is urgently wanted, and yet your correspondent "Disgusted" blames the Freemasons because there is no sewerage scheme!

I must end this long letter, although my subject is far from being exhausted.

A. M. SCULTHORPE, Ex-Mayor.

## FIRE AT A WELL KNOWN JEWELLER'S.

A FIRE occurred in the basement and workshops of Bro. W. J. Carroll, 20 London Street, opposite Fenchurch Street Station, on Monday, and was fortunately got under before reaching the front shop. Had it occurred at night we shudder to think what the result must have been, nothing less than the complete loss of the whole of the valuable stock of gems, jewellery, watches, clocks, &c., &c., for which our Brother is so renowned. The fire is supposed to have originated through a passer-by dropping a lighted match into the basement, where some packing cases were waiting for the carriers to fetch away. Luckily the outbreak was discovered by a lad who at once gave the alarm. Unfortunately he was slightly burned on the face. Bro. Carroll and his assistants did the best in their power until the brigade arrived, fortunately just in time. The mishap will in no way interfere with the business, as the workshops at the other place of business of Bro. Carroll, in Beer Lane, Great Tower Street can accommodate all requirements until the damage is repaired.

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THE Committee of the Bethnal Green Free Library are in great want of funds to wipe out a debt that sadly cripples the extension of their unique work, especially now that the long, dark nights are set in, and bring the usual crowd that seek admission. As stated by a writer lately, the Free Library is far reaching in its effects, for it gives the girls and boys a bright, warm room to read in, with literature which they wish to read, saving them from the terror of the street, and it gives the men a cheery room to sit and read the papers in, thus proving a veritable "Place of Refuge." Contributions in any form will be gratefully received by the Treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., at the Bank, 54 Lombard Street, E.C.; by the Bankers, Barclay and Co., at the same address, or by the Secretary and Librarian, at the Bethnal Green Free Library, London, N.E.

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

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- APOLLO. 8, Kitty Grey. Matinee, Saturday, 2.  
 AVENUE. 7.45, Between the Dances. 8.30, The Night of the Party. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.  
 COMEDY. 8.15, When we were Twenty-one. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
 COVENT GARDEN. Friday, 8th November, 11, Grand Fancy Dress Ball.  
 CRITERION. 8.30, The Undercurrent. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.  
 DALY'S. 8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 DRURY LANE. 7.45, The Great Millionaire. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.45.  
 DUKE OF YORK'S. 8, The Sentimentalist. Matinee, Wednesday.  
 GAIETY. 8, The Toreador. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.  
 GARRICK. 8, Iris. Matinee, Saturday, 2.  
 GR. QUEEN STREET. 8.15, A Royal Betrothal. 9, Uncles and Aunts.  
 HAYMARKET. 8.30, The Second in Command. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.  
 HER MAJESTY'S. 8, The Last of the Dandies. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
 LYCEUM. 8, Sherlock Holmes. Matinee, Saturday, 2.  
 LYRIC. 8, The Silver Slipper. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.  
 PRINCE OF WALES'S. 8, Becky Sharp. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
 PRINCESS'S. 8, The Two Little Vagabonds. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.15.  
 ROYALTY. 8.30, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.15. Thursday and Saturday, 3, Beyond Human Power.  
 SAVOY. 8.15, The Emerald Isle. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.  
 ST. JAMES'S. 8.15, The Likeness of the Night. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
 SHAFTESBURY. 8, Charity begins at Home. 9, Are you a Mason? Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
 STRAND. 8, A Chinese Honeymoon. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
 TERRY'S. 8.15, A Tight Corner. 10, Sheerluck Jones. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.  
 VAUDEVILLE. 8, Scrooge. 9, Sweet and Twenty. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday 2.  
 WYNDHAM'S. 8.30, The Mummy and the Humming Bird. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.  
 ALEXANDRA. Next week, 7.45, Mrs. Dane's Defence.  
 GRAND. Next week, 7.45, The Still Alarm.  
 OPERA HOUSE, CROUCH END. Next week, 8, The Ballad Singer.  
 ALHAMBRA. 7.45, Variety Entertainment, Gretna Green, Inspiration, &c.  
 AQUARIUM. Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c.  
 CANTERBURY. 8, Variety Entertainment.  
 EMPIRE. 8, Variety Entertainment. Les Papillons, &c.  
 LONDON PAVILION. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
 METROPOLITAN. 8, Variety Entertainment.  
 OXFORD. 8, Variety Entertainment. Saturday 2.15 also.  
 PALACE. 7.45, Variety Entertainment. American Biography, &c. Saturday, 2 also.  
 TIVOLI. 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
 CRYSTAL PALACE. Varied attractions daily.  
 EGYPTIAN HALL. 3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
 LONDON HIPPODROME. 2 and 8, Varied attractions.  
 M. DAME TUSSAUD'S (Baker Street Station). Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.