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TIME QUALIFICATION FOR W.M.

WE are by no means surprised that the opinion of the Board of General Purposes, in regard to the reading of Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions, as set out for consideration at this week's meeting of Grand Lodge, has been rejected by the representatives of the Craft in unmistakable terms; and we can only express our surprise that anything so absurd was ever put forward by the ruling authority of the Order, as the reading it was sought to make applicable in future.

The Rule in question deals with the qualifications of candidates for the Master's chair, the actual wording being, that the members of every Lodge shall annually elect its Master by ballot, from among those of its members "who have served for one year the Office of Master or Warden" in a regular Lodge warranted under the English Constitution.

This Rule has worked well and, we were going to say, is universally understood throughout English Lodges, but we must not go so far, in view of what has recently occurred, for it seems that a certain section of the Brotherhood are unable to understand the plain English therein expressed, or have been led away by the "lawyer" element of Grand Lodge, in this latest example of the endeavour to introduce legal quibbles into the peaceful working of Freemasonry. The point at issue has arisen through the inability of a certain Brother to attend his Lodge Installation meetings for the purpose of being "invested" with the collar of Warden—Junior and Senior in turn—although he has attended subsequent meetings, and by actual service has qualified for the necessary twelve months as a Warden, that is to say, he actually worked in each Office for a period of eight months, or nearly a year and a half in the two, and was only prevented by duty to the State from being present on the Installation nights. But this way of reckoning is assuming that a Brother appointed to Office in a Lodge only starts duty when he has been "invested." We are of opinion that the mere "appointment" to Office, with notification of acceptance thereof, is sufficient to constitute an actual "holding," and that a Brother who discharged all the duties of a Wardenship so far as he was able, though he was not once actually present in Lodge, being, for matter of argument, we will suppose, indisposed on each night of meeting, would still have qualified, and be entitled to election to the Chair. This, perhaps, is taking the extremely wide view of the case, but the rendering as sought by the Board of General Purposes goes much further in the opposite direction, as they suggested that "the service of Warden under Rule 130 must be in regard of one of the Wardens' Chairs, either Senior or Junior, for one complete year, from the period of investment."

The Grand Registrar, in supporting this ruling urged that as two halfpennies would not do for a penny in the slot machine, so part services in the two Wardens' Chairs could not be allowed to count as qualification as "a" Warden. But that quibble was speedily upset when it was pointed out that two halfpennies were legal tender for a penny long before slot machines were thought of, and were so even now.

Sir John Monckton, who occupied the Chair of Senior Warden in Grand Lodge, led the opposition, and said the question was before Grand Lodge as the result of a very narrow majority in the Board of General Purposes. Ultimately the point was put to the vote and on a show of hands difficulty arose as to which side really carried the day. As a result Grand Lodge divided, and the votes were counted, the result being that the recommendation of the Board was rejected, by about 360 votes to 280, a result which was long and loudly cheered.

The division amply demonstrated the difficulty of securing a reliable count of Grand Lodge, the way in which the result was arrived at being very unsatisfactory, and, as a matter of fact, we question whether the Brethren in the gallery were counted at all, although we think it might be fairly said they were unanimous in vetoing the decision arrived at by the Board of General Purposes.

All's well that ends well, but an experience such as this should teach ordinary members of Grand Lodge that they must at all times be prepared for surprises, and must carefully weigh the probable results of even the most innocent looking propositions. Had the Rule been altered as was desired it would have pressed most harshly on many occasions. Let us assume, for sake of argument, that the Senior Warden of a Lodge dies during his term of Office and that the Junior is promoted—the result, in the opinion of the Board—would be that he was disqualified for the Chair, or rather that he had not qualified by service as Warden. Happily, however, there is little fear of such an anomaly arising, now that Grand Lodge has upheld in such marked terms the common sense reading of Rule 130.

Great sympathy was evoked for the Lodge primarily interested in the discussion—the Regent's Park, No. 2202—which had been temporarily deprived of its rights, and prevented from having a representative at the Installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall (through a misunderstanding it was sought to explain in Grand Lodge, although most of us are able to imagine what "misunderstanding" means, when it is sought to demonstrate that might is right). A very large proportion of the Brethren present—even the Grand Registrar, who in his official capacity had charge of the case "against" the Lodge, and many who supported him—felt that the principal Officers of the Regent's Park Lodge deserved sympathy in the trouble that had befallen them, while no inconsiderable number of those who voted considered that the thanks of the Craft were due to the Lodge for bringing so important a matter forward, and persevering in the struggle until the subject was brought to so creditable an issue.

The eighty-second birthday of our distinguished Brother Dean Hole, who recently published another interesting book of reminiscences, occurred on 5th inst. A memorable event in the Dean's career, says the "Week End," will take place in the course of the next few months, for he then completes his sixtieth year as a Freemason.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE report of the Provincial Charity Committee states that no candidate for either of the Central Masonic Charities has claimed its support during the past year. A donation of £10 has been given to the widow of a late Brother of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, and one of £10 to a Brother who was, at one time, a member of the John o' Gaunt Lodge, No. 523. A grant of £2 has also been made to the widow of a late member of the Hinckley Lodge, No. 50. In addition, the sum of 10 guineas was voted by Provincial Grand Lodge to the South African Masonic Relief Fund, to be paid out of the Provincial Charity Fund.

Bro. R. B. Starkey P.M. 1391 Prov.S.G.W. represented the Province as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in June, and took up a list amounting to £603 15s. This is a record sum from this Province to the Boys School, and at this Festival, with the exception of the Chairman's Province, was only exceeded by one other individual list. The Committee beg to tender to Bro. Starkey their heartiest thanks for his successful appeals.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution claims the support of the Province during the coming year, and the Committee recommend that Bro. H. J. Grace P.M. 2028 P.P.G.Std.Br. be the Steward to represent Prov.G.Lodge at the forthcoming Festival.

The accounts of the Committee have been audited, and show a balance of £89 14s 8d standing to the credit of the Charity Fund.

In referring to the Kelly Memorial Fund, it is stated the Fund still lacks the support it so richly deserves, and that the Committee have had with deep regret to call attention for three years in succession to the smallness of the contributions which have been received.

In 1899 the total was only £56 10s 3d, in 1900 £47 2s 11d, and for the present year but little over that of the past year, namely, £54 8s 3d. Doubtless the appeals made on behalf of the Central Masonic Charitable Institutions have had a deterrent effect on the claims of the Kelly Memorial Fund, but the Committee again respectfully submit that the duty of supporting the local Benevolent Fund ought to be more fully recognised. It is anticipated that at the next meeting of the Committee at least one application for an educational grant will be submitted on behalf of the son of a deceased member of one of the local Lodges, whose age renders him ineligible for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it is also understood that further similar applications may come forward in the near future. Obviously with only the small income now available on the relief account, but little can be done in this direction.

Once again, therefore, the Committee very earnestly beg that this excellent Charity may in future receive much greater attention and support than has been afforded in the past, not only on account of the merits of the Charity itself, but also with the object of keeping prominently before the Craft in the Province the long, faithful, and valuable Masonic services of the lamented deceased Brother in whose name the Fund has been established. In particular, it is strongly urged that the several Lodges in the Province should regularly make an annual contribution from their funds. During the past year only the Provincial Grand Chapter and two private Lodges have contributed.

The following is the twenty-third annual report of the Committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, for the year ending 30th September 1901, to be submitted for adoption at the general meeting to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, in January, 1902; For several years past the Committee in presenting their annual report have referred with pleasure to the continued success of the Association, and to the amounts paid over to the Central Masonic Charities. They have been enabled on several occasions to report that the year under consideration had been a record one, and to congratulate the members thereon. In their last annual report the Committee stated that during the year ending 30th September 1900, there had been paid to the Central Masonic Charities the sum of £231, which was the largest amount ever paid by the Association in one year. The Committee feel it an especial pleasure now to be able to report that during the past year the amount paid was not only equal to, but substantially exceeded that sum.

At the general meeting and annual drawing, held on the 9th February 1901, fifty-five nominations for Life-Subscriptions were drawn, and the following sums were afterwards paid, viz.:—To the Benevolent Institution, £5 5s, to the Boys School, £283 10s, making a grand total of £288 15s.

For the purpose of comparison the amounts paid during the last six years are given, as follow:

1896 £141 15s, 1897 £178 10s, 1898 £225 15s, 1899 £220 10s, 1900 £231 0s, 1901 £288 15s, a total on the six years of £1,286 5s.

It is the earnest wish of the Committee that all will unite to maintain and ensure the success and usefulness of the Association. New members must be enrolled every year, and subscribers can greatly assist the Committee by mentioning the objects and advantages of the Association to Brethren who are not members. The Committee are pleased to report that during the past year thirty-two new members have been obtained, while they record with regret the deaths of five subscribing and past members of this Association.

All subscriptions become due on the 1st October in each year, and should be paid to the Secretary, or to the account of the Association at the London City and Midland Bank, or any of its branches.

The general meeting and annual drawing for Life-Subscriptions will be held in or near January next. Names of new members should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, from whom the prospectus, bye-laws, and any information relating to the Association can be obtained.

The names of the representatives of Lodges, who will also be pleased to receive the names of new members and afford information, and other particulars as to the Association, will be found on pages 32 and 91 of the Provincial Calendar for the present year.

The Albert Edward Lodge, No. 707, holding from the Scottish Constitution, and meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, is enjoying prosperity, and is active in maintaining the traditions of Masonry. The Lodge meeting-place, however, is a burden, in point of a heavy rent, and at the last meeting, on the motion of Bro. Wm. Paterson I.P.M., who was recently in Glasgow on a visit, it was resolved that an endeavour be made to get one representative from each Lodge meeting in the same premises, and that they be empowered to secure other premises. Bro. Percy Smith was appointed to represent No. 707. At the same meeting expressions of sympathy and condolence were recorded towards two Brethren of the Lodge who had met with sad bereavements in their respective families. Bro. Ramsay, a member of Clydesdale and an affiliate of No. 707, and Bro. Paterson I.P.M. reported on their recent visit to Scotland, expressing gratification in the manner they had been received while in Glasgow.—"Glasgow Evening News."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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INTERLOPING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your interesting article under the above title in your issue of 23rd inst. has attracted considerable attention in our district, and many have been the discussions upon it. It is difficult to believe that any Brother—especially an Officer of Grand Lodge—would so far violate his obligation as to practically force his way where he had no legitimate right to be. I quite agree with the authorities you quote "that such a thing was not likely to happen" in this country. But it has occurred, and the punishment meted out to the defaulter is most inadequate. Such a man is eminently unfit to be a Freemason, his honours as a Grand Officer should be immediately revoked, and he should be suspended, say for twelve months, from his Lodge, or for a further period until he has purged his offence by ample apology. The mild form of censure is absurd, and would tend rather to induce others to go and do likewise. The admonition to the Lodge is uncalled for, because no one would venture to question the presence of a Grand Lodge Officer, and the admonition would appear rather more suited to Grand Lodge itself, for appointing an Officer who had not passed the chair. The case is exceedingly unsatisfactory, but it has been reduced to absurdity by the action of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER,

CONSECRATIONS.

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Chingford Lodge, No. 2859.

THE Consecration of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, under most auspicious circumstances. Several Officers of the Grand Lodge of England and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex graced the occasion with their presence, and though the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick was unfortunately prevented, by indisposition, from performing the ceremony as he had intended, yet his place was efficiently filled by Bro. Thomas J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Ralling was assisted by Bros. H. J. J. Price Prov.S.G.W., Walter J. Tull Prov.J.G.W., the Rev. Elsan I. Colnett Prov.G.Chaplain, Albert Lucking P.G.P. Prov.G.D.C., and Richard Clowes P.G.Std.Br. as I.G. Among others present were Bros. William Shurmur P.G.Std.Br., James Speller P.G.S.B., A. H. Brooks P.G.Std.Br., William Gower P.P.G.T., N. Fortescue P.P.G.T., J. P. Trounce P.P.G.T., A. J. Constable P.P.G.D., B. Leghorn P.P.A.D.C., Rev. C. C. Waters P.P.G.C., J. R. Johnson P.P.G.D., W. G. Synnot P.P.G.R., A. S. Gardiner P.P.D.C., C. R. Allen Prov.G.D., C. J. Smith Prov.G.T., J. P. Sayer Prov.G.S.B., J. C. Twinn P.P.G.W., Jethro Ambrose P.P.G.D., W. L. Crow Asst.G.S., J. S. Wilkinson P.P.G.P., F. Taylor P.M. 2256, K. M. Yeoman P.M. 2467, Geo. H. Pizey W.M. 2374, H. L. Pridmore W.M. 2749, Horatio Miller W.M. 2501, Thos. Powell W.M. 2182, Reg. T. W. Bodilly W.M. 453, John Davies P.M. 1309, E. G. Tilley P.M. 1237, G. Emblin P.M. 2432, A. Holmes W.M. 2256, H. C. Hill W.M. 2467, Amos Oakden W.M. 2472, C. H. Halford P.M. 1607, John Ives P.M. 1472, Walter Fortescue P.M. 2374, W. H. Brough J.W. 1343, C. T. Papworth J.D. 2256, A. W. Martin 2717, J. R. Friend 2374, W. W. West 2664, F. C. Godding 2467, H. A. Penstone 1707, W. J. Imbry 1309, J. W. Atto 2467.

The proceedings commenced at half-past four, when the Consecrating Officers entered and were duly saluted by the Brethren, who had previously assembled, and the ceremony proceeded on the usual lines. The oration by Bro. the Rev. Elsan Colnett was so essentially practical and was so much enjoyed that we give it in extenso. He said:

In making a few remarks upon "the nature and principles of the Institution of Freemasonry" one of the chief difficulties is that of definition. To define a simple thing is often a difficult task; but when we have to deal with so complex an Institution as Freemasonry, it is not easy to express in a few words those essential things which mark it off from bodies which appear to resemble it. We sometimes speak of it as "a system of morality"—but however useful a definition that may be for the immediate needs of a neophyte we all feel it is not complete. Freemasonry is a Brotherhood; it is a ritual; it is one of the vastest and most wonderful Charity organisations the world has ever seen.

But what are its essentials, its "nature and principles"?

Perhaps it will help us if we endeavour to separate it from some of the things which seem most to resemble it. For instance, we often say "Freemasonry is not a religion." There are times when opposition comes from a certain quarter asserting that we are a "sect," and then we feel bound to stoutly maintain this position. But when we say Freemasonry is not a religion, which is most certainly true, we must be careful lest we imply more than the words express. The word "religion" is used in more senses than one. We speak, for instance, of the Christian or Jewish or Mohammedan "religions," and as Max Müller reminds us we can speak in that sense of a man changing his religion, just as he may change the language he has been accustomed to use. "But," he goes on to say, "as there is a faculty of speech in man independent of all spoken languages, so there is a faculty of religious faith in man independent of all religions." Yes, there is a faculty within us which makes religion natural to us, a faculty which finds its sphere of exercise only in the search after God. And Freemasonry must indeed not be labelled a "religion," but is in every sense religious, for it recognises this which we may call the religious faculty.

Oliver Wendell Holmes expresses something like the same idea when he speaks in his "Poet of the Breakfast Table," of the possibly of a "Broad" Church. He explains the idea as that of a body of men, not united because they held in common a very large number of opinions as against the rest of the world, but united by a few things

they "held in common and in spite of many other differences." Freemasonry, he says, "gives an idea of such a Church." It may; but in suggesting the idea it must not be confounded with the realisation of it. Freemasonry is not a religion, a sect or a Church.

But it is essentially religious, and I think you will agree with me that the first thing we must notice if we would understand its nature and principles, is, that it recognises that elemental religious faculty, and seeks to develop it. It does not compete with the historical religious, nor seek to occupy their place. It is, however, based upon that religious faculty in man, and though it only asks of its adherents a simple declaration of faith in God, yet it expects that declaration to be made sincerely and unreservedly. So it is, that the moment a candidate enters the Lodge and has declared himself free and of full age, that he is asked to kneel while the blessing of the Supreme Governor of the Universe is sought, and the very next phrase he is called upon to utter, has the name of God as its principal word. And while the Volume of the Sacred Law lies ever open in the Lodge, it is for no mere show; every symbol, every ceremony finds its significance in the Sacred Book and, with special regard to the work in which we are now engaged, we are taught in our Lectures, that a Lodge being finished, furnished, and decorated, we dedicate it to God and His service.

Yes, the Lodge is a temple indeed. We sprinkle it with corn to denote plenty and abundance, we pour wine upon it, to signify joy and cheerfulness; oil, for peace and harmony; we sprinkle salt for hospitality and friendship. But we do more. We burn sweet incense. That, we are reminded, we burn before the Lord. It is offered in conjunction with prayer; it is the symbol of ascending prayer, the sign of our belief in an ever-listening God, and in an over-ruling Providence.

But Freemasonry does not rest in the recognition of God, and in His worship in a Lodge ornamented with a beautiful symbolism of divine things. It teaches that no man ever renders the Great Architect of the Universe true homage who does not strenuously endeavour to share His moral character. So we learn in our Lodges not only to pay reverence to the Divine name, but to work the work of the Divine Architect. Thus, recognising that He is Father of all, Freemasonry is a Brotherhood, and we say with legitimate pride that our Order is founded on the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Outward reverence to God we believe to be seemly, but that inward reverence of spirit which manifests itself in deeds, that we esteem highest of all. That which we learn in our Lodges of the nature and attributes of the Supreme Being we learn not simply for contemplation, or even for admiration, but, for imitation.

Brethren, how necessary then it is for us often to recall this, that we may maintain this high ideal, especially we who are gathered here to-day ought to feel this responsibility, for this is not an ordinary gathering of the Craft, many here are of high standing in Masonry, and we have met for a purpose—the establishment of a new centre of Masonic light and influence. Our work to-day is, to a certain extent, that of propaganda. We are establishing a new centre, and we shall leave it in the hands of those we call the Founders of this new Lodge. We wish them to be imbued with the true Masonic spirit. They have the great responsibility of maintaining the honour of Masonry in this new centre. Only a lofty conception of the nature and purposes of the Order will enable them to do this. If they esteem Masonry lightly, the result of their work will be inconsiderable, perhaps even pernicious, for they may even degrade the Order for many generations to come. It is not enough to regard being a Mason as a kind of amusement, or a means of social intercourse; our object is that all men may be permeated with the true spirit of our noble Institution.

I confess that I look upon the future of this Lodge with great interest, and not alone because I have the honour of assisting at its consecration. The circumstances of Chingford are very much like those of her neighbour Loughton, where I reside, and where the Bagshaw Lodge meets, of which I am a member. I know well how good an influence the Bagshaw Lodge has upon our village life. I have often been able to trace increased harmony and Brotherly love in our village community, to its source in our Lodge. I am a parish priest, through and through, and I think there is no higher tribute that I can pay to Masonry than to say that I have always found it a help in my parish work to be a Mason

among Masons, and to be a member of a Lodge actually meeting in the place where I labour. I am confident the same good results will be realised here. May it be so, and may the Great Architect of the Universe shed His abundant blessing upon the Lodge we are about to consecrate.

The Lodge having been constituted and dedicated, the Patriarchal Benediction was given and this part of the programme was brought to a successful termination.

Bro. Albert Lucking then assumed the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. George R. Brown as first Master of the Lodge. This ceremony was very ably rendered by Bro. Lucking.

The following Officers were then appointed: Brothers Frederick Taylor as I.P.M., Sydney Fortescue S.W., J. Parkinson Watts J.W., S. C. Rhodes Treasurer, Charles T. Papworth Secretary, Harry Bird S.D., G. H. Pizey J.D., W. W. West I.G., K. M. Yeoman D.C., F. C. Gooding Steward, and I. Ives Tyler.

Each of the Officers was presented with a Founder's jewel in bronze, and it is worthy of note that it has been agreed the cost of the Past Master's jewel shall not exceed one guinea, because it is intended to devote as much money as possible to the Masonic Charities. This laudable example is worthy of wide imitation.

Bro. Geo. R. Brown W.M. was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the Founders were appointed to frame the bye-laws to be submitted at the next meeting.

Letters regretting absence were read from several distinguished Freemasons, notably from Col. A. R. M. Lockwood, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, who was consecrating the West Essex Lodge; and Judge Philbrick, who sent his best wishes for the success of the Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officers for their services, and the honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon them. Brother Ralling acknowledged the compliment, and trusted that the Lodge would be a source of honour and strength to the Province.

Several initiates and joining members were proposed, and the visitors having tendered their congratulations, the Lodge was closed, after which the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

The company, numbering nearly 80 Brethren, thoroughly enjoyed the excellent dinner provided, and their pleasure was enhanced by the announcement of the Master that, as a long musical programme had been arranged, he hoped the speeches would be as brief as possible.

During the evening a telegram was sent to the Earl of Warwick informing him that the Lodge had been duly constituted, and wishing him better health. His lordship replied that he was still in bed, and sent his hearty good wishes for the future success of the Lodge.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the W.M., and received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. James Speller, in a neat little speech, responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bros. William Shurmur, the Rev. E. I. Colnett, and W. J. Tull acknowledged the toast of the Provincial Officers. Bro. Ralling again replied for the Consecrating Officers; and the Master and Visitors completed the list.

The music in the Lodge and after dinner was under the direction of Bro. W. Emerson, assisted by Bros. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, Charles Strong, and Horace Reynolds, who gave the anthems during the ceremony, and some capital glees afterwards, with excellent effect. Miss Kate Peake, a young soprano vocalist, achieved a success by the pleasing rendering of her songs.

Everything was capitally arranged, and the Founders are to be congratulated upon the satisfactory result that crowned their efforts.

Ceres Lodge, No. 2879.

AN interesting function took place at Swaffham, on Tuesday of last week, when this Lodge was added to the roll of the Province of Norfolk. For some time past it had been felt by Masons residing in and about the town, and by those who expressed a desire to join the Craft, that a meeting place should be nearer at hand than Dereham or Lynn. After due consideration it was determined to form a Lodge in the town, and in response to an application made to the ruling powers in London, a Warrant, signed by the Duke of Connaught, was granted on 4th October. The promoters also found themselves particularly fortunate in being able to secure

such a handsome building as the Assembly Rooms in which to establish themselves.

The names of the Founders of the Lodge are as follow: Bros. Lord Amherst of Hackney P.G.W. 52, Henry T. Arnold 1114, R. T. H. Bodilly W.M. 453, Jacob E. Brown I.G. 107, Sir William H. B. Ffolkes P.M. 107, John Green P.M. 996, George Hare P.M. 1193, Horace J. Heyhoe I.G. 1114, Herbert R. Heyhoe 1114, Thomas S. Matthews 1114, Hugh L. Overman 1114, Edmund Reeve P.M. 52, Frederick R. Sadler 107, C. Winlove Smith P.M. 107, Stephen F. Stackard P.M. 807, Augustus W. Thomas 1114, G. Arthur Walker 996, Henry Warne P.M. 1500.

The beautiful ceremony of Consecration was performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the Prov.G.M. Bro. Hamon le Strange P.G.D., who was ably assisted by his Officers.

Bro. Hamon le Strange briefly addressed the Brethren on the object of the meeting, and prayer was offered. The Chaplain delivered an eloquent and carefully prepared oration on the principles of the Order. The office of Consecration was then proceeded with according to the usual ritual and practice. Solemn music was sung by the Cathedral Quartet Party—Bros. Holden, Brookes, Thouless, and Brockbank—the pieces including the anthem "Behold how good and joyful," and Himmel's "Incline Thine ear."

Immediately following the close of the Consecration service Bro. George Hare was installed by the Prov.G.M. as the first W.M. of the Ceres Lodge.

The following were then invested as Officers for the year: Bros. Lord Amherst of Hackney P.G.W. P.M. 52 P.P.S.G.W. I.P.M., G. Arthur Walker S.W., John Green P.M. 996 P.Prov. J.G.D. J.W., Sir William H. B. Ffolkes P.M. 107 P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, Herbert R. Heyhoe Secretary, Thos. S. Matthews S.D., Augustus W. Thomas J.D., Stephen F. Stackard P.M. 807 P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Henry T. Arnold I.G., Jacob E. Brown Organist, Frederick B. Sadler Steward, Charles Brewster Tyler.

Before the Lodge was closed Brother Lord Amherst addressed some weighty words to the Brethren, and thanked Bro. Hamon le Strange for the admirable way he had carried out his duties as Consecrating Officer.

Ten candidates were proposed for initiation, and there appears every prospect that the new Lodge dedicated to "God and His service" has started on a very prosperous career.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served in the fine Assembly Hall, the catering of Bro. W. Grix, of Norwich, satisfying and delighting everyone. The usual Masonic toasts were cordially drank, the health of the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy being received with unbounded enthusiasm.

At the instance of Bro. Hamon le Strange, Bro. Hare's health was very heartily pledged.

The Norwich Cathedral Glee Party gave renderings of some choice part music, which was greatly appreciated; and Bro. J. H. Brockbank sang Calcott's "Friend of the Brave" in his well-known stirring style.

We recently referred to the case of a Brother elected as Treasurer of a Lodge for the forty-fifth year in succession. The Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle is running in the same direction, having recently elected Bro. F. Harvey P.P.S.G.W. as its Treasurer for the thirty-sixth consecutive year. It would seem the office of Treasurer is regarded as a permanent appointment in some of the Private Lodges, whatever may be said in regard to the appointment in Grand Lodge.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE death occurred on Friday, 29th ult., of Bro. Bugle-Major T. Thomas, at the age of 75 years. Bro. Thomas was well known in Volunteer and Masonic circles in Bristol. He had been in failing health for some time past. He was originally a member of the Bristol Rifles, but on the formation of the Engineer corps he severed his connection with the Rifles, and became an active member of the Engineers, with which corps he was connected at the time of his death, being retained on the strength beyond the age limit by special permission. He was also an enthusiastic Mason, being a Past Master of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103 (W.M. in 1884). He had also held Office in the Province of Bristol, and was a member of the Beaufort Royal Arch Chapter.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. George Richards District Grand Master of the Transvaal.

The first three items on the Agenda of business as published in our last issue were dealt with, and then H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was nominated for re-election as Grand Master; Bro. Thomas Wakley making the formal proposition, on behalf of a Brother who was absent on Circuit.

Capt. Barlow was alone nominated for the elective Office of Grand Treasurer, so that we shall be spared the excitement of a contest for that coveted post next March.

We deal elsewhere with an item in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, the result of the vote of Grand Lodge going against the Board being that the Appeal of the Regent's Park Lodge, No. 2202 was upheld. Taken altogether the meeting, which promised to be of a very quiet nature, proved to be one of the most exciting held in recent years.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

AT the Quarterly Communication, held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master presiding, the Duke of Connaught was nominated for election for the second year as Grand Master, Bro. G. Phillips Parker being his nominator.

Bro. Frank Richardson G. Reg. having been appointed by the Grand Master to the Presidency of the General Board, was invested with the insignia of his Office. Bro. F. G. Ivey was nominated for election as Grand Treasurer.

Letters were read acknowledging, on behalf of the Duke of Connaught, the vote of sympathy passed by Grand Lodge on the death of the Empress Frederick, and, on behalf of Mrs. Beach, the vote with respect to the late Bro. W. W. B. Beach.

The Earl of Euston announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. J. Strachan, K.C., Grand Registrar.

Bro. Charles Carter is to be congratulated on his unanimous election to the mayoralty of the ancient borough of Poole. His Masonic experience and ability will stand him in good stead, while the high estimation in which he is held generally should ensure for him a happy year of Office. His Brethren join in hearty good wishes and in the hope that the coming year may be one of prosperity to the town.

It has been arranged to give a complimentary farewell dinner, at the Prince's Restaurant, on the 12th inst., to Bro. Hermann Klein Past Grand Organist, the well-known musical critic and professor of singing, previous to his departure for America. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Trendell, C.M.G. Those Brethren who wish to be present on the occasion are requested to communicate with Sir Arthur Trendell, at 14 Ladbroke Square, or with Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton P.D.G.D.C., at 2 Paper Buildings, Temple.

Colonel Charles Lyne, of Brynhyfryd, Newport, twice Mayor of the Borough, and for many years head of the Craft in Monmouthshire, who died on 23rd July last, bequeathed to his daughter, Marion Alice Maud Lyne, £1,000; to his wife, £1,000 and his furniture and household effects, carriages and horses; and to his son, Charles Robert Lyne, the plate presented to him by the Masonic Fraternity in Monmouth and his jewels, regalia, and clothing. The remainder of his property he left on trust to pay the income thereof to his wife during her life, and then in equal shares for his children.

It has long been felt that an abridged edition of Gould's History was wanted, and yielding to the general desire, Bro. R. F. Gould will shortly produce in one volume, a "Concise History of Freemasonry." The book will be most welcome, for the larger edition, the first volume of which was printed in 1882, and the last in 1887, is essentially a student's book. Messrs. Gale and Polden, of Paternoster Row, are the publishers of the "Concise" History. Bro. Gould is the author also of "The Four Old Lodges," "Military Lodges," and other works. In 1858 he was W.M. of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, some of the members of which last month received a Charter for a new Lodge, to be called the Robert Freke Gould, No. 2874, Gibraltar.

It has been decided by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, which formerly met at the Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street, E.C., on Wednesday evenings, at 8 p.m., to remove to the Crown and Sceptre, Great Titchfield Street, near Oxford Street, W., and in future hold their meetings there. Bro. Frank Heywood, who was recently installed into the chair of the Parent Lodge, is the proprietor, and Brethren who can make it convenient to attend on Wednesday, at 8 p.m., will meet with a hearty welcome. Bro. Pauncefort P.M. is the Preceptor and he will be happy to assist all desirous of gaining correct Masonic knowledge.

The cosmopolitanism of London, no less than the universality of Freemasonry, was illustrated at the installation of the new Worshipful Master (Frere Jules Oppenheim) of the Lodge L'Entente Cordiale, one of the two entirely French Lodges in the metropolis—the other being La France—which work under Charters from the Grand Lodge of England. The very name of this body is of happy omen, and its friendly strength was illustrated by the presence at the function of many distinguished English members of the Craft, including the Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire Colonel Caldwell, the Grand Secretary of England Edward Letchworth, the Bishop of Barking Past Grand Chaplain, Major Woodall Past Grand Treasurer, James Fernandez and Imre Kiralfy Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and H. C. Richards, C.C., M.P., Immediate Past Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, Brighton. More than one of the visiting Brethren expressed the keenest interest in and admiration for the "working" of L'Entente Cordiale, which, of course, was entirely in French; and while both that language and English were employed in the speeches during the subsequent proceedings, the toast of the King could not have been received more enthusiastically in an entirely British assembly, while the cordial strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow," with which the English visitors hailed the health of the Worshipful Master, were obviously enjoyed by everyone present, of whatever nationality.—"Birmingham Daily Post."

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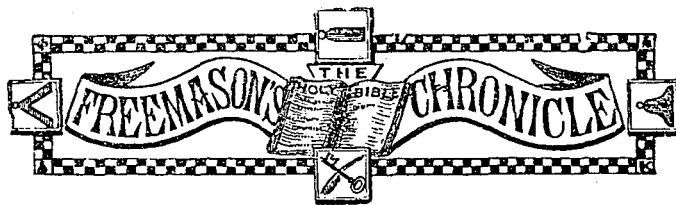
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SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 1901.

THE LOGIC CLUB.

THE regular weekly meeting of this popular Club was held on Sunday, 1st inst., at the Cavendish Rooms, Cavendish Square, W. Being Officers' day Bro. M. Miroy, a member of the Committee, was appointed to preside, a choice which gave further evidence of the sound judgment of the worthy and highly esteemed Preceptor Bro. Robert Manuel, the working of the acting Master being highly appreciated. It was, indeed, a pleasure to witness the admirable manner in which all the Officers fulfilled their duties. Those present included Bros. I. Seaman S.W., Nat. Robinson P.M. J.W., Robert Manuel P.M. Preceptor, R. D. Cummings P.M. Treas., J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. Treasurer Benevolent Association, J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. Secretary, W. Foxton S.D., R. G. Robinson P.M. J.D., Sam Garcia W.M. 2168 acting D.C., J. T. Murray Org., J. Carnaby I.G., E. Gatfield Inner Tyler, S. Ellis O.G.; A. Craddock P.M., A. G. Duck P.M., and Guy Repton P.G.D. members of the Committee; G. F. Carr, Maurice Garland, Barclay Gammon, G. H. Peters, W. J. Webster, B. McNeill, A. C. Webb P.M., T. Feistel P.M., M. Hendelsohn, N. Lyon, G. Mentasti P.M., W. Fisher P.M., W. A. Madeley, H. Saunion P.M., L. Foppoli P.M., H. C. Labes, Allen Gill, T. Fraser P.M., J. Goldstein P.M., J. Steiner, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. H. G. Danby, of the Genesius Club, and J. Wynman.

After the usual formalities Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Guy Repton P.G.D. answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. The whole of the ceremonial work was rendered in such a manner as to constitute a Masonic treat. The fact of a Past Grand Officer officiating as the candidate is worthy of special mention. It not only proved the interest taken by so high an official in the labour of the Order, but by the example set acted as a stimulus for special effort on the part of the others associated in the work. Bro. Repton is himself a good exponent of the ritual, and would not be slow to resent anything like slovenly rendition on the part of the Brother instructing him in the ceremonial—but this is never necessary at the Logic Club.

At the conclusion of the work Bro. Manuel paid a well deserved compliment to the W.M. for his excellent working, and said it was a capital idea to let Members of the Committee occasionally work a ceremony, otherwise they would get rusty. That, however, was not the case with the present W.M., who had fulfilled his duties to perfection. Bro. Miroy, in reply, said it was two years since he had officiated as W.M., and when he took the position that morning in the Club, he felt a little strange, knowing that the members were very particular about the working, especially their worthy Preceptor Bro. Manuel, but he gradually got over the nervousness, and was delighted to hear that his working had given satisfaction. He sincerely thanked their Preceptor Bro. Manuel P.M. for his compliment, and the Brethren for their encouragement.

The ballot was taken for Bros. Capt. Arthur Anthony Howell 108, Louis Joel 2535, and Antonio Parolini 2687, and proved unanimous in their favour, which compliment was acknowledged by Bros. Parolini and Joel. Bro. Capt. Howell was not present.

Bros. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br., R. D. Cummings P.M., A. G. Duck P.M., and J. Percy Fitzgerald were appointed as a Sub-Committee to arrange the annual dinner. Bros. Allen Gill and Tom Fraser were appointed to act on the Audit Committee.

Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. Treas. of the Benevolent Association said he had much pleasure in informing the W.M. and members that he had more than sufficient funds in hand for five or six ballots, which announcement was heartily received.

Bro. Dr. J. Eyre will officiate to-morrow (Sunday). After some communications and discussions the meeting was closed,

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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ROYAL ARCH.

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Sympathy Chapter, No. 483.

A CONVOCATION was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Tuesday, 25th ult., when Comp. William Hawker M.E.Z. presided. The other chairs were filled by Comps. Robert J. Beamish P.Z. as H., and Frank Hitchens P.P.G.Reg. as J.

The Chapter having been formally opened the Companions were admitted, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. David Thomas Mulley, who had been previously elected, was then introduced and was regularly exalted to the supreme degree. The ceremony was creditably rendered by Comps. Hawker, C. Percy Bowen P.S., and Ernest Ingman S.N. The lectures were delivered by Comps. Orlton Cooper S.E., J. Percy White P.P.G.Std. Bearer, and Hawker.

It was decided to have a Chapter of Improvement in connection with the Chapter, and the necessary expenses were voted by the members. There being no further business the convocation was brought to a termination, and the Companions subsequently dined together.

Plume Chapter, No. 1024.

INSTALLATION OF COMPANION J. PHILLIPS SAYER.

THE annual meeting was held (by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Superintendent His Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C.), in the new Masonic Hall, Maldon, on Wednesday, 20th ult., when the Principals for the ensuing year were installed as under, the ceremony being ably performed by Comp. John J. C. Turner P.Z. 51 P.P.G.J., Comps. J. Phillips Sayer Z., Donald Gotto H., and E. E. Eve J.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Turner for his kindness in attending and performing so ably the installation ceremony, and that Companion, in responding, stated that this was the eleventh time he had worked this ceremony for the Chapter, and he had the unique and distinguished honour of having installed all the Principals of the Chapter since its consecration.

Pursuant to notice it was decided to apply to the Supreme Grand Chapter for permission to hold the future meetings of the Chapter in the new Masonic Hall. The Companions afterwards dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, an excellent repast being, as usual, served by the hostess, Mrs. Hickford.

Philbrick Chapter, No. 1662.

THE installation meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Tuesday, 19th ult.

The M.E.Z.-elect Comp. W. Gower P.P.G.Reg. Essex was unable to be present and the chair, both in the Chapter and at the banquet, was taken by Comp. W. Shurmur P.G.St.B.

Comp. Amos Oakden H.-elect had not previously occupied the chair of J., and accordingly a dispensation was obtained from Grand Chapter allowing his promotion. This was read, and he was installed as J. and then as H. Comp. G. H. Pizey was installed J., and Comp. Shurmur invested the Officers.

The report and balance sheet, submitted to the members, were highly satisfactory. A candidate was proposed for exaltation and this concluding the proceedings Chapter was closed.

The customary toasts were proposed and responded to with more than usual cordiality, the I.P.Z. Comp. J. H. Wildash being especially complimentary to the Installing Principal Comp. Shurmur, for the dignified and impressive manner in which he had performed his duties.

Songs were sung by Comps. Geo. H. Pizey, Alderman Bishop, Chas. Papworth, W. W. West, J. Hopkins, and T. Holmes.

Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890.

ON Friday, 22nd ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Comps. A. F. Hardymont P.G.D.C. Norfolk J. 1489 M.E.Z., E. Lloyd H. 890 H., A. L. Butters J. 890 J., H. Dehane Past Prov.G.P.S. Essex P.Z. 890 Scribe E., W. J. Lewis Scribe N. 890 and 173 Scribe N., H. Foskett M.E.Z. 185 890 Treasurer, F. Marchant P.S. 890 P.S., G. F. Ridge First A.S. 890 First A.S., R. N. Larter M.E.Z. 186, H. J. Dunaway 59, H. J. Pearn J.-elect 2621, C. Webster J. 1642, E. Stevens 733. Visitor: Comp. H. G. Handover 185.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearn acting as candidate.

Comp. Handover was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment.

A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Lloyd for the able manner

in which he had rehearsed the duties of H. for the first time. The M.E.Z. having risen, "hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the Chapter closed.

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

THE annual election meeting was held on Thursday of last week, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Those present included Bros. Thomas John Raylings W.M., 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., H. Townsend Org., E. H. Smyth A.D.C., E. A. Wass Stwd., Frank Lloyd I.G., Charles Plant P.M. Tyler.

The minutes being confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. E. H. C. Smyth was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and in due course that Brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. W. A. Trathen and John Goff answered the questions, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was resumed in the second degree and those Brethren were passed.

Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Mr. Ernest Joseph Bird having been highly recommended by Bro. T. A. Rawlings and by the Worshipful Master, was, after the usual formalities, duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the working was perfectly carried out.

The W.M. announced that the annual election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler would then take place. Bro. Earle Douglas Side P.M. said it was decided amongst the Past Masters that they withdraw from the ballot, and they hoped that the vote would be unanimous in favour of Bro. James Farmer S.W. The election then took place, and we were pleased to hear the announcement from the chair that Bro. Farmer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. In making the announcement, the W.M. said the chosen Brother was fully qualified for the high position. He sincerely congratulated him.

Bro. Farmer, in a few well chosen words, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their unanimous vote, and promised he would endeavour to discharge every duty that was expected of him.

Bro. W. Croxson P.M., the popular Treasurer, was re-elected; while Bro. Charles Plant P.M. on account of failing health having resigned his position as Tyler, Bro. J. Whiteman was elected to succeed him.

It was proposed that the outgoing Master should be presented on his retirement from the chair with the usual Past Master's jewel, for the able way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his year of Office. This proposition was enthusiastically received and agreed to, and the W.M. acknowledged the vote in his usual quiet way, and with evident sincerity.

The W.M., Past Masters, and Officers, with the assistance of Bros. J. Hibble, T. Jones, J. S. Smith, and D. Gunter were appointed Auditors.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that Bro. Plant, on his retirement as Tyler, should be presented with a testimonial for his past services.

Bro. Boys P.M. Secretary read a letter from a Brother who made an application for assistance, and on his proposition the applicant was relieved with ten guineas. Bro. Boys, in the name of the Brother, thanked the W.M. and members for their kindness.

The resignation of a Brother was accepted with regret, but the names of seven gentlemen were brought forward as candidates for initiation. After some other transactions the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where a nice repast was served, in the usual satisfactory manner we are accustomed to from the esteemed hostess Mrs. Venables.

After the repast the W.M. submitted the usual Loyal toasts.

Bro. Gabell I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and said he had a most important toast to submit, the health of the W.M., who was now rapidly drifting towards becoming one of the old fossils of the Lodge. He was pleased to say there were several of them, and that the W.M. would make an additional ornament among them. He had been hard at work during his year of Office, and judging by appearances it would be the same with the W.M.-elect. The present W.M. was a thoroughly good worker, he had again that evening gone through the three degrees, and the working had been done well, in fact it had been all that could be desired. He called upon the Brethren to heartily drink the health of the W.M., and the toast was received with good Masonic fire.

The W.M., in response, thanked the Brethren most cordially for the way they had received the toast given by Bro. Gabell I.P.M. He was pleased to hear he had given satisfaction; he had not so much assurance as some of the Past Masters, but from the day he had been initiated he had always endeavoured to gain the position he then occupied. His heart was with the Skelmersdale Lodge, and he hoped to show it still more in the future.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the I.P.M., whom he described as a Brother always willing to help. He had received great assistance and continued support from him during the past year. Whenever he was in trouble Bro. Gabell was always ready to assist him.

Bro. Gabell, in impressive terms thanked the Brethren for their kind reception on all occasions.

The next toast the W.M. said required a "thundering" fire—it was the health of the initiate. Neither that nor any other Lodge could go on without candidates. During the last three or four years

several good men had joined the Lodge. He had known the latest candidate since he wore petticoats, and with the exception of having initiated his own son, he was more proud and pleased in having initiated him that evening than any other candidate during his term of Office. He was the son of an old friend, a genuine and charitable Mason, and he felt sure the son would follow in the footsteps of the father. He hoped to be spared to see him in the honourable position he occupied that night, and felt sure he would become an additional ornament to the Skelmersdale Lodge. He strongly advised the candidate to make himself acquainted with the ritual of Freemasonry by attending a Lodge of Instruction, so that in case of necessity he might be able to fulfil higher duties when they were required of him.

Bro. Ernest Jos. Bird, in reply, said he was proud to have been elected a member of the Skelmersdale Lodge. His father was a Past Master of the Southwark Lodge, and he should do his best to follow in his father's footsteps. He sincerely thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and would endeavour to profit by his excellent and good advice. He sincerely thanked all the Brethren for their cordial reception.

Bro. Rawlings W.M. next gave the toast of the W.M.-elect. He said the Brethren had put a man forward who would shine in the Lodge. The W.M.-elect was a better spokesman than he, and had a very powerful voice, indeed it had been said that some of the candidates when presented to him had been frightened by his gruffness, but he was kind hearted and would make an excellent Master. The W.M.-elect might depend on the support of the Past Masters. He felt his successor would receive the same genuine support as had been accorded him during the past year. The new W.M. had worked up step by step, having received his first collar from Bro. Rowland when he was in the chair. He felt no Brother should be elected to the honourable dignity of Master unless he was qualified to occupy the position, and felt pleased in being able to say that Bro. Farmer had all the qualifications that a W.M. required. He was sure he would be a credit to the Office to which he had been elected.

Bro. Farmer W.M.-elect thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and good wishes, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a splendid manner and also for the unanimous vote by which they had elected him to the Office. The Skelmersdale Lodge was the largest in the south of London, and without the co-operation of its members it was impossible for any Master to make it flourish; it was, as the W.M. had said, the candidates who supported a Lodge. He had followed the W.M. in every Office, and was proud of being elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. He asked the Brethren to kindly pay the same attention to the gavel as they had done, and again thanked all for their unanimous vote.

The toast of the Visitors was given from the chair. The W.M. said he had intended to call upon a visitor who he found had already left with the candidate, which showed the initiate had speedily taken advantage of his association with the Craft. He now called upon Bro. Geo. Freame W.M. 548 to respond.

That Brother said that in view of the late hour he would not make a long speech in replying for the Visitors. He most heartily thanked the W.M. and members for their cordial reception, and Bro. Bell for his invitation.

Bro. J. B. Kitch Org. 1326 and other Visitors also responded for the hospitality shown them.

The W.M. next presented in complimentary terms the toast of the Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary, and the toast of the Officers of the Lodge having also been honoured the Brethren attended to the call by the Tyler, which terminated a most pleasant evening.

Amongst those present whose names have not been mentioned were Past Masters Robert Rowland, Earle Douglas Side, Humphrey Cohen, and Henry H. Buckeridge, with Bros. G. James, J. S. Smith, J. B. Thorneloe, W. Biles, G. Cutley, S. Morris, E. Smyth, J. C. Davies, F. A. Marlow, W. G. Watts, Geo. Cutler, J. Oliver Bridge, R. D. Godefroy, John Gibbs, C. Master, W. Foster, W. Rose, J. C. Davies, W. R. Hammerston, Sidney May, T. A. Rawlings, H. Levy, J. Papworth, G. Cully, T. A. Jones, T. H. Down, L. G. Bell, W. Knapman, C. Sisman, Percy and Frank Nilen, and several others.

The visitors included Bros. S. A. Gould J.W. 1949, J. B. Kitch Org. 1325, A. E. Lisborne 619, H. Dorton J.W. 2411, J. G. Barker 1632, George Freame W.M. 548, J. Wynman, J. M. Jones W.M. 2664, and Geo. Roberts.

During the evening several Brethren added greatly to the enjoyment, with displays of their musical talent. Bro. Humphrey Cohen, as usual, gave a most excellent recitation, the "Fallen Star." Frank Lloyd was in grand form, while Bros. Geo. Roberts and Webster were encored for their entertainment.

During the evening the charity box was not neglected; it realised £1 10s 6d.

INSTRUCTION.

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Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.

ON the occasion of our visit on Sunday, at Bro. Purcer's, Green Dragon, Maddox Street, W., we had the pleasure of seeing several members of the Logic Club present, who had also attended the Club the same morning. The chair was taken by Bro. A. Lothian P.M., with Bros. I. Seaman S.W., M. Miroy P.M. J.W., J. Goldstein P.M. acting Preceptor, M. Woolf S.D., W. Foxton J.D., Maurice Garland I.G., J. Cohn W.M. 1668, J. W. Webster, Leon

Rolfe, W. J. Purcer, J. Wynman, W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287, S. N. Lavington, A. C. Webb P.M. 2429.

Bro. Leon Rolfe was examined and entrusted, the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. This was followed by the ritual of raising. Bro. Goldstein P.M. worked the first section of the Lecture.

Bros. Maurice Miroy J.M. 19, A. C. Webb 2427, Maurice Garland 858, and W. Foxton 19 were elected members, and separately acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. I. Seaman was chosen W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday) when we expect to see him well supported.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

ON Monday, 25th, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., Bros. Robert Fitch sen. W.M., J. Leven S.W., W. G. Evans J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. Preceptor, H. Jones Secretary, C. Jarrett S.D., H. E. Mullins J.D., R. W. Fitch jun. Organist, A. Goldsmith I.G., Struthers D.C., E. S. Eccles, J. Sweeney, W. Hudson, H. Gulliver, T. Robinson, J. J. Best, H. Snoden, E. Groom, B. Carbur, T. Maishman, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carbur acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resumption the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Groom, who opened in the second degree and examined Bro. J. J. Best. Bro. Eccles was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was gone through. The W.M. resumed his position.

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

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

ON Wednesday, at the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. George Spice P.M. again fulfilling his position in the Lodge as Preceptor, after his severe illness.

Being Officers night, the chair was taken by Bro. Sidney W. Fells W.M. of the Mother Lodge, with Bros. Metcalfe Baillie S.W., J. Cohn J.W., A. Green Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. Dep. Prec., J. Done acting Secretary, A. Smith S.D., H. Hattersley J.D., W. Martin I.G., Henry Cohn, A. Hearn, J. C. Jackson, W. H. Johns, T. Goodchild, W. Haughton, Bushill, Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Johns candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. H. Cohn was examined as a candidate for passing, the work of that ceremony being gone through.

Bro. Spice P.M. proposed that a letter of sincere condolence and sympathy be sent to Bro. J. K. Pitt P.M., their esteemed Secretary, on the occasion of the death of his sister-in-law, and further, that a wreath be sent from the Lodge as a tangible mark of the sympathy of the Brethren. This was agreed to.

Friendship Lodge, No. 206.

ON Monday, at 5 o'clock, at Simpson's Restaurant, Cheapside, Bro. Joseph Hoffmann Secretary of the West Smithfield Lodge as W.M., H. L. Smiles Secretary S.W., J. S. Hudson J.W., C. Wetton P.M. Preceptor, Dr. Chisholm Williams W.M. of the Mother Lodge acting Secretary, J. W. C. Clarke S.D., E. H. Dodd J.D., A. A. Knight I.G., H. Clark, P. P. Kipping, H. Tabor, W. E. Jones, W. Last, C. S. Lepine, E. Leftwich, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kipping candidate. Bro. W. Last was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing gone through.

Bro. E. Leftwich I.G. 1 and W. Last 2028 were elected members. Bro. Hoffmann was complimented on the way in which he had performed the duties of the chair. Bro. H. L. Smiles, the popular Secretary of the Lodge, was elected to preside at the next weekly meeting.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

WEDNESDAY, 27th ult., at the commodious rooms of Mr. Edwin Hartley, the Farleigh Hotel, Stoke Newington, was Officers' night, and we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. B. Barton Secretary officiating as W.M., with Bros. W. E. Jeanes S.W., H. Biscoby J.W., J. A. Powell Treasurer, H. G. Gush P.M. Preceptor, H. Parsons acting Secretary, Smith S.D., F. Hemsley J.D., Willes I.G., A. Russell, J. Wynman, J. Anley, T. Feistel P.M., E. Clark, F. Bird.

Bro. Russell answered the questions and was entrusted. Bro. Parsons worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Gush Preceptor assisting the Brethren with the answers when required. The ceremony of passing was proceeded with.

Bro. Feistel P.M. worked the second section, the questions being put by the W.M.

Bro. W. E. Jeanes S.W. 548 will preside on Wednesday, when a large attendance is expected.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

ON Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, Bros. A. Cook W.M., Cooper S.W., M. Citroen J.W., H. Hyde P.M. Preceptor, W. J. Carroll I.P.M. 1227 Asst. Preceptor, John Free P.M. Treasurer, G. A. Peters P.M. Sec., J. Gardiner S.D., T. Clark J.D., H. Cohn I.G., R. Thomson W.M. 1227, A. S. Furguson, Miles P.M., T. G. Rover, R. Thain, A. Noble, G. Flatman, S. E. Farrow, J. Wynman, Godfrey, Joyce, and others.

After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed,

Bro. Thain candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resumption the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomson W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bros. Godfrey and Joyce acting as candidates.

Bro. Cooper was elected W.M. for Monday next.

We were pleased to see so young a Mason as Bro. H. Cohn—who has only recently been passed to the second degree—taking the duties of Inner Guard on this occasion, and are of opinion that in Lodges of Instruction the practice of allowing junior members to actually do some of the work might not be the least likely way of arousing their interest and enthusiasm in Freemasonry. Of course we should occasionally witness some unusual situations, but as Instruction Lodges are intended for practice and improvement little harm would be done; in fact the lessons might easily become more impressive if novelty was more frequently introduced into them. Bro. Cohn was well able to fulfil the duties of his position, and, we venture to say, knows more now of what is required on entering a Lodge than he would be likely to learn at a dozen meetings at which he was only an ordinary spectator.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

AS usual at this Lodge, there was a good attendance on Thursday, at the house of Bro. Ben DaCosta P.M., the Three Crowns, High Street, Stoke Newington. Bro. M. Moses officiated as W.M., assisted by Bros. S. Emden S.W., Myers J.W., L. Da Costa P.M. Preceptor, I. Davies Secretary, J. Richmond S.D., H. Davies J.D., M. Miller I.G., D. Moss P.P.G. StdBr., B. DaCosta, M. DaCosta, J. Oxley P.M., J. Abrahams P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halliday candidate, and that Brother afterwards gave the ancient charge.

Next Thursday being Officers' night Bro. A. E. Crabb W.M. of the Mother Lodge will officiate. Bro. Emden was elected W.M. for Thursday, 19th inst., and we expect on that occasion to see a large attendance, he being well known and deservedly popular.

A ballot in connection with the Benevolent Association was taken for a Life Governorship of ten guineas, and resulted in favour of Bro. G. Bowman.

Stuart Lodge, No. 1632.

ON Friday of last week a very good meeting was held at the Deacons Restaurant, Walbrook, E.C., when Bro. W. Yetton, one of the most capable pupils of Israel Lodge of Instruction, officiated as W.M., with Bros. Metcalfe Baillie S.W., H. E. Whitstone J.W., H. Hyde P.M. Preceptor, R. J. A. Bennett Treasurer, J. T. Whitehead Secretary, C. A. Brooke W.M. of the Mother Lodge S.D., R. S. Cobden J.D., C. Farrow I.G., W. J. Carroll I.P.M. 1227, R. F. Thomson W.M. 1227, E. Brook J.W. 1632, W. J. Yardley, J. Wynman, H. Stratford, J. Phipps.

The second ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. W. J. Carroll acting as the candidate, and then followed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Brook candidate.

Brothers H. Stratford 1685 and J. Phipps 2501 were elected members, and Bro. Metcalfe Baillie chosen W.M. for next meeting.

Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

ON Monday, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. G. Yeowell W.M., J. G. Lobb S.W., A. A. Grille J.W., J. E. Culverhouse acting Preceptor with consent of Bro. W. H. Making P.M. Dep. Preceptor, J. W. Simeons P.M. Secretary, C. Blake S.D., B. A. Calot J.D., G. Jacquin I.G., Nat Wood, G. W. Lacy, H. Getliffe, W. E. Smith, T. Jouleyre, Percival Smith, J. Cunningham, E. J. Mills W.M. 1687, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nat. Wood candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. J. Mills, who called upon Bros. Percival Smith and H. Getliffe as initiates to answer the questions leading to the second degree, which they did, with marked ability. Bro. Yeowell was entrusted, and the ceremony proceeded with. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Simeons P.M. Secretary proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which Bro. Mills had rendered the ceremony of passing. Bro. Simeons remarked that Bro. Mills was an old member of the Lodge, but had absented himself for some years; now he was W.M. of his Lodge and he tendered him hearty congratulations, with the hope that he would continue to visit the Woodrow Lodge.

Bro. Mills, in reply, thanked Bro. Simeons and the Brethren for their kindness, also Bro. Yeowell for having vacated the chair in his favour. He was pleased to hear he had given satisfaction, and would attend now more regularly. He thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception.

Bro. Lobb S.W. was elected W.M. for Monday.

Earls Court Lodge, No. 2765.

A WELL attended meeting was held on Thursday, 28th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, the chair being taken by Bro. C. G. Hatt P.M., who was supported by Bros. M. J. R. R. Spring S.W., S. L. Stephens J.W., M. Davis P.M. acting Preceptor, J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Secretary, W. McNaughten S.D., R. R. Young J.D., F. L. Thwaites I.G., W. Binfield, J. Slater, F. Stephens, and others.

The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, the candidate's place

being taken by Bro. Binfield. Bro. F. Stephens was examined and entrusted and the passing ceremony was gone through.

Bro. Spring was elected to occupy the chair at the next weekly meeting.

The Office of Treasurer being declared vacant, it was resolved to fill it at the next meeting.

The duties of the chair were carried out in a faultless manner by the veteran Bro. C. G. Hatt, who is noted throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington and neighbourhood as being one of the finest exponents of the beautiful Craft and Royal Arch rituals.

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

- No. 2871.—The Federation Lodge, Killerpore, Calcutta.
- 2872.—The Egremont Lodge, Liscard, Cheshire.
- 2873.—The Nanango Lodge, Nanango, Queensland.
- 2874.—The Robert Freke Gould Lodge, Gibraltar.
- 2875.—The Malden Lodge, New Malden, Surrey.
- 2876.—The Temperance Lodge, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
- 2877.—The Khartoum Lodge, Khartoum, Soudan.
- 2878.—The Bridge Trust Lodge, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
- 2879.—The Ceres Lodge, Swaffham, Norfolk.
- 2880.—The St. Guthlac Lodge, Market Deeping, Lincoln.
- 2881.—The Incorporated Society of Musicians Lodge, London.
- 2882.—The Westminster City Council Lodge, London.
- 2883.—The Wrekin Lodge, London.
- 2884.—The Borough of Stepney Lodge, London.
- 2885.—The Deo Dante Dedi Lodge, London.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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

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A Kentucky Cardinal and Aftermath. By James Lane Allen. With illustrations by Hugh Thomson (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

To say that an edition de luxe of a story by James Lane Allen, with illustrations by Hugh Thomson, is a choice and dainty thing in literature is to state what most folk take for granted before seeing the volume. There is a lightness of touch and an idyllic gracefulness in this story which it is not easy to adequately analyse. We feel, indeed, that the charms of Mr. Allen's thought and style are elusive charms, and that even the most elaborately scientific criticism would fail to show of what those charms consist. A style which is half Stevenson and half George Sand; a freedom of egotistical presentation which is half Werter and half Thoreau; a gift for spiritual epigram which now savours of Emerson and now of Chateaubriand: these are affinities which occur to one when reading "A Kentucky Cardinal," but which leave the merits of the book still unexplained. The characters in the story are certainly children of nature, men and women free from cant, open to those sweet influences still operative in a world that is yet fragrant to the senses of such who would have it so. We may, perhaps, inform our readers that the "Kentucky Cardinal" is a bird, and a very insignificant item in the drama; but Mr. Allen contrives to write some pretty sentences about him, as he does about so much else. This beautiful edition is very suitable for presentation, being, externally and internally, sans reproche. We heartily wish it long life, and an immense circulation.

Stories from South African History. Edited by Wm. Moxon. Illustrated (3s 6d).—Griffith Farran Browne and Co., Limited.

WE must speak of this volume with due respect, for it is ably edited; but we should like it better if the Jingo politics of the writer or writers were a little less obvious. We ought, by this time, to have reached to higher aims in literature than the imputation of dishonourable motives; but there are remarks in the volume before us which hardly encourage us in the belief that we have done so indeed. One of the chief propositions insisted upon in these "stories" is that which assures us that we are indeed lords over God's heritage, and that we may go where we will and do as we please. The account of the Matabele campaign has forcibly reminded us of an article which appeared some years ago in the "Fortnightly Review," under the title "How we entered Mashonaland." The same bias is present in both narratives—the same sublime indifference to prior territorial rights. We happen, like many men, to have read a little here and there at times; and we therefore, while perusing "The Story of the Matabele," had painful memories touching the origin of that memorable strife. The Matabele, too, have wives and daughters and cattle—but we had better let the subject rest. Politics, fortunately, need spoil no narrative in the eyes of the young, who will find much in this volume of great interest.

The Age of Chaucer (1346-1400). By F. J. Snell, M.A., late scholar of Balliol College, Oxford. With an introduction by J. W. Hales, Professor of English literature at King's College, London; formerly Fellow and now honorary Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge.—Geo. Bell and Sons.

MR. SNELL has provided us with an excellent light to guide our footsteps through what is a dark and somewhat perilous journey.

Or, to speak without metaphor, he has brought together with admirable skill the essential characteristics of an early period in the history of English literature—a period which is even now but very imperfectly understood. It has always been matter for regret that we know so little concerning the life of Chaucer. Such a regret is likely to remain with us and to be in turn shared by our sons. Chaucer has lain in his grave for just five hundred years; our national archives have been searched with at least approximate thoroughness, and our knowledge of the man who wrote the Canterbury Tales is not likely to be largely augmented. Mr. Snell, so far as we are aware, has told us nothing of the poet's life that was not already known; but his measure of the poet's work and personality is at once critical and appreciative, and he has a singularly happy knack of stating the gist of a matter in few words. We prefer his introduction to any of his chapters, and those who have ever attempted to write such an introduction themselves will readily believe that in saying this we pay Mr. Snell a sincere compliment. The volume is one of an admirable series.

The Last Days of Pompeii. By Lord Lytton. Illustrated (1s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

THE publishers exercised a wise choice when they decided to include this story in their new venture, the Great Novels. By writing this work Lytton brought before us, in a very realistic manner, a world which, figuratively and actually, had long been buried. It called for much ingenuity and perseverance, but both qualities were Lytton's, and "The Last Days of Pompeii" is seldom mentioned without being praised. Macaulay, as our readers will remember, questioned whether such a story could ever be handled with complete success, and said something about a great gulf being fixed between era and era, civilisation and civilisation; but he essayed to recreate an age in his own "Lays"—and did it exceedingly well. This edition of a still famous novel is clearly printed on rough paper, and tastefully bound. It should find many readers, for it is a masterly narrative, and is no more to be compared with the ruck of novels than—as Carlyle puts it in a far different connection—Heaven is to be compared with Vauxhall.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons
The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, Bart.
Vol. xx., **The Talisman, &c., &c.**

THE author of the "Talisman" was never in the East, yet, like the poet of Lalla Rookh, he wrote so well about its scenes and its people that many a reader, unacquainted with the details of his life, has taken it for granted that Sir Walter Scott had seen with his own eyes such things as he so well describes. The "Talisman" must ever remain a prime favourite with young folk; for, able and satisfactory as the story is when considered as a whole, it is perhaps even more remarkable for its splendid episodes. Such stories as the encounter between Richard and Saladin, and the attempt on the life of Saladin, are the delight of all readers and the despair of those who would fain write good fiction; and the wonder is not that so many editions of such a story are called for but rather that even more are not required. Readers who are going to spend their Christmas on the south coast, and who are likely to spend four hours in getting there, should engage the services of the "Talisman" to beguile their journey. The charm of this classic is talismanic indeed.

For the Colours. A boys' book of the army. By Herbert Hayens. With numerous illustrations (6s).—Thos. Nelson and Sons.

A VERY handsome and useful gift book. We cannot advise fathers to bring it from the city for evening presentation, for the youthful recipient could hardly be expected to sleep after such a windfall. The volume is well printed and elegantly bound; but we are more concerned with yet another of its merits. These true stories of strife are excellently chosen and narrated—chosen from among a thousand fights, where selection must have been difficult, and narrated in clear, elegant, forcible language honourable alike to the writer's head and heart. These merits are the more commendable because, as readers will see from our remarks elsewhere, we do not always find such stories handled in a manner which satisfies our sense of what is fit and proper in such volumes. To prepare volumes for the young, which shall be full of sound, healthy narrative, simply set down, is one of the most difficult tasks to which writers can turn their attention, and one which, unfortunately, is often discharged in a flippant manner. We hope Messrs. Nelson have other volumes of a similar character in preparation.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Animals of Æsop. Æsop's Fables adapted and pictured by Joseph J. Mora (10s 6d net).—Sampson Low, Marston and Co., Limited.

The Children's London. By Charlotte Thorpe. Illustrated by William Luker jun.—The Leadenhall Press, Limited.

Madamscourt or the Adventures of a Fugitive Princess. By H. May Poynter (2s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

The Cape and its Story or the Struggle for South Africa. By the author of "Breaking the Record," &c., &c. (2s 6d).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

An Antarctic Mystery. By Jules Verne. Cheap edition, illustrated (2s 6d).—Sampson Low, Marston and Co., Limited.

Dickie. By Mrs. Hamilton Synge (1s 6d).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Held to Ransom. By F. B. Forester (5s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Valour for Victoria. Stirring deeds that won the Queen's Cross. By James A. Manson, with illustrations by J. F. Waugh, George Soper, K. M. Skeaping, F. Buchanan, G. Thomas, &c. (1s 6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

For the Flag. A Painting book of the Flags of all Nations (1s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

A Day at the Zoo (1s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Up to London to see the King (1s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Children of the Empire (1s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Sand Castles (1s).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

Cassell's Magazine. Illustrated. December 1900 to November 1901 (8s).—Cassell and Co., Limited.

NEW MUSIC.

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Hopwood and Crew, Limited.—Edward St. Quentin's Popular Pianoforte Tutor (5s). Howard and Co's. 11th Dance Album (1s). "Queen Alexandra," stately dance, by Edward St. Quentin (4s). "Russian Peasant Dance," No. 3 celebrated compositions by Ivan Tchakoff, transcribed for mandoline, with piano accompaniment, by Edmund Forman (3s). "The Everlasting Song," words by Clifton Bingham, music by Edward St. Quentin (2s net). "Edward VII," grand triumphal march, by Edward St. Quentin (4s). "At Rest," words by Clement Scott, composed by Edward St. Quentin (4s). "Eccentric Boy's," valse, by Edward St. Quentin (4s). "Fourth Suite of Characteristic Dances," by Ivan Tchakoff (2s net). "Ave Maria," song, with ad lib. accompaniment for harmonium, violin, violoncello, or flute; words by A. Horspool, music by Alfred Rawlings (2s net). "Barcarola," with ad lib. accompaniment for violin or violoncello, words by Boyd Jones, music by Ivan Tchakoff (2s net). "The Big Drum-Major," written, composed, and sung by Duncan Tovey (4s). "I guess I'll have to telegraph my baby," written and composed by Geo. M. Cohan (4s).

Boosey and Co.—"Love, the Pedlar," words by Caryl Battersby, M.A., music by Edward German. "A Woodland Madrigal," words by John Dowers, music by Robert Batten. "Those Azure Eyes," words from the German of Heine, music by Garnet Wolseley Cox. "The Mermaid," windlass song, words by Robert Buchanan, music by Augustus Barratt. "Come, Gentle Night!" words by Clifton Bingham, music by Edward Elgar. "At Sunset," a slumber song, words by E. O. Cooke, music by Liza Lehmann.

Midland Railway.

IN connection with the Christmas and New Year traffic, this Company has made the most complete arrangements for the collection, quick transit, and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels in all the chief towns on their system. Frequent collections of parcels will be made from the receiving offices in London and other large centres, and the traffic will be despatched by first train after receipt. Special trains will be run, and through vans attached to the principal express and mail trains to accommodate the parcels traffic, which, in view of the low rates now prevailing to both English and Scotch towns (in some cases less, and in no instances higher, than the parcels post rates), it is anticipated will be much heavier than before. As a timely reminder to those sending parcels at the "owner's risk" rates, such as game, poultry, tobacco, cakes, cheese, &c., it may be stated that the minimum as to weight has been abolished, and the charges are now computed at actual weight. It is requested that all parcels should be fully and legibly addressed, and the address labels firmly attached. As an extra precaution, a duplicate label should be enclosed in each package, so that the name of the consignee may be ascertained in the event of the outside address becoming detached or defaced.

Whatever is named in the summons as part of the Lodge work must be disposed of before the first enquiry by the W.M. for the good of the Order in general and his Lodge in particular. Then, on "first rising," admit only proposition for initiations and joining. Let any payments to Secretary or Treasurer occupy the interval between the "first and second." The "second" for the reading of communications, the reception of applications, and notices of motion if there be any. This leaves the "third rising" clear for the greeting of visitors, who ALONE are expected to offer "heartly good wishes" on behalf of their respective Lodges.—Exchange.

A petition is being prepared for presentation to the Duke of Connaught by a number of influential Irishmen resident in England, praying for the issue of a Warrant authorising the formation of a new Lodge in London, to be called "The Lodge of Erin." Among those who have signed the petition are the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Templemore, Sir Vesey FitzGerald, Sir John Edge, Bro. M'Call, K.C., and Bro. Macrory, K.C.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 5 St. George & Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 29 St. Alban, Albion
 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall
 193 Confidence, Anderton's Hotel
 957 Leigh, Freemasons' Hall
 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion Restaurant
 1670 Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall
 2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster
 2094 Elthorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal
 2394 Galen, Freemasons' Hall
 2454 Guildhall School of Music, Holborn R.
 2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
 2632 Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel
 40 Derwent, Castle, Hastings
 68 Royal Clarence, F.M.H., Bristol
 75 Love and Honour, F.M.H., Falmouth
 88 Scientific, Lion, Cambridge
 104 St. John, Mechanics Inst., Stockport
 105 Fortitude, F.M.H., Plymouth
 100 Sun, F.M.H., Exmouth
 133 Harmony, F.M.H., Faversham
 151 Albany, F.M.H., Newport, I. of W.
 189 Sincerity, Town Hall, E. Stonehouse
 237 Indefatigable, F.M.H., Swansea
 240 St. Hilda, F.M.H., South Shields
 262 Salopian, Music Hall, Shrewsbury
 292 Sincerity, Adelphi, Liverpool
 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
 297 Witham, Masonic Rooms, Lincoln
 303 Benevolent, F.M.H., Teignmouth
 314 Peace and Unity, Bull, Preston
 330 One and All, F.M.H., Bodmin
 339 Unanimity, Crown, Penrith
 353 Royal Sussex, The Institute, Winhill
 379 Honour, F.M.H., Bath
 411 Commercial, F.M.H., Nottingham
 422 Yarborough, M. Rms., Gainsborough
 481 St. Peter, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 587 Howe, F.M.H., Birmingham
 589 Druid of Love & Liberty, Redruth
 632 Concord, F.M.H., Trowbridge
 643 Royal, Foord's, Filey
 665 Montagu, F.M.H., Lyme Regis
 671 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Llanelli
 721 Independence, F.M.H., Chester
 797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
 884 Derwent, Town Hall, Warkworth
 893 Meridian, F.M.H., Millbrook
 941 De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford
 1069 United Brothers, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 1149 Dorking, Public Hall, Dorking
 1174 Pentagle, Sun, Chatham
 1221 Defence, F.M.H., Leeds
 1237 Enfield, George, Enfield
 1253 Travellers, Queen, Manchester
 1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
 1350 Fermor Hesketh, F.M.H., Bootle
 1380 Skelmersdale, Town Hall, Liverpool
 1402 Jordan, Masonic Temple, Torquay
 1408 Stamford & Warrington, Stalybridge
 1436 Castle, F.M.H., Sandgate
 1449 Royal Military, Mas. Tem., Canterbury
 1452 St. Margaret, Royal, Lowestoft
 1474 Israel, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1496 Trafford, Western, Moss Side
 1505 Emulation, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1564 St. John, F.M.H., Woking
 1611 Eboracum, F.M.H., York
 1618 Handyside, Riv. Rms., Saltburn-by-Sea
 1730 Urmston, Victoria, Urmston
 1792 Tudor, The Institute, Harborne
 1802 Vernon, Exchange Bldgs., E. Retford
 1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
 1885 Torridge, F.M.H., Great Torrington
 1914 St. Thomas, Harecastle, Kidsgrove
 1948 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall
 1952 High Peak, Tn. H., Chapel-en-le-Frith
 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington
 2034 Masefield, Institute, Moseley
 2144 De Tatton, Town Hall, Altrincham
 2185 Ardwick, Exchange, Manchester
 2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas
 2376 Carnarvon, Public Hall, Leyland
 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
 2457 St. Anne's, St. Anne's-on-Sea
 2487 St. Michael, Crown, Stone
 2584 Queen Victoria, Con. Club, Cheetham

Tuesday.

- 96 Burlington, Albion
 180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall
 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
 211 St. Michael, Albion
 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern
 235 Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing C.
 781 Merchant Navy, Town H., Limehouse
 834 Ranelagh, Criterion Restaurant

- 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel
 1196 Urban, Freemasons' Hall
 1593 Royal Naval College, Ship, Greenwich
 1604 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall
 1603 Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant
 1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern
 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall
 2546 Rahere, Frascati
 2622 Beach, Horns, Kennington Park
 2822 Horistic, Beale's Restaurant
 2823 William Rogers, London Tavern
 80 St. John, F.M.H., Sunderland
 93 Social, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131 Fortitude, F.M.H., Truro
 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
 241 Merchants, F.M.H., Liverpool
 272 Harmony, F.M.H., Boston
 284 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Warwick
 319 New Forest, Visitors Hall, Lymington
 371 Perseverance, F.M.H., Maryport
 473 Faithful, F.M.H., Birmingham
 494 Virtue and Honour, F.M.H., Axminster
 495 Wakefield, F.M.H., Wakefield
 490 Peace and Harmony, St. Austell
 502 Rectitude, F.M.H., Rugby
 503 Belvedere, F.M.H., Maidstone
 573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Hales Owen
 593 St. Ann, Masonic Rooms, Alderney
 603 Zetland, F.M.H., Cleckheaton
 600 Segontium, F.M.H., Carnarvon
 626 Lansdowne of Unity, Shippenham
 650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern, Harwich
 686 Jerusalem, F.M.H., Bristol
 696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor, Wednesbury
 723 Panmure, F.M.H., Aldershot
 764 Harbour O'Refuge, M.H., W. Hartlepool
 771 Windsor Castle, F.M.H., Windsor
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
 877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster
 897 St. Helens of Loyalty, St. Helens
 903 Gosport, India Arms, Gosport
 954 St. Aubyn, Mas. Hall, Morice Town
 1021 Hartington, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Fur.
 1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
 1120 St. Milburga, Tontine, Ironbridge
 1138 Devon, F.M.H., Newton Abbot
 1197 Nyanza, F.M.H., Ilminster
 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Lion, Warrington
 1267 Kenlis, Oddfellows Hall, Egremont
 1373 St. Hubert, F.M.H., Andover
 1414 Knole, Parish Room, Sevenoaks
 1476 Blackpool, F.M.H., Blackpool
 1528 Fort, F.M.H., Newquay
 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Baildon
 1560 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Leicester
 1633 Avon, F.M.H., Manchester
 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1837 Lullington, F.M.H., Wilmington
 1847 Ebrington, Masonic T., E. Stonehouse
 1883 William of Wykeham, Winchester
 1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton
 2086 Dacre, Lyric Hall, Stevenage
 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
 2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 2124 Wilberforce, F.M.H., Hull
 2164 St. Germans, Peel Castle, Peel
 2256 Warner, Royal Forest, Chingford
 2324 Horwich, Bridge, Horwich
 2357 Barrv, Royal, Cadoston-Juxta-Barry
 2475 Border, White Hart, Blackwater
 2477 Colne, Greyhound Inn, Wyvenhoe
 2521 Noel-Money, Oatlands, Weybridge
 2529 Abbey, F.M.H., Whalley
 2550 St. Aldhelm, F.M.H., Branksome
 2582 Lewisham, Blue Gates, Smethwick
 2600 Stanley, Bull, Preston
 2708 Holmes, F.M.H., Wigan
 2709 Royal York, F.M.H., Nailsworth
 2714 Temperance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2723 Heaton, 232 Shields Road, Byker
 2799 John Brunner, Overwinstford

Wednesday.

- Committee R.M. Benevolent Inst., at 4.
 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall
 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall
 13 Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Plumstead
 15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall
 136 Good Report, Albion
 548 Wellington, City Terminus Hotel
 1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern
 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall
 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Rest.
 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Up. N.
 1766 St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel
 1815 Penge, Clarence Hall, Penge
 1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel
 2410 Esculapius, Cafe Royal
 2581 Empress, Cafe Royal

- 2620 Cavendish, Royal Palace Hotel
 2608 Brondesbury, Earl Derby, Kilburn
 2765 Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel
 54 Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale
 84 Doyle's Fellowship, F.M.H., Guernsey
 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury
 146 Antiquity, F.M.H., Bolton
 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, M.H., Bristol
 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
 225 St. Luke, F.M.H., Ipswich
 244 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 277 Friendship, F.M.H., Oldham
 281 Fortitude, F.M.H., Lancaster
 288 Harmony, F.M.H., Todmorden
 323 Concord, Florist, Stockport
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley Arms, Dudley
 567 Unity, Woolpack, Warwick
 654 Peveril of the Peak, F.M.H., New Mills
 661 Fawcett, F.M.H., Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Wes. School, Princetown
 679 St. David, F.M.H., Aberdare
 730 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Chorley
 731 Arboretum, F.M.H., Derby
 755 St. Tudno, F.M.H., Llandudno
 851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing
 852 Zetland, F.M.H., Salford
 854 Albert, Duke of York, Shaw
 1005 Zetland, Bell, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, 14 Church St., Tamworth
 1064 Borough, Bull, Burnley
 1088 Royal Edward, Mas. Club, Stalybridge
 1094 Temple, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1101 Grey Friars, F.M.H., Reading
 1112 Shirley, F.M.H., Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, F.M.H., Tiverton
 1135 Concord, Masonic Temple, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, F.M.H., Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Royal, Ramsgate
 1220 Solway, F.M.H., Aspatria
 1242 Tynwald, F.M.H., Douglas
 1248 Denison, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1273 St. Michael, F.M.H., Sittingbourne
 1331 Aldershot Camp, Imperial, Aldershot
 1342 Walker, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill St., Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, F.M.H., Workington
 1465 Ockenden, Ass. Rs., Haywards Heath
 1582 St. Idloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Angel, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, M.H., Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1703 Windrush, Corn Ex., Witney
 1734 Trinity, Golden Lion, Rayleigh
 1798 Zion, Grand, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 1855 St. Maurice, Working Hall, Plympton
 1879 Lord Warkworth, F.M.H., Amble
 1895 Thames, F.M.H., Henley
 1932 Whitworth, F.M.H., Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 1958 St. George, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 2016 Shalden, Assembly Rooms, Alton
 2046 Robinson, F.M.H., Maidstone
 2156 Ar. Sullivan, Boar's Head, Manchester
 2183 Royal Hampton Court, Hampton Ct.
 2284 Smyth, F.M.H., Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Wavertree
 2330 St. Lawrence, Masonic Rooms, Pudsey
 2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middleswich
 2423 St. Mark, Hare & H's, Connah's Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Devonshire, Bexhill
 2540 Ember, Castle, East Molesey
 2583 St. Thomas, F.M.H., Tibshelf
 2591 St. Mary, Town Hall, New Shoreham
 2727 St. Audrey, F.M.H., Ely
 2758 Fylde, Palatine, Blackpool

Thursday.

- House Com., R.M.I.G., Battersea, 4.30.
 19 Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1558 Duke of Connaught, Surrey Mas. Hall
 1708 Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley
 1791 Creaton, Freemasons' Hall
 1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal
 1987 Strand, Criterion Restaurant
 2047 Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham
 2730 Cutlers, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane
 2809 Capital and Counties, Hotel Cecil
 35 Medina, F.M.H., 85 High St., Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, F.M.H., Sunderland

112 St. George, F.M.H., Exeter
 130 Royal Gloucester, M.H., Southampton
 132 Unity, Crown, Ringwood
 139 Britannia, F.M.H., Sheffield
 191 St. John, Knowsley, Bury
 216 Harmonic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 333 Royal Preston, Castle, Preston
 344 Faith, Ram's Head, Radcliffe
 369 Limestone Rock, Swan, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Darwe
 437 Science, F.M.H., Wincanton
 442 St. Peter, F.M.H., Peterborough
 477 Mersey, Mas. Chambers, Birkenhead
 487 Portsmouth, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 546 Etruscan, F.M.H., Longton
 561 Zetland, F.M.H., Guisborough
 586 Elias De Derham, F.M.H., Salisbury
 588 St. Botolph, Corn Exchange, Sleaford
 725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
 732 Royal Brunswick, Pavilion, Brighton
 739 Temperance, F.M.H., Birmingham
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 816 Royd, Falcon, Littleborough
 945 Abbey, Council Chamber, Abingdon
 973 Royal Somerset, F.M.H., Frome
 991 Tyne, F.M.H., Wallsend
 1035 Pr. of Wales, Skelmers. Hall, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Victoria, Manchester
 1061 Triumph, County & Com., Lytham
 1098 St. George, Temper. Hall, Tredgar
 1099 Huyshe, F.M.H., Stoke
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Town Hall, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, George and D., Ashton-u-Lyr
 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 1147 St. David, F.M.H., Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool
 1204 Royd, F.M.H., Malvern
 1213 Bridgwater, Assembly Rooms, Eccles
 1247 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, F.M.H., Thirsk
 1429 Albert Edward P. W., Newport, Mon.
 1457 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
 1495 Arkwright, New Bath H., Matlock Bath
 1515 Bertie, F.M.H., Oxford

1583 Corbet, Whitehall House, Towyn
 1592 Abbey, F.M.H., Bury St. Edmunds
 1697 Hospitality, Royal, Waterfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon
 1863 Priory, F.M.H., Tynemouth
 1911 De La Pre, F.M.H., Northampton
 1915 Graystone, Foresters H., Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Masonic Temple, Cardiff
 2038 Portcullis, St. Mary's Chapel, Langport
 2109 Pr. Edward, Assy. Hall, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, F.M.H., New Brighton
 2217 Windermere, Mas. Room, Windermere
 2227 White Horse, F.M.H., Westbury
 2234 Onslow, F.M.H., Guildford
 2261 Armitage, F.M.H., Milnsbridge
 2285 Eden, Masonic Rooms, Workington
 2311 St. Alkmund, Victoria, Whitechurch
 2343 Sir W. Harpur, Assy. Room, Bedford
 2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Aylesbury
 2428 Gracedieu, F.M.H., Coalville
 2449 Duke of York, Albion, Manchester
 2568 Delaval, Central, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2606 Fforest, Masonic Rooms, Treharris
 2619 New Brighton, Victoria, New Brighton
 2649 Sir Francis Drake, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2722 Edward Terry, Barnes
 2804 Seymour, F.M.H., Redditch
 2806 Three Pillars, Parish R., Cockington

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
 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
 1661 Newton, F.M.H., Newark-upon-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Cen. M.H., Newcastle-o-T.
 1715 A. J. Brogden, M.H., Grange-o-Sands
 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
 2660 Crane, George, Cranbrook
 2674 Ravensworth, F.M.H., Gateshead
 2677 Calcaria, Masonic Rooms, Tadcaster
 2811 St. John, Queen's, Coventry

Friday.

134 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle
 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall
 177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel
 780 Royal Alfred, Star & Garter, Kew Bdge.
 1201 Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall
 1559 New Cross, Hotel Cecil
 1997 John Carpenter, Albion
 2399 Ordnance, F.M.H., Plumstead
 2552 Stoke Newington, Stoke Newington
 2593 Hugh Owen, Frascati
 2736 Nil Sine Labore, Criterion
 2740 Comrades, Holborn Restaurant
 36 Glamorgan, F.M.H., Cardiff
 81 Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle
 173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall
 176 Caveac, Albion
 1426 Great City, City Terminus Hotel
 1612 West Middlesex, Mun. Bldgs., Ealing
 1671 Mizpah, Albion
 1928 Callery, Anderton's Hotel
 2369 Cornish, Freemasons' Hall
 2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
 2599 Engineer, Frascati Restaurant
 2664 Hygeia, Holborn Restaurant
 737 Wentworth, F.M.H., Wellingborough
 1347 Lorne, F.M.H., Sutton
 1755 Eldon, Royal, Portishead

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 CENTURY. 8, The Belle of New York. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
 COMEDY. Saturday, 14th December, Morocco Bound.
 CRITERION. 8.30, The Undercurrent. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
 DALY'S. 8.15, San Toy. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
 GAIETY. 8, The Toreador. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
 GARRICK. 8, Iris. Matinee, Saturday, 2.
 HAYMARKET. 8.30, The Second in Command. Matinee, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
 HER MAJESTY'S. 8.15, 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. 7.45, Missis is out. 8.15, East Lynne.
 SAVOY. 8.30, Iolanthe.
 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. 8.10, My Artful Valet. 10, Sheerluck Jones. Matinee, Wednesday, 2.30.
 WYNDHAM'S. 8.30, The Mummy and the Humming Bird. Matinee, Saturday, 2.30.
 ALEXANDRA. Next week, 7.45, Sweet Nell of Old Drury.
 GRAND. Next week, 7.45, Belle of New York.
 OPERA HOUSE, CROUCH END. Next week, 8, The Man from Blankley's.
 ALHAMBRA. 7.45, Variety Entertainment, Gretna Green, Inspiration, &c.
 AQUARIUM. Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c.
 CANTERBURY. 7.40, Variety Entertainment.
 EMPIRE. 8, Variety Entertainment, Old China, 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 Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
 TIVOLI. 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
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