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EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM.

T is the proud boast of the members of the Craft that Freemasonry occupies a grand position in the affairs of the world, and no doubt in the main they are quite right in saying so. But there are some among us who are beginning to doubt whether all the reputation the Order enjoys in this country is deserved; while, if we may judge from the actions of some of the more prominent members of the Craft during the last few months, there are a few who regard some of its surroundings in the light of delusions or snares. In many quarters questions have been asked—and they will have to be answered—as to whether Freemasonry is not existing at the present time more on what may be termed cheap popularity than on any firm or substantial basis, and, although it may take some considerable time for the effect of this questioning to make itself apparent, it is none the less certain of ultimately doing so, and it rests with the Craft itself to decide whether the result shall be for good or for evil.

It cannot be denied that much of what was regarded a few years back as among the secrets of Freemasonry is now paraded, in the most ostentatious fashion, to the world at large, and it is a little difficult to discover wherein the benefit lies, for it must be distinctly understood that in connection with Freesaid, things were different; little was then known of hope that some day it may pay a fair return for any sums that may be expended in fees or subscriptions.

We think it would astonish a considerable number

far as pecuniary benefit is concerned—but that all its efforts are devoted towards improving the moral and intellectual capabilities of its members. As, however, it is not possible for all men to guard against misfortune, it has wisely been ordained that one of its distinguishing characteristics shall be Benevolence, but this benevolence is an offshoot of Freemasonry, and must not be regarded as the be-all and end-all of the Order, such as some among us seem to imagine. We have heard members of the Craft—who for the time being were perhaps suffering from "excessive enthusiasm," and on that account are to be excused —urge that the members of a Lodge were not doing their duty as Masons when they allowed so many candidates for the Masonic Charities to appeal without any prospect of ultimately succeeding in winning an annuity or a scholarship. We have heard brethren say that those assembled around them were unworthy the name of Freemasons so long as they allowed this state of affairs to continue, and at the same time we have asked ourselves whether such arguments were not in direct opposition to the teachings of Freemasonry, which enjoins its members to help others so long as that may be done without detriment to themselves or their connections? How many of the brethren who have contributed to Masonic Charity have acted up to this teaching? and how many are there who have spent the money which by right belonged to their connections, in furtherance of Masonic Charity, while in masonry numerical increase does not always signify a fit of "excessive enthusiasm." Freemasonry is greater prosperity. A few years back, as we have not, perhaps, to be blamed for this, but when so much credit is taken for the thousands annually spent the doings of Freemasonry outside the Lodges in by the Masonic Order it is sometimes desirable to look which its work was carried on, but now we have on the other side of the picture, especially when, Freemasonry paraded before us on all sides. It is after such strong and continued appeals as almost a matter of impossibility to take up half a are now made, so little information is obtaindozen issues of a daily or weekly newspaper without able or consideration shown to those who finding therein something in reference to Freemasonry answer the appeals. It is not our present purpose to —either a report of some Masonic gathering or a speak of specific complaints which have recently been record of some Masonic action. In this respect the made, but we cannot help referring to the indifference disbursement of Charity appears to be at all times |--we may say the silent contempt-with which any regarded as the most important feature, and we ask inquiry is treated by those who have the management —is this right and proper? Is it consistent with the of affairs. Is it likely men will continue to work for teachings of the Craft, or in keeping with the grand the Charities if they are treated in this manner whenprinciple of Masonic Relief? Is it not rather a pan-lever they think there is cause for inquiry or room for dering to the vanity of a few, who, whether they are improvement? May we not rather expect them to among the donors or not, find a pleasure in seeing the | conclude that their criticisms are justified, and their Order with which they are associated glorified in the complaints necessary; for the natural inference is, eyes of the public? Further, may we not regard this that if a charge is disregarded or unanswered—when continued reference to the benevolence of Freemasonry made by any one interested, or who has secured the as something in the form of a huge advertisement of right to a voice—it is true; or, at least, that there is the Order, which, as a consequence, is sought after by some foundation for it, for we certainly cannot see any the adventurous and unfortunate of all classes, in the reason for supposing that in this respect Masonic matters are materially different to what they are outside of it.

We are by no means certain that the extensive of those who support Freemasonry if they could look system of parading Masonic acts of benevolence to the behind the scenes, or know what was daily taking outside world is not the direct cause of so many displace in its midst. It has been urged time after tressed persons coming forward, and appealing for time that Freemasonry is not a benefit society—so the help which is apparently distributed with so layish a hand. It seems so very easy for a handsome sum to be secured from the Freemasons, that any one with the smallest possible claim on its members must feel disposed to face the trouble of try-If they succeed, all well ing to secure a prize. and good; if not, they are seldom worse off than when they started, as private benevolence frequently steps in when what may be termed public benevolence fails. What wonder then that there are so many candidates for our Charities, or such heavy claims on the Fund of Benevolence! We are sadly required; for every case that is relieved is but the means of extending the knowledge of the good things provided, and in not a few instances the very people who reap the benefit are foremost in advising their friends to follow their example, and to have a try for a grant, such as they have secured,

We have spoken of Freemasonry as existing at the present time, in the minds of some, on anything but a firm and substantial basis, and in proof of such theory we are told that the annual expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence far exceeds its income; that the three Charities of the Order exist merely from hand to mouth, spending money as fast as they receive it, and entailing fearful responsibilities for the future; that private Lodges conduct their financial affairs in a most unbusinesslike and unsound manner; and that Grand Lodge exercises little or no control in connection with matters which ought to be carefully supervised, if the reputation of the Craft is to be maintained. All this and much more is urged against Freemasonry, and what can its best friends say in reply? Can they truthfully say that the accusations are groundless, or can they urge that the matters are of so trivial a nature as to be unworthy of consideration? It is no answer to criticism to say that all has turned out right in the past, and that the future may be left to take care of itself. Freemasons—or many of them claim the highest position for the Order; they should scribers to the fund, shall be members of the Board of do all that is possible to deserve the distinction, and maintain it for all time. If they neglect common precautions or disregard friendly criticism they may some day have to face a calamity which will tax all their energy to recover from. In short, Freemasons are too enthusiastic, in speaking of what has been done and what they regard as possible through the magic influence of the word Freemasonry. Let us hope that they may never be rudely awakened from their present dream of security, but that the Order will always prosper as it now appears to do. One of the surest means of guarding against misfortune is to be found in a desire on the part of all to do their fair share of the work which rightly and properly belongs to Freemasonry, to strive to improve the Order in its minor details, and, above all, to listen to the criticism of friends, rather than wait for the harsh sneers and jeers of enemies.

BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGE.

INDER the judicious management of the Board of General Purposes, this fund now amounts to about £1,000, including special subscriptions to the proposed Permanent Benevolent Fund, and at every meeting applications for relief are dealt with. Notwithstanding its the Masters of the various Lodges will be provided with multifarious duties the Board is careful to examine into the circumstances of each claim, so as to ensure that all money given shall, as far as possible, be worthily bestowed; and the Craft cannot be too grateful to the distinguished brethren who discharge the laborious duties of the Board. Of late the questions have been mooted whether the Order in imposing on the Board the administration of the Benevolent Fund has not exacted too much from brethren from whose willing devotion so much ought not to be

more rapidly, and a wider interest be taken in it throughout the Order, if the duties in connection with the fund were confined to a body charged with the performance of these duties only, and if those who contribute the moneys -and this would be of special advantage to country brethren—could take a personal share in administering the fund? The administration of the fund by the Board of G.P. is a departure from the course pursued in England, where the Benevolent Fund is managed by a separate body, and the success which has attended this course is the most complete vindication of the wisdom of those who adopted it. Indeed, common sense points out that a fund is more afraid that the more that is given the more will be likely to be administered to the best advantage, and to be increased, when managed by a Board whose undivided attention is concentrated on this single subject, than when the Board's attention is dissipated in considering many important subjects. These reasons, amongst others, have included the Masters' and Wardens' Association to recommend the adoption of a scheme of which a cardinal principle is the transfer of the Benevolent Fund from the Board of G.P. to a Board which shall be specially constituted to administer and augment it.

> It is proposed that the fund shall be administered by a Board consisting of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers, while subscribing members of any Lodge under the S.A.C., the Masters for the time being of Lodges under the S.A.C., the Trustees of the Fund, and all other brethren who shall subscribe to the fund (either annually or in one or more payments) such sums as shall be fixed. An annual subscription, it is suggested, of 10s 6d, shall entitle the subscribers to attend each meeting of the Board of Governors, take part in all business transacted, and vote as to the mode of applying the fund, and as to giving or withholding relief in each case. All contributors will then be satisfied that they have a full share in disposing of the moneys, and ample opportunity of obtaining an intimate knowledge of the practical administration of the fund will be afforded. Members who cannot attend in person will be permitted to give proxies, and this power will enable country brethren who subscribe to the fund to exercise their full share of influence. This part of the scheme may be briefly described thus: that all Masons, while sub-Governors, and entitled to vote (personally or by proxy) at its meetings, in proportion to the amounts of their subscriptions.

> Another principle embodied in the scheme is the endowment by Lodges of their chairs. If any Lodge pays a sum of £10 in respect of its Master, or of any other officer, the successive Masters or other officers for the time being, shall be during tenure of office members of the Board of Govenors. If instead of so large a sum being paid, the sum of £1 Is is paid by a Lodge in respect of any chair, the officer filling that chair shall be a member of the Board of Governors for the year in respect of which the subscription is paid. By this method Lodges can, in the course of time, endow all their chairs. Their contributions will add considerably to the fund, and the Lodges, voting by their officers, can acquire a voting power which will augment their influence and prestige in the Order, and may enable them to secure from time to time for former brethren of their own Lodges, or for the families of such brethren, much greater assistance in times of trouble than could be afforded from the private resources of the Lodges themselves.

> The salient points only of the scheme recommended by the Masters' and Wardens' Associations have been indicated. There will be ample opportunity in future for discussing the scheme, as the sanction of Grand Lodge must of course be obtained; and Grand Lodge will probably be moved at its next Quarterly Communication to appoint a Committee to report upon a scheme embodying the principles we have mentioned. We understand that printed copies of the scheme prepared by the Masters' and Wardens' Association, and if the scheme is explained and discussed in the private Lodges, brethren will be better prepared to vote on the subject when brought before Grand Lodge.—South Australian Freemason.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended required, and whether the fund itself would not increase Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made. in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle

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BROTHER ANDREW MIDDLEMASS P.M.

WITH regret we announce the death of this estimable brother, who passed away to his eternal rest on the 6th inst., after a somewhat prolonged illness, at Brunswick-terrace, Camberwell. Brother Middlemass for many years was connected with the press, for which he was a most assiduous writer. He was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in 1827, and entered the ranks of journalism on the News of the World, with which newspaper he was connected for nearly 30 years. In 1868 he was elected a member of Camberwell Vestry, and until his death devoted his time and abilities to the discharge of parochial duties. In 1885 he was appointed representative of Camberwell at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and was also on the Committee of the Newspaper Press Fund. He was a hard working and useful man; moreover, a most able one. His place will not be easily filled up. As an evidence of his marvellous mental vigour and determined will, it may be mentioned that on Saturday, after his medical adviser had given up all hopes of his recovery, he dictated a column of paragraphs, under the heading of "Our Last Look Round," and which appeared in the paper on the day of his death. On Saturday last he was interred in the Forest Hill Cemetery, whither his remains were followed by a large number of the members of the Sphinx and other Lodges of which he had been a member. He will be long missed and wanted both by the Sphinx Lodge and Chapter.

BRO. JOHN J. CLAY.

WE have this week to record the death of Bro. John J. Clay, of Sunderland; this took place late on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, whither he proceeded a short while ago on account of ill-health. The deceased was an enthusiastic member of the Masonic Order; and as an Officer of the Province of Durham he for some time rendered very valuable services, fulfilling for some years, and up to the time of last annual meeting, the duties of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and he also held high rank as one of the Grand Principals of the Royal Arch Chapter of Durham. In 1871 he became the W.M. of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, in which he had almost ever since fulfilled the duties of Director of Ceremonies. He was a Past First Principal of the De Lambton Chapter, No. 94, Sunderland, and was also a P.E.P. of the Royal Kent Preceptory, No. 20, of Knight Templars, meeting in Newcastle. He was a close companion of the late Bro. E. D. Davis, for so many years identified in a similar manner with Freemasonry in Northumberland, that Bro. Clay was in the Province of Durham. The news of his death will be learnt throughout the district with very deep regret, as Bro. Clay was very highly and deservedly esteemed by the brethren of Durham county and Newcastle, as well as by a wide circle of ac-The Provincial Grand Master of Durham (Sir Hedworth Williamson), at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, in Gateshead, referred in high terms of praise to Bro. Clay's services, and expressed the hope that he might, by his sojourn in the south, be restored to health.

BRO. JOHN COBHAM.

THE interment of the remains of the late Bro. John Cobham, whose decease occurred with painful suddenness on Thursday morning, the 10th instant, took place on Saturday afternoon, in the churchyard attached to the Parish Church, Sefton. A special train left the Central Station shortly after two o'clock, with a large number of friends of the deceased, and this contingent received a further augmentation at Sefton, making the total number of people present between 300 and 400. The funeral cortège left Bro. Cobham's late residence, Fearns House, Waterloo, at about one Gathered in the churchyard and within the sacred edifice were several Officers and members of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, of which the deceased was an esteemed P.M. Bro. Cobham was also S.W., and one of the founders of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 359. Upwards of sixty of the employes of the deceased, at the Bear's Paw, were also amongst the mourners. When the coffin was borne into the church, Mr. J. Hammond, afterwards, when a move was made for the graveside, the due form.

"Dead March in Saul." A number of boys from the choir of the Pro Cathedral, assisted by several other voices, sang "Brief life is here our portion." The officiating minister was the Rev. J. Brooke Richardson, of St. John's, Waterloo, who stated it was the wish of the deceased that all present should keep their heads covered at his graveside. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings, and the inscription on the plate read "John Cobham, 10th Jan. 1889, aged 51 years." Numerous wreaths were sent, those from the Dramatic Lodge, Excelsior Mark Lodge, the employés at the Bear's Paw, and the Merchants' Lodge being particularly fine.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Gray P.G.D. President of the Board was in his chair, while Bro. Garrod P.G.P. acted as Vice President in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Brett; Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. was at his post. Among the brethren present were Colonel Clerke, Pendlebury, Dodd, and Lee, representing Grand Secretary's office; and amongst others were Bros. Mercer, Grieve, Dairy, Britten, Hopekirk, Cundy, Brown, Driver, Read, Perryman, Webb, Croydon, Burnett, H. J. Chapman, Kibble, G. B. Chapman, Higgs, Ridpath, Massev, H. E. Frances, Philip Morrison, C. J. Hill, Cox, Nimmo, Tilt, Claridge, Carter, Savage, Goldschmidt, Jackson, Berry, Voisey, Weeks, Bilby, Ray, Daniel, Bindon, Higham, Rymer, Parkhouse, Abbott, Eedle, Sadler (Grand Tyler). The President announced that a statement had been issued from Grand Secretary's Office, whereby the brethren might see the position of the Fund of Benevolence. This we propose to comment upon next week. Recommendations made at the last meeting, to the Grand Master, to the amoun £340 were confirmed. On the new list there were 44 cases. In the course of a four hours' sitting forty of these were relieved, with a total sum of £1180; three were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were three recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, three of £50; five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40, five of £30; eleven grants of £20 each, one of £15, ten of £10 each, and one of £5.

An incident occurred at the last meeting of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, which may be deemed worthy of record. The three chairs were filled by Masons of the same name, and of the same family. Bro. Frederick Charles McQueen was W.M., Bro. William Frederick Bennington McQueen was the Senior Warden, while Bro. Charles Henry McQueen was the Junior Warden. The two last named are sons of the esteemed Worshipful Master. Long may this goodly trio be associated with the Enoch Lodge.

On Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., a concert was given in the Orange Hall, Carleton-street, Portadown, in aid of the Masonic Charities. When the concert commenced the hall was filled to overflowing by a large and appreciative audience. All the performers acquitted themselves in capital style, and the concert on the whole was a great success.

A grand concert and conversazione in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools was held, under the auspices of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, on Saturday evening, the 19th instant. The concert was under distinguished patronage, and the list of vocalists and instrumentalists was as strong as the best local talent can make it. Dr. Joze conducted, and Sir Robert Stewart presided at the organ.

Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Friday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Hill W.M., J. Greenway S.W., F. Steer J.W., J. Edgar S.D., Jaques Wynman J.D., F. Osborne I.G., J. Paul Secretary (acting Preceptor), and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the first section was worked by Bro. Paul. Bro. Hill vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Edgar (the outgoing Master of the Mother Lodge), who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most perfect and impressive manner, Bro. Hill as candidate. Lodge having been resumed to first degree and the three addresses delivered, Bro. Osborne offered himself as a candidate for passing; the Lodge was resumed and the ceremony ably rehearsed by Brother Hill. Bro. Jaques Wynman, of the Joppa Lodge 188, was elected a member. It was resolved unanimously that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Lodge to Bro. J. Edgar for the efficient manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony. Bro. Edgar feelingly replied, and thanked the brethren for their Organist, played "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and, good wishes, attendance, and attention. Lodge was then closed in

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

ON the 21st inst. a complimentary dinner was given at Limmer's Hotel, Hanover-square, to the Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., on his appointment as Governor of New Zealand. The dinner was given by the Onslow Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 361, of which Lodge he was the first Worshipfal Master. His Lordship, who takes a great interest in Freemasonry, was appointed Grand Senior Warden in United Grand Lodge of England in 1880, Prince John of Glucksburg having that rank conferred upon him at the same time; and in other degrees the Earl of Onslow has always taken a prominent part. Previously to the dinner the Lodge held its regular January meeting at the Hall of the Supreme Council 33°, 33 Golden Square, at which the Earl of Easton the Master of the Lodge presided, and performed the ceremony of advancement to the Mark degree in admirable style, the candidate being Mr. W. R. Macauley. At the dinner also the Earl of Easton presided, having the Earl of Oaslow on his right, and Mr. L. C. Gordon Robbins, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and Mr. A. Bott Cook on his left. The company comprised Sir Lionel Darrell, Mr. Hyde Clarke, Colonel A. H. Bircham, Major J.H. L. Craigie, the Rev. G. N. Palmer, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Mr. J. Inglis, Mr. R. Loveland Loveland, the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, Mr. S. Green, Mr. G. Farwell Jones, Mr. C. F. Matier, and Mr. Reginald J. Muro. The Earl of Lathom, Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Earl of Limerick, and several other noble lords were unable to attend, and sent apologies for their absence. The Earl of Euston, in giving the toast of the evening—the Earl of Ouslow-said that as Lord Ouslow had marked well in the past in everything he had taken up, in every office he had held, so, as Her Majesty's representative in New Zealand, he would leave his mark there, and God prosper him in everything he did! When he came back, after a brief absence, he would receive as hearty a welcome as he now received a God-speed and good wishes. The Earl of Onslow, in responding, said the Onslow Lodge had already paid him the greatest honour a Lodge could pay by calling it after his name. He could not say that in undertaking the duties he was about to assume he did it with unalloyed feelings of pleasure, for there were many ties to be severed and many matters to be uprooted, but it was only for a short period, and there was none he felt more deeply than his severance from Grand Lodge of England, Grand Mark Lodge, and the Onslow Lodge. He had undertaken something that was exceptionally interesting; he was going to see a great country, a young, strong, and prosperous country, which combined many diversified and conflicting elements; it was a country which was loyal to the backbone, which honoured and respected Freemasonry and Grand Lodge, and yet was more democratic even than democratic England; and with all those curious combinations it was, above all, a hater and abhorrer of the great principles of Free Trade. He was pleased to think that, as Governor of a great Australasian Colony, he should not be far separated from one who had honoured him with far greater distinction than he could pretend to in the Mastership of this Lodge, viz., Lord Kintore; but it was an augury for the future of the Empire that there were men who were willing to go away and leave the pleasures and comforts of a civilised land for a very few years for the sake of promoting the welfare of the great Empire. A great change had come over the spirit of Freemasonry in Australasia. It was not long ago that, for the first time, the Australasian Colonies proposed to establish a Grand Lodge and a Grand Master of their own, and he believed that it would be for the greatest usefulness of Freemasonry in Australasia that they should be self-sustained and cohesive. Wales, who fully appreciated these matters, had not hesitated to declare that a closer union of hearts should be brought about by acknowledging such a Grand Lodge. After all, though many thousands of miles away, they were not so far separated. It was not only true that a girdle had been put around the world in forty minutes, but that those who wished to go to Australasia on a visit could do so in a very short time, and he hoped that those brethren he saw around him would come out to New Zealand, and he promised them a hearty reception at Government House. Wherever he might go he had this consolation, that he should always meet warm Masonic hearts who were willing to work with him, to set aside all distinctions and differences in the one bond of Freemasonry, and he should not easily forget those words he had heard pronounced by the Worshipful Master that wherever they might be they would always find among Mark Masons true friends. Mr. Wilhelm Ganz, in the course of the evening, played "Home, Sweet Home," and after the Tyler's toast the brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne."—Daily Telegraph.

A Lodge of Instruction, to work under the sanction and designation of the Montetiore, No. 1017, will in future meet every Thursday evening, at St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly. Bro. N. P. Vallentine, P.M. 1017, has undertaken the Preceptorship, and proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock precisely. Bro. F. N. Hardinge, 1017, will act as Secretary.

The anniversary of the Lodge of Repose was held at Derby, on Thursday, the 17th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Ryley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, held a ball at the Town Hall, Rugby, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, in aid of the hospital of St. Cross.

On Tuesday evening, the 15th instant, at a meeting of the Handyside Lodge, No. 1618, held at Saltburn, Bro. Isaac Robinson S.W. was unanimously re-elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 14th instant, at the Free-masons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth. There was a large attendance, and the brethren adjourned, after the ordinary business, to the large hall for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. A. W. Spinney. Bros. Parson, Kitt, Jew, Horswill and Cooper were the Installing Officers. Bro. W. S. Hearder presided at the organ. The Officers invested were Bros. Parson I.P.M., Edgoumbe S.W., Sweet J.W., Jew Chaplain, Browning Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, McBryde S.D., Soper J.D., Gibbens Dir. of Cers., Rodd Asst. Dir. of Cers., Ivey Organist, Lidiard Asst. Organist, Luke I.G., Waterman and Taylor Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Bro. M. Emdon was re-elected the representative at the Committee on Petitions, and Bro. G. Horswill was elected the Charity Steward.

JUSTICE LODGE, No. 147.

THE members of this popular Lodge celebrated their installation meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. As on the previous evening, at the same establishment, when the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, held high festival, there was a very large attendance, and it is clearly shown by these two meetings that the residents in the vicinity are most zealous in the exercise of their Masonic functions. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. B. Williams W.M., who was supported by Past Masters G. Bolton, H. Bartlett (Treasurer), S. R. Speight (Secretary), G. Dilley, J. Freeman, B. Banks, H. C. Freeman, J. J. Pitt, and H. G. Dilley. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S.B., J. Terry P.G.S.B., F. R. W. Hedges P.G.S.B., J. G. Dale W.M. 169, W. T. Hunt W.M. 1531, Spratling Prov. Grand Treasurer Middx., F. W. Dimsdale W.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. S. Miller P.M. 1668, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, H. Dickey P.M. 1744, E. Williams P.M. 1539, G. Ransford S.W. 1512, W. Neville J.W. 73, E. Bax J.W. 871, Mote 1732, Lewis 2206, Morgan 30, Gedney 1663, H. Greener 829, Talbot 65, Farman 1820, Hurl 1345, Fountain 879, Hide 1275, Saddington 1744, Anderson 1320, Webb 162. After the Lodge had been formally opened and preliminaries duly observed, Bro. George Emblin was presented as the W.M. elect. Bro. Emblin is but a young man, but since he entered the Craft—he was initiated in the Justice Lodge in 1880—he has devoted his best energies to the service of Freemasonry. In the first place, he has served all the offices in his mother Lodge, and has taken a deep interest in the Justice Lodge of Instruction, of which he may be said to have been one of the foremost, if not the foremost, in establishing. But it is in connection with the Masonic Institutions that Bro. Emblin has most prominently made his mark. In 1887, the year before its Centenary, he undertook a Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the amount recorded on his list reached the magnificent total of £420. Our readers will agree with us when we venture to express the opinion he had "Justice" with him. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Emblin was placed in the chair. After the Past Masters had done their special work, and coment had been duly administered, the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were readmitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. J. Dixon S.W., W. P. M. Penrose J.W., J. B. Williams I.P.M., H. Bartlett P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, H. G. Pitt S.D., T. D. Leng J.D., C. W. C. Jones I.G., J. J. Hutchings P.M. D.C., H. Wilson Organist, R. W. Goddard Tyler. Bro. Williams gave the addresses, and was congratulated by all present on the admirable way in which he had carried out the ceremony. A candidate for initiation now presented himself; the ballot was declared in favour, and Mr. Campbell was introduced and took the benefit of Masonic light. The next feature was the formal presentation to the W.M. of an elegant banner, to be used by the Lodge in perpetuity. This gift was acknowledged by Bro. Emblin, who stated the members of the Lodge fully appreciated the kindness thus exhibited by the Immediate Past Master. The announcement was then made that the Worshipful Master had undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £10 10s was voted from Lodge Funds, the amount to be placed on his List on behalf of that Charity. An application from a member to be placed on the country list was favourably entertained, and a proposition for a gentleman to join the Order, in due form, was presented to the Secretary. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. A capital banquet followed; it was done full justice to, and while the cloth was being cleared the Charity Box was passed round, with very happy result. The W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts, which were heartily responded to. For the Grand Officers Bro. James Terry replied. Bro. Williams then rose to propose the health of the W.M. After referring to the good work Bro. Emblin had done in the several offices he had held in the Lodge, the I.P.M. spoke of what their W.M. had already done on behalf of the Charities. The Associations Bro. Emblin had exercised himself so well in had paid over to the three Masonic Institutions something like £800, and great things were anticipated from the W.M. in behalf of his appeal for the Boys. All anticipated that Bro. Emblin would make a good Master, and with the capable band of Officers that would support him the increased prosperity of the Lodge would be assured. In reply the W.M. said that since his initiation it had been his ambition to fill the chair of the Lodge of Justice, and no effort should be wanting so far as he was concerned to promote the happiness and harmony of the brethren. Bro. Emblin then referred to his proposed Stewardship for the Boys' School, and made an earnest appeal for support. In response to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Campbell said he appeared that night as an Entered Apprentice, but he trusted he might prove an efficient mechanic. The health of the Installing Officer was next given, and he was invested with the Past Master's

jewel of the Lodge. Bro. Williams thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him. The presentation to him of the jewel of the Lodge had afforded him intense gratification. He assured them one and all he did not in the future intend to be an inactive member; he should continue to exert himself in the future as he felt he was justified in saying he had done in the past. In responding for the toast given on behalf of the Institutions, Bro. F. Binckes gracefully alluded to the excellent work done by the W.M. in their behalf, and the generous support given by the Lodge. He recounted the demands each of the Institutions had to be prepared for, and strongly appealed for help in the trying ordeal through which the Charity he was most intimately connected with was passing. Several other toasts followed. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs-Bros. Dimsdale and Winne especially distinguishing themselves.

ONE AND ALL LODGE, No. 330.

AT the annual meeting at Bodmin, held on the 14th inst., the W.M. elect, Bro. Tom Whale, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. P. Edyvean, his brother, B. F. Edyvean, another expert in the ritual, helping him. There was a very large attendance. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. R. P. Edyvenn I.P.M., Brewer S.W., Page J.W., Rowe Treas., Tonkin Sec., Randall S.D., Adams J.D., Rowe I.G., Dennis Tyler, Roscorla Organist, Sandoe D.C., and Goodfellow and Treverton Stewards, Rowe Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, Hicks Spear Steward of the Cornwall Charity Association. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to partake of the annual banquet, well served by Bro. Sandoe. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs by various brethren, who were accompanied by Bro. R. P. Edyvean, with good taste, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

THE installation meeting took place on the 15th inst., Bro. T. E. Harris being the installing Master. Bro. T. Mills was the new. Harris being the installing Master. Bro. T. Mills was the new Master, and he appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Harris I.P.M Dougall S.W., Evans J.W., Morgan Chaplain, Roberts Treas., Wynn Williams Sec., Thomas Organist, Langford Jones S.D., Williams J.D., Thornton Jones D.C., Griffith I.G., Davies S.S., Parry Thomas J.S., Stubbington Tyler.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

THE annual festival was celebrated on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street, Trowbridge. The W.M., Bro. G. L. Palmer, presided, and was well supported by the Officers and members of the Lodge, while the visitors mustered in considerable strength. After the usual routine business, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Pocock, was duly presented, and the ceremony of installing him in the chair was ably carried out by Bro. G. L. Palmer, after which the W.M. was duly saluted by the brethren. Bro. Foley acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Millington presided at the organ. The new M.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:-Bros. Brown as S.W., Selfe J.W., White S.D., Mundy J.D., Hill Sec., Lansdown Organist, Albert Cox I.G., Gouldsmith Steward. During the subsequent proceedings, in response to an appeal from Bro. Burt, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he is Steward, a sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds. The W.M. also presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Palmer, as an acknowledgment of his services during his year of office. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served at the Woolpack Hotel, by Bro. Barton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and Bros. Reed, Howse, Sparks, Hill, Selfe and others contributed vocally to the pleasures of the evening. An interesting event during the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. Hill, which was done by Bro. Brown in an impressive manner, as a personal token of the admiration he felt at Bro. Hill's work in the Lodge.

INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 721.

N Monday, the 14th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at Chester by the above Lodge, which is one of the strongest in the Province, and Bro. John Humphreys, who had been unanimously elected by his brethren at the December Lodge, was installed W.M. for the year. There was a considerable gath Masters and members of the Lodge, as well as of Past Provincial Officers and visiting brethren. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. W. Johnson and J. Dennis, the addresses being delivered by the retiring W.M., Bro. Felix Thomas, while the whole of the remainder of the ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. I. Matthews Jones. Bro. J. Humphreys invested his Officers for the year, as follow:— Bros. Felix Thomas I.P.M., Finchett S.W., Rush J.W., Stevenson Treasurer, Knowles Secretary, Peers S.D., Adams J.D., Bennett I.G., Browne Steward, Ellis Organist, Edwards D.C., Richmond Almoner, and Hall Tyler. Bro. Thomas Knowles delivered the address to the Wardens. Letters of apology were read from Bro. his Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and from several other local Masons. After some ordinary business had been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where they dived together, under the presidency of the W.M.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 2216.

THE installation of Bro. Joseph Chadderton, for the second time, took place at the Bull Hotel, Swinton, on Wednesday, the 9th instant. This Lodge, which started under anything but favourable circumstances, twelve months ago, has progressed in a most wonderand courage of Bro. Chadderton, assisted by Bro. Wardle, the inde-fatigable Secretary, and Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. 350. From our in his power for the benefit of Freemasonry, and he wished the Lodge personal knowledge of Bro. Chadderton we are assured that Egerton every success. Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a

Lodge possesses in him a zealous, conscientious, and untiring adherent, who has never, since the consecration, allowed inconvenience or fatigue to stand in his way. During the past year there have been innumerable meetings held, for the purpose of lessening the difficulties and responsibilities that naturally arise when a new Lodge has been established, and Bro. Chadderton has never failed to attend and give his assistance and advice. Added to this, there have been several emergency meetings, for the purpose of getting through the ceremonies, and in every instance our zealous Brother has proved himself the right man in the right place. The result of all this is that the young Lodge is now firmly established, and will undoubtedly make a name for itself in the Province of West Lancashire. No greater compliment as acknowledgment of valuable services rendered, could have been paid Bro. Chadderton than to re-elect him W.M. for another year, and we feel sure he thoroughly appreciates the confidence reposed in him. The following brethren were present at the meeting:-Bro. Joseph Chadderton W.M., R. R. Lisenden P.M. 317 Prov. Grand Steward East Lancashire acting S.W., Ramsden P.M. P.G.S.D. Cheshire acting J.W., E. L. Littler P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P. acting I.G., W. H. Dutton P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Lee Wood P.M. 350, Bennett-Mountain, Wm. Knight, S. J. Hampson, R. J. W. Berry, W. Lambert, Dr. Martin, Bone, Dutton, C. Hey, G. H. Slack late 985, Adam Brown, George Lee, Howarth, G. P. Lloyd, Thornton, W. Ramsden P.G.D. Cheshire, James Booth 1213, Hugh Rowland 1348. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. In the second degree Bro. W. H. Dutton P.M. 11 P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire took the chair as installing Master. Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. 350 duly presented the W.M. elect (Bro. Joseph Chadderton) to the Installing Master, who, after the usual formalaties, inducted him into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Chadderton was subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.M.'s, F.C.'s, and E.A.'s, on their re-admission into the Lodge. Bro. Charles Heywood P.M. 1387 presented the working tools in the three degrees, after which Bro. Dr. Martin P.M. 1814 P.G.S.D. invested Bro. R. Wardle as S.W., and Bro. J. Lee Wood P.M. as J.W. The remaining Officers were invested by Bro. W. H. Dutton, as follows: -A. B. Worthington Treas., W. Pass (absent) Sec., J. Berry Organist, W. Bennett S.D., A. H. Mountain J.D., W. Knight I.G., J. Mills, N. Howarth and D. Grandy St. wards, and S. J. Hampson Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Dr. Martin P.G.D., and to the brethren by Bro. W. H. Dutton. Before the Lodge closed the W.M. thanked Bro. W. H. Dutton most heartily, and the other brethren who had assisted in the installation ceremony for their valuable services. W.M. also proposed Bros. W. H. Dutton and Wm. Goodacre Prov. Grand Sec. as honorary members of the Lodge, which was seconded and carried unanimously. There being no further business, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, the preparation and serving of which reflected great credit on Bro. and Mrs. Knight, the affable and obliging host and hostess. Later on the brethren assembled up stairs at the social board, when the usual toast list was proceeded with. Bro. J. J. Lambert P.M. 1387 P.P.G. Registrar replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. was entrusted to Bro. W. H. Duttov, who considered it a great honour, and felt it a great pleasure to propose it. He felt quite certain that all appreciated the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Chadderton in endeavouring before and since the consecration to make the new Lodge the success which it undoubtedly was, and he augured would be still more so in the future. Such exertions had been rewarded, and as a proof of the brethren's appreciation they had unanimously re-elected him Worshipful Master for another year; and he (Bro. Dutton) felt sure they had acted wisely in so doing, and if the Officers rallied round their W.M. and did all in their power to second his efforts, the prosperity of the Lodge was assured. Bro. Chadderton's health was drank, after which he rose, and in reply said it certainly was an unusual thing for a man to be installed three times, as he had been, Worshipful Master. There had been a great many nice things said of him, which he naturally felt very pleased to hear, at the same time no one knew his failings better than he did himself, and he promised his brethren he would do his atmost to eradicate them before his second year of office expired. He had no doubt himself of the success of the Lodge, and it was very satisfactory to have three propositions to commence the year with. He was pleased so many installed Masters had been present to do him honour, and he thanked all who had been present that day for their kind and valuable assistance. He would ask his Officers to do all in their power to assist him during the forthcoming year, and attend the instruction meetings in order to properly perform the ceremonies. of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. J. Lee Wood, who spoke in high terms of praise of the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. W. H. Dutton in reply said he was very glad he had given satisfaction and to have been of any service to the W.M. of the Egerton Lodge; the members might always rely upon him doing anything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. He considered he had been ably assisted by Bros. Dr. Martin and Charles Heywood, and expressed his opinion the ceremony was always better performed when divided. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. E. L. Littler P.P.G.P. proposed the Officers, and expressed the pleasure he felt at having been asked to assist at the ceremony The W.M. need have no doubt of being well supported by his Officers, as both the S.W. (Bro. Wardle) and the J.W. (Bro. J. Lee Wood) were well tried men who had already proved their ability to perform their duties. The S.W. especially had rendered valuable service to Bro. Chadderton during the past year as Secretary, and would no doubt prove himself equally valuable in his present position. Bro. Littler went on to say he was present at ful and satisfactory manner, mainly owing to the indomitable pluck the consecration of the Lodge, and had assisted at its ceremonies during

very pleasant; evening was spent. The intervals between the toasts ensued, but in the end the Petition was signed for presentation in due recitation, "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and played a selection on the English concertina.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

BROTHER T. CLIBBON was, on the 16th inst., installed as Worshipful Master, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham. The induction ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Naylor, and there was a large attendance, which included Bro. Binckes, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow: -Bros. G. R. Cobham S.W., W. T. Wiggins J.W., Humphey Wood P.M. Treasurer, C. R. Cockburn P.M. Secretary, F. H. Collins S.D., C. E. Skinner J.D., T. Robinson I G., E. Bacon D.C., J. J. Thompson Organist, Church and Leavey Stewards. The usual banquet followed the business meeting.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

THE installation of the Rev. J. Puttick W.M. took place at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Markwick, who had held that position two years; and for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the onerous duties the brethren, on the proposition of Bro. Norris, unanimously voted him a bar to the P.M. jewel presented him last year. The W.M. invested the following brethren with collars of office: -Markwick I.P.M., Allen S.W., Edwards J.W., Rossiter Treas., Pearce Sec., Randell S.D., Walmsley J.D., Duke D.C., Muscat Organist, Gage I.G., Ticehurst Steward. Bro. C. W. Duke was elected as Prov. Charity Steward. The D. Prov. G.M. wrote, stating that he was too unwell to be present, and expressing hearty wishes for the welfare of the Lodge under the guidance of the esteemed Bro. Puttick. The brethren, after transacting the business of the Lodge, adjourned to the banquet-room, where Bro. Boyce did credit to himself and won hearty expressions of approval for the excellent manner in which he had provided for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the capital singing of the Black Crown Glee Singers, and Bros. Russell, Markwick, and Rossiter.

MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. Present: -Bros. Adam Pringle I.P.M. in the chair, G. C. Andrew P.M. as S.W. G. Greiner J.W., T. L. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Sec., J. P., Murrough S.D., Sir Alfred Dent (K.C.M.G.) P.M., W. Ridner, J. A. Maitland, and J. P. Fearfield. After the transaction of the routine business, it was proposed by Sir Alfred Dent, seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously:-"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to the Testimonial which has been set on foot in recognition of the services rendered to the literature of Freemasonry by Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. and P.M. 92.

UNION LODGE, No. 127.

BRO. John Healing was installed Worshipful Master, on the 15th instant, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. Jones Lane. The Officers for the ensuing year are—Bros. Moor S.W., Stanley J.W., Brighurst S.D., Bamber J.D., Fagg I.G., Crosoer Dir. of Cers., Moor Assist. Dir. of Cers., Taylor-Jones Chaplain, Chexfield Organist, Wooton Secretary, Reeve Steward, Tookey Tyler. The annual banquet was held at the Elephant Hotel in the evening.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE 121st Anniversary Meeting of this Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham. Wednesday, the 16th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Greshamstreet, London, E.C. There was scarcely so large an attendance as usual, but the proceedings throughout were of an agreeable character. Lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. William Wiles, who was supported by Past Masters Charles Lacey (Treasurer), C. H. Webb (Secretary), John Newton, G. T. H. Seddon, A. H. Brown, his interest. During his tour round the world he visited South aser, W. C. Barlow, and F. H. Dellow. those who signed the attendance book as Visitors were W. R. Bott | porary Review, wherein he said that however strong the difference of 1949, E. G. Brewer W.M. 165, N. H. Turner W.M. 2000, J. Loftus W.M. 2000, J. Boulton W.M. 2291, J. D. Gray 55, J. Knight P.M. 95, G. Macallan 51, Henry Prenton 1319, C. Dauiel P.M. 65, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. William James Higgs was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Bro. Dr. Wiles proceeded with the installation ceremony. After the obligation, Bro. John Newton took the chair vacated by Dr. Wiles in his favour, and conducted the ceremony through the Board of Installed Masters, who afterwards congratulated Bro. Higgs on his accession to supreme power in the Lodge. The new Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following Officers: -- Bros. Dr. Wiles I.P.M., W. Richardson S.W., Henry Magee J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, H. F. Jay S.D., T. A. Starnes J.D., R. Gront Organist, W. Phillips I.G., W. M. Butcher D.C., James Very Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Past Master Brown, that to the Wardens by Past Master Jones, while Bro. Newton con-cluded the ceremony with the address to the Brethren. The resignation of three members was announced, and Bro. John Miller (in consequence of heavy domestic affliction) desired to be released from their positions, and still desired to further the great interests of the responsibilities of the office he had so long held in the Sincerity Freemasonry, Bro. Eve continued with some interesting remarks as Lodge. The next business was the consideration of an application to the unit relative of Freemasonry. Bro. Philbrick next rose: It

were enlivened with some capital songs, from Bros. Adam Brown, S. course. The Auditors' Report, which, with the Financial Statement, J. Hampson, and others. Bro. R. R. Lisenden gave his celebrated had been printed and circulated among the members, was taken as read and adopted. In the course of the evening a very handsome banner was presented by Past Master Jones, for the use of the Lodge, and this gift was gracefully accepted on behalf of the Lodge by the W.M. The banquet was served in the style that has so long characterised this establishment; the new proprietor was present, while Bro. John Marsham exerted himself as zealously as of yore to make all the guests comfortable. The speeches throughout were well to the point, and the charitable proclivities of the members were duly exercised,—the Benevolent Institution being the especial charity for which the appeal was made, and the W.M. announced that his list as Steward now amounted to £106 odd: The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, assisted by Bros. C. A. White, Emerson, Miss Emily Davies, and Miss Camelia Page.

THE ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street I. Hotel, London. Lodge was opened at 4-30, by Bro. Robert James Paton, the W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge and visitors:-Past Masters Brothers H. J. Phillips, W. Bassington, A. J. Henochsberg, S. Jacobs, H. M. Harris, J. A. Gartley, M. J. Emanuel, I. P. Cohen, S. M. Harris, J. Da Silva, E. H. Norden, Abraham M. Cohen (Treasurer). Visitors: Bros. A. Greenham I.P.M. 70, &c., J. Barnett jun. S.D. 2205, James Chapman P.M. 194, W. Maple D.M. 675, Dr. J. Hogg, P.G.D. H. Magner, P.M. 610, 1938 P.M. 675, Dr. J. Hogg P.G.D., H. Massey P.M. 619, 1928, Valentine P.M. 1017, A. Grant 619, W. Garrard 870, Thomas Harvey S.W. 1017, F. Larner P.M. 858, W. Andrews 1933, I. Botibol W.M. 188, Isaac White, Harding 1017, D. M. Davis P.M. 1017, Edward Terry P.G.S., J. W. Harvey P.M. 25, J. D. Frohlich 1207, E. J. Acworth P.M. 1612, &c., C. R. Williams W.M. 2262, C. Norrington P.M. 619, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Joel 2265, G. Goddard 733, B. Field W.M. 1668, M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261, W. G. Dickinson 1608, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, M. Browning 172, J. Smith W.M. 933, Goodrich late 205, W. Wright Organist 1897, Heidmann 188, C. Belton V.P. Board of General Purposes, Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer, S. Joel 1017, Joseph Israel, M. Hyman 1880, F. A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, M. Lyons 1155, W. Silverstone 1155, E. V. Page 834, M. B. Rosenberg 188, H. Cheetham 1017, S. B. Joel 1017, P. Harris 1658, H. Bromet 1155, J. N. Joseph 1017, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., &c. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors presented their report, which was unanimously accepted, as also was that of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer was then presented for installation, Master rendering the ceremony in a peroutgoing fect manner. The following brethren were appointed, and invested with their respective collars:-Brothers Robert James Paton I.P.M., Marcus Bromet S.W., M. I. Emanuel P.M. J.W., Abraham Mark Cohen P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Da Silva P.M. Secretary, S. Dancyger S.D., J. W. Corrie J.D., H. M. Harris P.M. Dir. of Cers., R. J. Paton Organist, M. Bash I.G., J. Levy Asst. Dir. of Cers., I. H. Glackstein Senior Steward, B. Marcus Junior Steward, R. J. Morley Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. A grant was made from the Lodge funds to support Bro. Da Silva P.M., who will act this year as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £21 was voted to Bro. Hogard, in support of his Steward. ship for the Boys. Other routine matters having received attention, Lodge was closed. After the banquet Bro. Hogard introduced the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty was the Patroness of our Order, the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and he (the Worshipful Master) thought this sufficient to commend the toast to the brethren. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was the next toast, and this received full honour. In speaking of the Pro G.M., the W.M. said the brethren knew the services that the Earl of Carnarvon had rendered to Freemasonry during the years he had been Pro G.M., especially they ought to thank him for the union he arranged in Australia between the Lodges holding sway there. Under his auspices the connection of the English, Scotch, and what he might call the two illegal Lodges in Australia, had been brought about, and that was sufficient to prove Africa, and he wrote on the subject of the Colonies in the Content. race, colour, and religion were in Kimberley, still he found the brethren of the Mystic Tie sank all those differences. The W.M. next rose for the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. The services of the Earl of Lathom were recognised by all the brethren. He might have an extra claim on this Lodge because two members of it were honoured by him in West Lancashire with the Provincial purple. He coupled with the toast the the names of Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Philbrick the Grand Registrar. Bro. Philbrick had held the office of Grand Registrar for some years, and the decisions that Grand Lodge had given under his advice had never been challenged in the slightest degree. The brethren of the Lodge of Israel hailed his company with delight, and as he had not been very well lately, they wished him renewed health and strength. Bros. Dr. Hogg, J. Lewis Thomas, and Frederick Binckes were also with them, and they hoped it would not be the last time they were honoured with their presence. Brother Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer said that though the Past Grand Officers were supposed to have retired on their laurels, they upheld that one of the members desired to make for relief from the Board of was the kindness and confidence of the Craft generally which had Benevolence. An exhaustive discussion as to the wants of the case supported him in the labours referred to by the W.M.; in

advising Grand Lodge he had endeavoured not to know A B or C D, but only to do what he thought right. If he had met with the approbation of the Craft, it was no more than he had striven for; he had endeavoured to do the best he could for the great cause they all had so much at heart. Referring to Bro. Eve's remarks as to the cosmopolitan character of the Lodge of Israel, and the universality of Masonry, this Lodge of Israel was a reminder of the antiquity of Masonry, and of the fidelity Masons bore to the traditions of the Order. Those who were not of the stock of Israel must always remember-certainly in Masonry-that they were grafted into the tree, and could not forget the stock from which they sprung; therefore, they must acknowledge the universality of Freemasonry, and do reverence to the antiquity of the Order and to its principles, whose attractions were so great that they brought together all those who recognised the G.A.O.T.U. Bro. Paton I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that 15 or 16 years ago a Brother stood in the position he (Bro. Paton) now occupied, to propose the health of the then W.M.; he referred to Bro. Hegard, who now again occupied the chair. It was needless for him to say any words of recommendation on behalf of this toast, because Bro. Hogard was well known to the brethren. Bro. Hogard said that from his point of view it was an immense honour to occupy the chair of the Lodge of Israel for the second time, although he should have been very pleased to see either of the Wardens in his position. By their own right or the suffrages of the brethren they could have held it but for their own modesty. It was to him a very proud moment to be again installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Israel. After having vacated the chair, 16 or 17 years ago, he did not look to occupy it again, still P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C. Secretary, B. Thomas S.D., A. Vandervord J.D., he appreciated the brethren's kindness in electing him to fulfil the most important and highest office in their Lodge. In that position he should do his best, as he thought they all knew he had done in the past, to merit the approbation and esteem of the brethren. He could only ask them to look kindly on any failings he might exhibit. The Israel Lodge was his Mother Lodge, the Lodge in which he first saw the light, and he had never once regretted the step he then took. He trusted he should be spared many years to continue a member of the Lodge. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., replying to the toast of the Visitors said, when he received the invitation to the Lodge he accepted it with the greatest pleasure, because he felt it a very high honour. The visitors were not at all surprised to see Bro. Hogard again in the chair, knowing how many years he had worked for the harmony of the Lodge with which he was associated. The Provincial Grand Officers did not retire on their laurels, as the W.M. could testify. The W.M. and he (Dr. Hogg) met every month—no brother was more constant—at the Benevolent Institution, and assisted in a great deal of work on its behalf. They took the deepest interest in the Benevolent Institution, and he (Dr. Hogg) was pleased that the Lodge had that night subscribed to it through the list of a brother who represented another Lodge. He was not surprised that the Lodge of Israel took the lead in such a step for the benefit of the Craft, and he always expected to see the Lodge of Israel lead the way in adorning that great moral and social virtue which they all regarded with such great interest. Bro. Andrews, of Jamaica, also addressed the brethren. Abroad a great deal depended on the decisions of the Grand Registrar; they had continually to refer questions to him, and his judgment guided the brethren. He happened to be in Grand Lodge last time, and was pleased with the Grand Registrar's exposition of Masonic law. When he went back to Jamaica he should carry with him a pleasant memory of the welcome extended to strangers from abroad. After other Visitors, the Installing Master was complimented; the W.M. said he did not know an occasion on which the Master of the Israel Lodge had not installed his successor. They had for many years had Masters who had conferred honour on the Lodge by the masterly manner in which they had performed their duties. He had had the pleasure of pinning on Brother Paton's breast in Lodge the P.M.'s jewel, which was unanimously voted him; to this was added a P.M.'s collar and jewel. Bro. R. J. Paton acknowledged the kindness of the brethren; when he first entered the Lodge he resolved to attain, if he possibly could, the high position of W.M., and he hoped his exertions had been approved of. Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer responded for the Masonic Charities. The Lodge of Israel always took a prominent part in supporting them. The W.M. would support the Boys' School, and he would carry with him the sympathy of all the members, together with their most liberal, generous, and practical support. Last year the though no one grudged the Girls' School their success. In 1889 he hoped there would be something like compensation. The Boys' School had 268 lads, for whom the best was being done. The other toasts customary on these occasions received full recognition. The musical programme provided was a high class one; the artists who took part in it were the Misses Louisa White, Marian Forder, Bros. G. Goddard, H. J. Phillips, I. White, and Arthur Combes. Bro. Willy Wright presided at the piano.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 784.

THE installation meeting was held at the Lodge Room, St George's Hall Deal on Thursday the 1941 Hall, Deal, on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bro. E. Trevers was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. J. F. Solly P.M., after which the following Officers were appointed :- Bros. Huntley S.W., Allen J.W., Rev. L. Griffith Chaplain, Browning P.M. Secretary, Marsh S.D., Cottew J.D., Chennel D.C., Webster Organist, Newton I.G., Ekins Steward, and Norris Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast had been provided by Bro. W. H. Collins, of the Clarendon Hotel, to whom great praise is

HANLEY LODGE, No. 797.

THE annual meeting was held at Dartmonth, on the 14th inst. Bro.

Bros. Goodridge, Davson, Whittle, and Bovey. Bro. J. B. Husband was invested as Treasurer in the place of J. H. Hurrell, who had resigned office on account of ill-health. The following Officers were invested by the W.M.:—Bros. Tolman I.P.M., Way S.W., Medway J.W., Goodridge Sec., Pack S.D., Elliott J.D., Evins I.G., Chapole D.C., Oldreive and Moxey Stewards, Putt Tyler. Bro. Davson was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. Brethren . other Lodges present included Bros. Jewels, Mardon, Wheaton, James, and Davies 248, Pratt 1402, Brooks and Trenaman 1358, Cove 1487, Hickey 954. After the meeting the brethren, to the number of about 35, then adjourned to Bro. Whittle's Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the speeches being interspersed with songs, by Bros. Medway, Bovey, and others.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., the annual festival of this Lodge was held, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, when Bro. G. J. Glasscock 1817 P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer was installed as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. C. Floyd P.M. 1817 P.P.A.G.P., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Albert Lucking P.G.P. Prov. G.D.C., before a full assemblage of representative members of the Craft. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. W. E. Bridgland P.M. 933 S.W., Thomas Hood J.W., Rev. T. W. Herbert P.M. 313 1041 P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Wood P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, A. Lucking P.M. Gyril W. Cooke I.G., T. F. Barrett P.M. P.P.G.R. Dir. of Cers., C. W. Barnard and H. Cogill Stewards, A. W. Martin Prov. G.T. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Charles Floyd I.P.M., and upon the motion of Bro. A. Lucking, ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. W. D. Merritt, who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival. Amongst those present were Bros. Rev. T. W. Herbert, A. Lucking, E. E. Phillips, W. D. Merritt, H. Luker, T. F. Barrett, J. F. Harrington, G. R. Dawson, C. Floyd, F. Wood, E. F. Wood, C. W. Cooke, James Heath, A. Vandervord, B. Thomas, H. Cogill, A. G. Renninson, F. J. Cumine, H. Harper, G. F. Vandervord, C. W. Barnard, W. Tyler, W. Trigg, F. Partridge, W. M. Burton, W. Carwarden. Visitors—Bros. F. Binckes (Secretary Royal Masonic Boys' School), W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.G.S.W. Essex, A. Barritt W.M. 1024, H. Harper P.M. and Secretary 160, W. Langham W.M. 276, J. W. Harris P.M. 1000 Secretary 1817, J. T. Crawford 766, W. J. Bowes 834, A. Harrington, Dr. Cresswell J.D., 276, W. H. Scratton (E.A.), G. Walton 160, W. Hall. Later on the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. J. Pritchard, mine host of the Middleton, Bro. G. J. Glasscock (the newly-installed W.M.) presided, and the vice chairs were occupied by Bros. Bridgland and Hood. The evening was spent most harmoniously.

WALTON LODGE, No. 1086.

ON the 16th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met in strong force at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, to celebrate their annual festival, and instal the incoming W.M. This Lodge was formed over twenty years ago for the convenience of North-end Free wasons, and has admirably fulfilled its original purpose. At the present meeting there was a very numerous gathering of visitors, the chair being taken by Bro. Joseph Unsworth, who afterwards installed the W.M. elect (Brc. John Pennington) in a very praiseworthy manner. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. Lunt and J. Shield. Officers were also appointed and invested. After dinner, which was supplied by Bro. Eves, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel presented to the I.P.M. by the Lodge through the W.M., with a fine set of mounted cutlery on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction.

EARL OF SHREWSBURY LODGE, No. 1520.

ON the 19th instant the festival of St. John was celebrated at the Lodge-room, Local Board Offices, Cannock. There was a good attendance, and among the visiting brethren were the following:—Bros. Col. Foster Gough acting P.G.M., J. Ryder P.G.S.D., Girls' School Centenary Festival completely crushed the Boys' School, the Rev. R. M. Grier 1941, J. Whitworth P.M. 347, Joseph Collins W.M. 347, G. Fanghan W.M. 419, F. T. Beck J.D. 419, W. F. Tolladay S.W. 1180, T. H. Simpson Secretary 1180, James Seddon 526, J. M. Duffarn 1180, W. Stamford 1941, John Tindall P.M. 539, George Gee W.M. 1941. The W.M. elect (Bro. John J. Simpson) was dnly installed by Bro. Thomas Evans W.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers during the ensuing year: -Bros. T. Evans I.P.M., T. M. Heape S.W., G. Stead J.W., Peter Sharp Treasurer, W. Blower Secretary, John Smith S.D., George J. Brownell J.D., Cope D.C., Wilson Organist, Ryle I.G., Broughall and Brookes Stewards, Coombes Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Officers of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Evans a jewel bearing the following inscription :-

> "Presented to Bro. T. Evans by the Officers of the Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1520, as a token of their esteem for his courtesy and ability as W.M. during the year 1888."

The banquet was afterwards served in the Lodge-room by Mrs. Bertram, under the direction of the Bauqueting Committee, Bros. Sharp, Cope, Brownell, Heape, and Evans. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly hononred, and several of the brethren contributed songs during the evening.

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R. H. Benson was installed W.M. by Bro. Chapple, assisted by it error who applies to Nicrosom, 21 Bedford-sq., London, W.C.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE Gould, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. Gould that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

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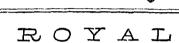
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ROYAL NAVAL LODGE OF INDE-PENDENCE.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

N the Freemason's Chronicle of 2nd April 1887 will be found a paper under the above heading, wherein I described a very curiously arranged list of the members of the above-named Lodge, printed in London in 1795. The names of the members were put on the list under three headings, viz, "Quarterly members," "Land members," and "Sea members," and under last-named heading I counted no less than 741 names. With the aid of Bro. Lane's Masonic Records, I found that the Lodge was chartered in 1739. I also gave its successive numbers on the Grand Lodge list, its successive alterations or change of its name, and of its removals from place to place. The said Lodge removed from St. Giles, or St. James, to Wapping in 1791, and it naturally surprised me to find that in less than five years so many as 741 seamen should have joined it! or in other words, that on an average the Lodge initiated 150 seamen per aunum during the five years or less.

Bro. Hughan immediately informed me that a "History of the Lodge of Felicity" had just been printed, which confirmed the fact of the extraordinary rush of seamen into the "Royal Naval Lodge" at the time I mentioned, and even later on. I soon after received the book, and though I found therein a solution of the Seamen Puzzle, I did not deem the rest of the information appertaining to the Royal Naval Lodge, which is scattered in the book, of sufficient interest to the general reader, and so I took no further notice of it. A few days ago, however, the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts called my attention to an old yellow printed document, which stirred me up for making further inquiry; and here is a copy of the said document:

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Boston, June 13, A.L. 5803.

The subsequent admonition of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain having been read, on motion, it was voted :—

That the Grand Corresponding Secretary communicate a copy thereof to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, for their information and guidance.

 Λ copy of record.

JOHN PROCTOR, U.D. Rec. Sec'tary. GRAND LODGE.

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I remain,

Worshipful Sir and Brother, Your Obedient Servant,

And faithful Brother in Masonry,

Robert Leslie, G. Secretary.

CIRCULAR.

Remembering that the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, at Wapping, was originally chartered in 1739, I imagined that a seceder from the Ancients set up a rival Royal Naval Lodge at Wapping in 1803, in order to get ship captains to join it. However, I first hunted up my article in the Freemason's Chronicle of 1887, and after reperusing it, I took up the "History of the Lodge of Felicity" once more, which revealed some facts in relation to my new puzzle, occasioned by the above document, and here is what the author of the "Felicity" says :-

"Bro. Francis Columbine Daniel, afterwards Sir Francis C. Daniel, Knight, M.D., was born in April 1765, at King's Lynn, and was initiated into Masonry in No. 3 Lodge, in March 1788, and joined United Mariners (Atholl) in 1789. He soon afterwards served as Master of that Lodge, being described in 1791 as Past Master. In July 1791 Bro. Daniel, then 26 years of age, Surgeon, of Red Lion Street, was admitted a member of the Royal Naval Lodge, which, according to a memoir in possession of our Bro. Sumner Knyvett P.M., was then held at St. James, but afterwards removed to Burr Street, near the Tower of London. He served as Master for upwards of seventeen years, and during that period he initiated upwards of 600 American Captains, and nearly 400 British Naval Commanders."

We are further informed that Bro. Daniel arranged medicine chests for ships, and that he also invented a life preserver, for which he was knighted. His business naturally brought him into contact with sea captains, and this accounts for the rush of seamen into the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence. Bro. Daniel's secession from the Ancients naturally left a bad feeling towards him among his former Masonic associates, and here, on page 43, is a paragraph which explains in a measure the printed document above

given, of 1803. Our author says:—

"Having joined the Royal Naval Lodge in 1791, we find circular letter warning the W.M.'s and Wardens of its subordinate Lodges against certificates issued by the Bro. Daniel had been expelled by the Ancients early in that D.C. and Moore W.S. joint secretaries, and Innes Treasurer. year.

I do not, however, believe that Bro. Daniel copied the Armorial Bearings from the Ancients for the purpose indicated in the Ancients Circular in 1801. I hope therefare that one of my English friends will publish Bro. Daniel's Certificate, if a copy is in existence. While writing about Dermott's "Armorial Bearings," I was reminded by Bro. J. R. Marvin, of Boston, in his book, viz., "The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," alluded to Dermott's pretended knowledge about "Armorial Bearings," just as I did to his Masonic Ancientness. Indeed, Bro. Marvin intimates that Dermott's "Rabi Jacob Jehudah Leoni" was a mere "myth" of Dermott's creation, and was suggested by Patriarch Jacob's talk about the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." This hint will, I hope, induce my friend Bro.

Sadler to say something to Bro. Marvin.

The part Bro. Daniel played in the Masonic world is rather curious; he was an out and out secessionist, thus he took an active part in establishing the Masonic Boys' School, but in 1804 he seceded and organised a rival Boys' School. Brother Harper was a regular Turncoat, who left the Ancients and went over to the Moderns. In 1802 Bro. Daniel brought charges against Harper, and had him expelled, and so he went back to the Ancients. In 1808, when Bro. Damiel retired from the office of W.M., the Royal Naval I: dge presented him with a silver cup, value of £20; also an address, signed by Lord Kingston, his successor, and 125 members; and in 1810 he seceded with others from the said Lodge, and joined the Lodge of Felicity. For some unexplained reason the Royal Naval Lodge was bankrupt when Bro. Daniel left it. Its charter was suspended by the Grand Lodge for non-payment of dues, and charges were brought against Bro. Daniel for some irregularities, and he was suspended until the debts of the Royal Naval Lodge were paid. Bro. Daniel's membership must have been deemed very valuable to the Lodge of Felicity, for it undertook to discharge all the debts of the Royal Naval Lodge, which it eventually did. The Felicity Lodge, however, afterwards claimed from Bro. Daniel repayment of some of the money, but he refused. In 1815 he sent in his resignation to the Lodge, but the Lodge refused to accept it until he settled its claim; and finally, in 1816, his resignation was accepted. But nevertheless at the Centenary of "The Lodge of Felicity," in 1837, Bro. Daniel was elected to fill the office of W.M. for the

The reader will now understand how the "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence" got connected with the history of the Lodge of Felicity, and why the Grand Lodge of the Ancients expelled the Master of a Lodge under

Moderns in 1801.

I shall only add that the pamphlet, issued in 1795, by the Royal Naval Lodge, to which I called attention in 1887 is deemed by Bro. Hughan as very rare, if not unique, and that I induced my old friend Bro. David Pulsifer, itsformer owner, to present it to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for which he received a letter of thanks from the Grand Secretary.

Boston, U.S., 7th January 1889.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE eighth annual ball under the auspices of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. The hall was be untifully decorated, a very pleasing effect being produced by a large number of fairy lamps distributed among the palms and flowers arranged round the orchestra, in front of which was the brun r of the Lodge. In the gallery several immense Japanese fans, kindly lent by Messrs Smith, of the Bon Marché, formed a fitting set-off to the profuse decorations at the orchestra end and the sides of the hall. This Lodge occupies the unique position of being wholly composed of members of the press, and as its name suggests, many of them are engaged in the press "gallery" of the Houses of Parliament. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the strains of a first-class band, supplied by Mr. C. Hann, and was kept up until four o'clock next morning. At midnight the comin September 1801 the Atholl Grand Lodge issuing a pany sat down to supper, and great praise is due to Messrs W. Hill and Sons for the way it was put upon the table and served. After suppor-at which the Master of the Lodge, Bro. R. J. Griffiths, LL.D., presided-The Queen and the Craft and the Gallery Lodge were duly Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, on the honoured, as was also the toast of the Ladies, proposed by Bro. ground of their having been fabricated by an expelled Bevan P.M., and responded to by Bro. Richard Ero Past Grand Mason, Bro. F. Columbine Daniel, and intended to pass and Treasurer of England. The arrangements were carried out by the impose upon our ancient Order, particularly in America. following committee:—Bros. Griffiths W.M., Duckworth I.P.M., Wright S.W., Massey P.M., Greenwood W.S., and Masson, with Sale M.C.'s were Bros. Gale, Greenwood and Moore.

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MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have carefully read and re-read Bro. Henry Sadler's work, entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but whilst heartily acknowledging its general value and accuracy, I am quite unable to accept his theory of the origin of the "Ancients."

To my mind, the evidence he submits does not, in any way, invalidate the statement recorded by Dermott in the Records of his Grand Lodge (and doubtless confirmed by the Brethren in due course) on 6th Dec. 1752, that as the "Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised," it was "for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the Modern sanction) to support the true Ancient system."

The nationality of the original Schismatics is one thing, their origin being quite another. I, for one, belong to the class that Bro. Sadler is pleased to term "the most sceptical," and cannot accept his dictum "that the secession story was a combination of ignorance and malice, and unworthy of credence," because my researches tend in precisely an opposite direction.

Holding the opinion Bro. Sadler does of those who differ from him, with every respect for his valuable labours on behalf of our beloved Society, I must decline discussing the subject with him.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 24th Jan. 1889.

MARK MASONRY.

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KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 385.

A T the regular meeting, on Wednesday, 9th instant, presided over by Bro. Hobert Roy W.M., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C., Bro. Sir Philip Canliffe Owen and Bro. Dr. Richard Paramore were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. After the Lodge the brethren adjourned to 278 High Holborn, where an excellent vegetarian dinner was partaken of. The members of this Lodge are all teetotalers, but, with the exception of the J.W., not vegetarians; they nevertheless expressed themselves well pleased with the repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic sentiments were heartily responded to, Bro. Edward Macbean R.W.M. Lodge 50 S.C., Glasgow, replied on behalf of the visitors, and gave an interesting account of Masonry in Scotland.

MASONIC AFFAIRS IN ABERDEEN.

THE affairs of the Aberdeen City Province of Freemasons have for some time back been directed under the supervision of the Grand Lodge by a Committee of Masters from all the Lodges in the Province, but a new arrangement is now to be enforced. On Tuesday last Lord Saltoun was installed as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and in future the Province will be governed by its own officials. The ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, the Province being consecrated at three o'clock, and the installation taking place two hours later. In the evening a banquet was held in the Imperial Hotel.

A Council of the Order of the Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be opened in connection with the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, and it has been arranged to have the same consecrated at Leeds, on Monday next, at 4.30, when Lord Euston and several members of the Grand Council will attend.

The members of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will hold a meeting at Doncaster, on Tuesday, 29th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to consecrate the Danum Lodge, No. 398. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. the Earl of Euston Grand Senior Warden, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Secretary of Mark Benevolent Fund, Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain D.P.G.M., Chas. H. Driver Grand Master Overseer, Robert Berridge P.G.M.O. Grand D. of C., B. R. Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer, and the Provincial Grand Officers of West Yorkshire. The ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro, C. F. Matier P.G.W.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Toole's.—Good wine needs no bush," and a play that has already stood the test of 225 performances needs very little criticism to commend it to the notice of our readers. To pursue the simile further. the good things in Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merrivale's successful comedy "The Don" have, like good wine, matured in the hands of the artistes, until we have a highly finished representation of college life of the merriest description. Mr. J. L. Toole's impersonation of the kindly hearted but sorely tried college tutor merits all the applause so cordially bestowed upon it, while the assistance rendered by his excellent company is no less well deserved. Thus the cynical humour of the confirmed old bachelor, as presented by Mr. John Billington; the homely landlady of the "Bull and Mitre," Miss Emily Thorne; the captivating widow sparkle of Miss Kate Phillips, and the insouciance of the young collegians Horace and Lionel, are real pictures of unexaggerated every day life. The two girls Dora and Kitty are prettily portrayed by Miss Eva Moore and Miss Wolseley, and the minor characters are all in experienced hands. There is nothing to mar a pleasant evening at this pretty little house, except the "harpy system," complaints against which were loud and frequent on the occasion of our visit, and we cannot but express our surprise that so genial a manager as Mr. Toole should allow it to continue.

Myddelton Hall.—A most enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided by a rising young artist, Bro. R. Henri Goddard, on the occasion of his Fourth Annual Dramatic Recital, on the 14th inst. Bro. Goddard, the son of a popular and respected member of the Craft, has, on more than one occasion, proved himself a thorough master of the Histrionic Art, and whether engaged in making his audience laugh or making them cry, he is equally at home. This was distinctly shown on the occasion under notice; piece after piece was given with but one result, and that a successful one. Brother Goddard's rendering of "Early Rising" was intensely humorous, while "The Captain's Daughter" was delivered with such feeling and true pathos that the reciter thoroughly carried his audience with him. We have especially mentioned these two pieces as examples of Bro. Goddard's ability, but all his efforts met with equal approval and praise. During the evening Madame Annie Williams sang, with marked success; and Miss Amy Florence rendered, with pleasing result, "Le Carnival-de-Venice," and the ever-welcome "Home, Sweet Home." Mr. G. C. Richardson was the accompanist, while Sir Julius Benedict accompanied Bro. Goddard in one of his recitals. In conclusion, we trust we may have the pleasure of hearing Bro. Goddard on future occasions.

THE ICE CARNIVAL.—Arrangements have just been completed for the holding of a great society fête, to be known as "The Ice Carnival," in the Royal Albert Hall and Conservatory, on behalf of the West End Hospital for Paralysis, which is under the patronage of the Princess of Wales. The dates fixed are 14th, 15th, 16th March, and the fête will represent winter scenes and festivities in various countries. Each of the scenes will be carried out with nearest possible approach to realism, and will include the games, sports, and pastimes of the different nationalities. The general effect of ice and snow everywhere, added to the variety of the scenes and costumes, all bid fair to realize an altogether novel and pretty picture. Several well known ladies have consented to preside at the different stalls. Mr. William Whiteley has kindly undertaken the necessary works and preparations, and Mr. D'Arcy de Ferrars (" ye Master of ye Revels") has been appointed general manager, and who may be communicated with at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington.

We are glad to hear that Miss Grace Hawthorne is slowly recovering her health, and there is now every reason to hope that she will be able, in the course of a few weeks, to join Mr. Wilson Barrett in the cast of "Now-a-Days." New scenery is being specially painted, and new costumes made, for the production of "Hamlet," on Monday, the 28th instant, the booking for which already exceeds the expectations of the management. "Hands across the Sea," continues to draw crowded houses.

A correspondent of the Bazaar asked the Editor for some information about Freemasonry, and the following judicious reply appears in our contemporary:—

"Freemasonry is not a benefit society; it offers no pecuniary advantages whatever; its benefits are purely intellectual, social and This should be clearly understood by all who would be Masons. The objects of Freemasonry are: To diffuse a knowledge of the secrets preserved amongst Freemasons, and to promote brotherly love, relief, and truth. The mode of admission is by initiation. Free-masonry is generally diffused over the earth, and it has no headquarters; but, as far as the United Grand Lodge of England is concorned, its headquarters may be said to be Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Provincial Grand Lodges usually migrate from one to another, and are held under the banners of the respective Lodge or Lodges of the town they visit, and the town in which the Provincial Lodge meets is the headquarters for the time being. The fees vary in different Lodges. By the Book of Constitutions, the love heam allowed to be charged is three guineas, except in the case of a serving brother. As a rule, the initiation fee is about ten guineas; this includes registration and Grand Lodge certificate, but not Masonic clothing, which costs two or three guiness more. The annual subscription to the Lodge is two guineas or upwards, according to the by-laws. No man should offer himself as a candidate unless he is well able to pay the tees and contributions without injury to himself or his connections, and also to subscribe to the various Masonic Charities, and, above all, has a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to renier himself more extensively useful to his follow creatures."

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7, (Instruction) 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8 R.A. 1329-Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court 1162—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
            45-Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
        79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (II.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7'30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7:30 (In)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7:30 (Inst.)
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
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1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7
  1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Ii ;;)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk roud, W.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Konsington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albien, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
   48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
    382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction) 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction) 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubiau, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenœum, Lancaster
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TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (1981). 177—Do catic, Surrey Masonic Hall, C. aberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 188—Jopp., Manchester Hotel, Aldersga: street, at 7. (Instruction) 212-Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.) 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction) 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tave. 1, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction) 820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.39 (Instruction) 860—Balhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.) 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threaducedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction) 1041—Vandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction) 1321—Emblematic, Red Liou, York Street, St. James's Square, B.W., at 8 (In) 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1446—Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.) 1471—Islington, Champion, I dersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction) 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction) 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 3. (Instruction) 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 3. (Inst) 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.) 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 3 (Instruction Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Carnon Street, at 6.31 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgare, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.) 241-Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction) 299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartord 310—Unions, Freen asons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford 463-East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7,45. (Inst.)

573—Persoverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen 1353—St. John, Masonie Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction) 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton

1479-Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans

1566—Ellingtone, Town Hall Maidenhead 1636—St. Ceilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)

R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard

WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction) 30-United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction) 72-Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 73-Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Byrough, at 8. (Instruction) 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction) 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (1538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst) 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction) 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction) 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction) 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 3. (Instruction) 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Produc 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct) 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.) 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.) 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inc., Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction) 1601—Ravensbourne, George inc., Lewisnam, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction) R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tayern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruct on)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tayern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction) 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Deroham, Norfolk 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction) 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Mvillester 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Solverby Bridge 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Huli (Instruction) 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield

THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY.

M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpoot

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.33 (Instruction) 87—Vitravian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction) 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction) 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction) 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High 'Loborn, at 7 (Instruction) 749-Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction) 751—High Cross, Coach and Horsos, Lower Tottonkin, at 8 (Instruction) 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In) 1017—Montifiere, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction) 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.) 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Roal, E., at 8. (Instruct) 1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Roal, E. (Instruction) 139—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.3) (Instruction) 139—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.3). (In a) 1330—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.39. (In at)
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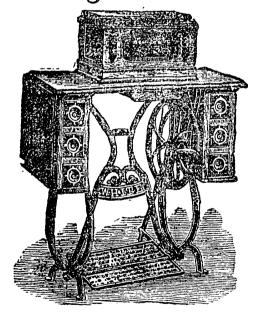
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