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NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

BEFORE we again have the opportunity of addressing our subscribers, the First Anniversary Festival of the Masonic Institutions for 1890 will have been numbered with the events of the past. What will be the result of that Festival? On its success depends the conduct of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the next twelve months, while it may also have a marked effect on the future of the Charity. Who then but must hope for as grand a success as ever attended any of the Masonic **Anniversaries**?

The Institution is at the present time pledged to an annual outlay for annuities alone of £14,866, to meet which there is a permanent income of £3600 only, while in addition to the annuities there are the current expenses of the Institution to be met, and the cost of keeping its affairs prominently under the notice of the Craft to be provided for. Taking all these liabilities into consideration, the £3600 permanent income looks amazingly small, and it is no wonder that the annual task of raising the balance needed to secure a fair adjustment of finances is regarded as a formidable one. Hitherto the members of the Craft have responded most liberally and regularly to the appeals that have been made, and there is no reason to fear that any serious falling off in the returns will take place during succeeding years. Still, the sums required to carry on the Masonic Institutions are too enormous to be treated with indifference, and it would be almost criminal for those associated in the management of the Charities if they dared to let matters take their own course, in the expectation that things would come right, as usual. No doubt there would be a regular flow of subscriptions to the Institutions even without any effort being made by staffs or others interested in them, but such a spontaneous influx would gradually fall off, and would by no means prove sufficient to keep the work going. Happily, however, there are among us many Craftsmen who not only take a pleasure in working themselves, but are never content unless they are urging others to do the same on behalf of the aged and distressed of the Craft.

its popularity at the present time-to the outside world; when the work performed by its Institutions passed almost unnoticed in the regular flow of charity which is universal throughout the country. True, the Institutions were not then doing nearly so much as they are now, for the simple reason that the income of the three was about equal to what is now necessary to maintain one of them. But their advance was rapid, and there were many critics to be found who predicted that the enormous prosperity of the Charities could not be maintained. Fortunately, they have so far proved wrong in their surmise, and we are able to boast of continued success. Still, we cannot help marvelling that so much has been possible, and we even ask ourselves if it is certain that such contributions will be continued regularly in the future? There is no certainty about it, is the only answer to be made, and yet there is as much certainty attached to it as to anything depending on the good feeling and liberality of Englishmen.

The Festival of the Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday next, will be under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, who has thrown himself heart and soul into the work attached to his chairmanship. We are confident his advocacy of the claims of the Institution will have some effect on Metropolitan Craftsmen, but dare not hope for any phenomenal amount coming from the London Stewards. The support from the Metropolis is, perhaps, more regular than from some of the Provinces, and this fact, coupled with the difficulty of making any special combination in London, goes far to prevent any particular outburst of liberality from the capital, such as is possible from a Province when, for instance, its Masonic chief undertakes the duties to be discharged by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday. All we can hope for is a specially good London total, and a fair average of Provincial successes. These, together, would prove most satisfactory, and would add additional lustre to the Craft as providing the means for continuing the work of one of its brightest ornaments for another year, and perhaps enabling the Committee to consider the claims of a few more of the long array of candidates for the next election than is now possible. We sincerely hope for a good all-round success—a hearty gathering and a good total.

The gathering of Wednesday next will present many pleasing features to the student of Masonry, and will no doubt create surprise in the minds of some outside the charmed circle. To those who have been regularly admitted into the Order the meeting must of necessity be attractive, as affording further proof of the sound basis on which English Freemasonry at present rests; while to the outside public it will appear as an exemplification of continued prosperity and continued sympathy on the part of those in a position to render help to some of their less fortunate fellows.

its doings were virtually unknown-as compared with any commercial relation between it and its initiates.

MASONIC HOMES.

ASONIC Homes had their origin in England in the last century. They are an outgrowth from and an evidence of the voluntary charity of the Craft. This voluntary charity is a distinguishing feature of Freemasonry, and before we refer further to Masonic Homes, let the character of this charity be fully comprehended.

Freemasonry is distinguishable from all other societies We can remember the time when Freemasonry and by a number of peculiarities, one of which is the absence of

There is no pecuniary contract made by any Masonie Utica contracts its powers. Brethren from all parts of the thereafter annual dues, or, it may be, a life membership fco-although it is coming to be recognised more and the keystone of the arch.-Keystone. more that unless the life membership fee is fixed at a good round sum and required to be forthwith permanently invested, it is far better to have our annual dues, and no life membership fee.

But while it is true that a Freemason can exact nothing from his Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery in any event, no sooner does he find himself in distress, and his Brethren become cognizant of the fact, than they voluntarily hasten to his aid, and do all for his relief that their funds will warrant. This exhibits the voluntary charactor of the Craft. Contracting to do nothing, it is willing to do everything in its power. This is Freemasonry, this is Masonic charity.

Masonic charity is dispensed in various ways, such as monied gifts or personal service, or employed aid, or in providing a permanent home for those whose lot in life is such, that owing to age, often infirmities, and the lack of pecuniary means, they require to be continuously ministered to by loving hearts and hands. Who can render such aid better than a Brother, or rather an entire family of Brethren, such as are encircled by the Mystic Tie in the Masonic Fraternity? They have the hearts and hands, the means and the liberality, to establish in every jurisdiction of the land a Masonic Home, for the permanent care and relief of distressed worthy Brethren. They are establishing such Homes, almost everywhere, thereby proving that while Freemasonry binds itself by no hard legal contract to pecuniarily benefit its members, it is always ready to aid them by every means in the power, when in distress, and with the most beneficent appliances known to modern civilisation.

In one respect a Masonic Home differs from every other so-called Home established by any other organisation. This is owing to the fact that this is the instrumentality of, and presided over by, the Masonic Fraternity. It differs from other Homes as Freemasonry differs from other societies. The law of brotherhood prevails in such a Home. It does not patronise its inmates. It does not, in any manner, intimate to them that they are charity beneficiaries. It does not control them by cast-iron rules, made by strangers who are not in sympathy with them. It acknowledges, in the fullest and fairest sense, that they are Brethren beloved, worthy of the kindest treatment, and to have their closing years ministered to by those who are connected with them by the strongest of mystic ties. In one word, it strives to enable them to realise that they are in truth at home, in their own home, among their own Brethren, there to remain until they depart to their long home, in the Lodge above. The charity shown in a Masonic Home is that genuine article, brotherly love.

These facts being admitted, how eager should the Masonic Fraternity everywhere be to firmly establish and liberally support a Masonic Home. It is the right thing to do for our Brethren and for ourselves. In these revolving years of financial stress and change, of devastations by fire and flood, and accidents by sea and land, who can assuredly say, my status is fixed, my fortune will never be swept away, my family will never cease to surround and care for me. O! the wrecks which disease and death and misfortune cast upon the shores of time! In such a season what a blessed haven is a Masonic Home! How its

body to return to a Brother either the money paid by jurisdiction may find an abundant entrance into it, as far him to it, or any other money. He can claim no sick as its means will permit. They have already found its benefit, nor can his family claim a financial benefit, nor ability to aid meritorious Craftsmen is only limited by the anything kindred to life insurance. The obligation to pay gifts of the Craft. We trust that these will be increasingly is only on his part-he must pay an initiation fee, and liberal, so that in deeds of Masonic charity as in deeds of patriotism, Pennsylvania may always be looked up to as

AN ENTIRE NEW DISCOVERY BY COL. THOMAS PICTON.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

THE question as to the whereabouts and whenabouts Bro. Col. Thomas Picton lived was proved conclusively by a brother in the Boston Temple, who showed me a New York Sunday Paper with an article in it by Bro. Picton, but as my friend was not inspired with an overexalted opinion about the value of Bro. Picton's article, I did not read it. Two or three other Masonic publications have also repeated, with some variations, what Bro. Picton discovered in the English publication, viz. : Notes and Queries. Bro. J. G. Barker, of New York, however, not only confirms the fact (in his Masonic Chronicle) that Bro. Thomas Picton, of New York, discovered in the Notes and Queries that Lord Bacon's "Atlantis" suggested the formation of our Masonic fraternity; that Hiram Abiff meant Charles 1st; and the Widow's Son meant Charles 2nd, &c.; but he says some things (whether copied from Picton's writings or not, I know not) about English and foreign philosophers who were Rosicrucians, such as Ludd, Ash. mole, Mayer, Nauade, and others; and has no doubt that the Rosicrucians were an organised fraternity established in La Haye, in Holland, and also in Paris as early as the year 1623. That Nauade caused to be printed his "Verit. able History of the Brethren of the Rose Croix," who, according to Bro. Picton, were the original Freemasons with a new title, viz. : "The Confraternity of St. John, or Freemasons."

Now, Prince Charles, or Charles 2nd, "did not take refuge in France" (says Bro. Barker, or Picton, I know not which) "but assumed his residence in Holland, where, if he were not already a Freemason, he was made one, in a Lodge at Amsterdam, in existence for many years, under the title of 'The Valley of Peace.'"

"Since being first aunounciated (says Bro. Barker), Bro. Picton's theory has been substantiated by some remarkable and startling historical discoveries, showing that speculative Masonry had an organised existence prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717."

[And, if true, even before Bacon was born.]

"In prosecution of his researches, Bro. Picton has discovered a manuscript, in French, of the minutes of a Lodge at La Haye kept in Hollandish [rather strange ! a French MS. kept in Hollandish] of its proceedings from date of its constitution, 29th January 1637, during its entire year, terminating with an account of its celebra-tion of St. John the Evengelist. This Lodge of La Haye, moreover, is declared to be a continuation of a still older Lodge at Amsterdam, a list of whose members existed, extending from 1519 to 1601, when it was lapsed into slamber by reason of troubles and war.'

And now, dear reader, prepare yourself for a great surprise, and keep cool while reading what follows. Saith Bro. Barker :---

"But, more singular still. The ancient Lodge worked four degrees-Apprentice, Companion, Master, and Master Elect, into which degree it appears His Highness Frederick Henry, Stadtholder of the Netherlands, had been initiated previous to 1637. Learning

strong arms, and gentle hands, and fraternal voice, and sufficient means, uphold and comfort and cheer the unfortunate, the bereaved, the forsaken, the sorely distressed Nassau, and the Lord Beverweede, summoned to La Haye four Froemason !

Brethren, contribute generously to the support of your Masonic Homes. It is blessed to receive their ministrations, but it is more blessed to enable them to be a shield to the fallen, a friend to the heavy laden. Every dollar which you contribute to them will superabundantly return to you in the blossing of the Grand Architect. He it was who inspired the building of Masonic Homes, and He will Frederick of Nassau to be Grand Master and Supreme Master Elect." prosper them and you to the end.

Pennsylvania has a Masonic Home which is richly worthy of the support of the Lodges and other Masonic bodies, and of the gifts of Craftsmen throughout this juris-

of this fact, and of his desire to revive the Confraternity of St. John, or Freemasons, James of Van Wassanaer, Lord Opdam, Louis of other brothers, Masters Elect, dwelling in Amsterdam, ancient members of the Lodge 'Valley of Peace (Vreedendal), formerly existing in that City, requesting them to bring with them the furniture [and who knows whether the word 'furniture' did not even then refer to the Bible, Square, and Compass?] papers and documents belonging to the old Lodge. The brothers came, delivered the papers, received their value for the articles, and then united with their inviters in holding a Chapter, 29th January 1637, at 4 o'clock p.m., at which they unanimously elected H.H. Prince

Then the minutes go on to state :-

"Of all which His Highness having been informed, he immediately came to the Chapter, and there received homage from all the brothers. "Then His Highness, conjointly with all the B.B., declared they diction. It is for the Craft of the entire state. No pent-up | constituted here at La Haye this present Lodge, and immediately baptised it 'Valley of Peace of Frederick' (Frederick's Vreedendalle), and Quebec Lodge was chartered by the Ancients, which did assumed for its colours blue and erange. Then the S. Mas. Elect, not begin to charter Lodges until after 1751 in the presence of all the B.B., broke three seals found intact on the packages contained in the copper-bound walnut box, and, having read privately the documents enclosed, declared that they contained instructions as to the daties and prerogatives of the Sup ... Mas .. Elect, that contents, known only to him as Gr. Master, and B.B. de Beverweede, Van Neck, Bakker, and De Vlaming, ought to remain secret from the others as well as the Mas., Comp., and App.; ; that, deposited by His Highness in a holy arch, as a palladium of the Confraternity, they should be guarded and preserved by the B.B. aforesaid, and considering the box aforesaid as an arch, he therein deposited the whole, keeping for himself one of the three keys, and giving to B.B. de Beverweede and Van Neck each one of the other two. Then the Lodge being arranged for the Grand Master, and having proceeded to the election of Von ... Mas ..., he installed in that dignity Bro. de Beverweede, who took his place in the East, before the altar, at His Highness's right. Bros. Van Neck and Bakker assumed their places at the West, as first and second Wardens. The Masters G. Lesaigne, N. Vanderduyer, J. Vander Goes, J. Van Lorese, and J. Van Nispen, being found outside the room, were invited to enter by Brother De Vlamnick, as Master of Ceremonies. When the five B.B. had taken seats His Highness inscribed them as members.

"The Grade of Master being closed, the Venerable opened the Grade of Companion, and gave entrance to I. Bentinek and A. Wassenaer, found on the without. After an examination, as before, His Highness inscribed them as members, and the work of Com-panion being closed, the Ven. opened that of App. C. Slot and W. Van Broeckhuyssen, who were outside, and, as before, His Highness inscribed them as members.

"Brothers De Charnasse, Blondel des Solenes, Van Hammerstein, and De Sayn de Witgenstein, being announced as visitors, were introduced by the M.. d'Hotel, and after they had been scated at the left of the altar, there were initiated, in the presence, as B.B.. App.:, the persons of Charles de Hautain and Hans Van Raldsweld, who, being proposed to His Highness received from his hands the apron and gloves. The Lab.: terminated by a supper, or fraternal banquet, given by His Highness. (Signed) D. Veldhussen."

Brc. Barker goes on to say that the story of this volume of minutes is told in a report of a committee, charged with their inspection and verification, made 15th March 1818, to the combined Lodges of La Haye and Delft, as follows :-

"This register appears to have been voluminous, the sole sheets in our possession proving that they formed part of a bound volume, as seen by the part uniting them; they appear likewise to have been damaged by fire, traces of which can be detected. Antiquatians of the University of Leyden have examined and verified the leaves as of paper in use in Holland at the commencement of the 17th century; they have also recognised, in a certain manner, that the writing of the fragments belong to the same period. The manuscript remained for a long time among the papers of the Walkenaer family. We know that Mousieur De Walkenaer, of Opdam, made a present of them, between 1780 and 1790, as well as the charter of 1535, to Mons. De Botzelaer, then Nat.: Gr.: M.: It is more than apparent that Mons. D'Opdam, ancestor of the gentleman named, was the same who, under Frederick Henry, was a member of the Lodge of La Haye, spoken of in the register; that he preserved the papers without any definite purpose, when, towards the time of Frederick Henry's death, occurring in 1647, this Lodge, Valley of Peace Frederick, fell into oblivion, or decadence, and this accounts for the documents remaining with the Walkenaer family. This idea is confirmed, because when Mons. De Botzelaer received the papers, he found them in the same copper-bound walnut box alluded to in the register. This box Mons. De Botzelaer deposited in the hands of a brother when leaving La Haye during the revolution, but reclaimed it a short time prior to his death, and placed it at the disposal of a person, who, faithful to his obligations, finally deposited it in the hands of our Sov. Gr. M. to whom we are indebted for our knowledge."

The above extract, printed by Bro. Barker between quotation marks, was evidently copied from Bro. Picton's writings, to which Bro. Barker adds :-

"With regard to Bro. Picton's researches, invaluable as demon-

Well, there is no doubt now that Bro. Picton is a made use of is not understood, any more than are many of Masonic writer in New York; there is no reason to doubt the references in the ritual to persons and events. Even the that the quotations given by Bro. Barker from Bro. Picton's Officers in a Lodge do not always consider it necessary to writings are verbatim. And there is also no reason to doubt be well informed in these respects. They think it quite that Bro. Barker sincerely believes all that Bro. Picton sufficient if they can repeat a form of words and enact a wrote. But, on the other hand, I do not know Bro. Picton, ceremony which has but an obscure meaning in their own no one in the Masonic Temple in Boston knows anything minds. They do the work which comes to their hands in a about the said Bro. Picton, and we are not informed how dull and uninstructed manner, and naturally fail to greatly he got hold of his wonderful information, nor are other impress the candidates who receive from them their first things connected therewith clearly explained. In short, I ideas of the character of the institution. have some doubts about it. My friend, Bro. Hughan, may In the average Lodge how little disposition is shown to remember when a New York Masonic writer asserted that study the Masonic system and acquire knowledge of its in Quebce there is a Lodge that was chartered in England truths and principles—its legends and traditions—and get in 1721 or 1724, I forget which, that story was also at the heart of things signified by its ceremonial practice copied into several American papers, and was believed by and varied symbols! What indifference is shown to any in 1721 or 1724, I forget which, that story was also well-informed sellers of Masonic books in New York. I attempted explanation of the paths of Masonic history, and however proved that there was no truth in it, because the how little of interest can be awakened by lectures,

On the other hand, if Bro. Picton's narrative should be O.K. it would save a vast amount of labour to the combatants on the question of the antiquity of Masonic degrees, and of symbolic Masonry. Such being the case, I think that Brothers Gould, Speth, Lewis, Yarker, and all other brethren who are anxious to prove the antiquity of Masonio degrees, &c., should lose no time in endeavouring to learn from the Lodges at La Haye and Delft, from the University of Leyden, from "Our Sov. Nat. G.M.," and from other sources indicated by Bro. Picton; first, as to whether the MSS. described by Bro. Col. Thomas Picton are in existence? and second, are the said MSS. authentic and reliable? In short, the question ought to be investigated at once by an impartial expert, and who knows whether, after all my fighting our "Masonic antiquity hankerers," I may not at last become a zealous convert to Bro. Gould's New Departure ?"

BOSTON, U.S., 7th February 1890.

MASONIC HELPS TO INTELLECTUAL CULTURE.

HERE can be no doubt that it was in the minds of the framers of the Masonic system to exercise thereby an influence of mental stimulus and do some considerable work of intellectual culture. What significance has the degree of Fellow Craft if we ignore its suggestions as to the value of scientific and philosophical acquisitions, and eliminate therefrom the peculiar features which lead up to intellectual decision and determination? In the Master's degree, enjoining morality and virtue with so much of force and by such vivid illustration, and emphasizing the grandest thoughts relating to God and the life immortal, there is yet a constant appeal to mental attributes-a more or less direct recognition of this fact that man is a being of thought and vast capacity, who is responsible, therefore, according to his endowment and the use which he makes of his immortal powers.

All along the way of Masonic teaching and unfolding the candidate is dealt with as an inquirer, a student, to whom knowledge is to be imparted—not only the technical information furnished by ritual and ceremony, but the more abundant wisdom to be gained by investigations and pursuits outside the precise lines that are indicated by forms, ceremonies, and required lessons. The endeavour is to awaken the mind to the real meaning of life, to stimulate thought, and move the intellectual nature into activity, that there may be a rich fruitage of individual character and being, together with a large accomplishment of service in the ways of related life. Freemasonry seeks to dignify manhood, to bring one to respect himself, and to dispose him to those engagements, thoughts, pursuits, that tend to intellectual enlargement. There can be no question as to the theory and purport of the Masonic system; it is only when we come to the application of the same in the organic life of the institution that we are made to doubt whether actually it does very much to stimulate activity of thought and to provide the helps which broaden and quicken the minds of men.

In applied Freemasonry, as witnessed in the average strating the existence of not only a Lodge of Symbolic Masonry, but of a Chapter of the Royal Arch, called the holy in the minates, Lodge, there is often a sad want of intellectual nutriment. eighty years prior to the date usually assigned as that of the exist-There is not much disposition to inquire about the scientific ence of Freemasonry as we have it in our day." or philosophical features of the system. The symbolism

addresses, readings, &c., relating to the higher topics of Masonic information! The banquet, the social occasion, the series of dancing parties, need no urgency of recommendation among brethren, but when it comes to the exercising of the mind in reading and study there is far less of intcrest shown. Indeed, there are many Craftsmen who seem to have no other conception of Freemasonry than what relates to its social side. Some of them will snecr at any attempt that is made to make prominent the mental and moral elements of the institution, or to follow along the lines that are indicated by its teachings in the ways of a broad and generous culture.

And yet Freemasonry bears an intellectual stamp which cannot be effaced. Its avowed purpose is to lead its members to cultivate and use and enjoy the vast powers which belong to the human mind and which constitute the best property in life. It would stimulate the true Craftsman, whether he be a mechanic or a lawyer, a poet or a business man, to exercise those superior faculties by which the utmost zest of present being is sccured and advancement made toward the heights of light and glory. A Masonic Lodge ought to be faithful to this inherent genius of the institution, and, whatever else it does or fails to do, it should not neglect the means and ministries that tend to this richer life which is only possible to be attained where there is some good degree of intellectual culture.

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LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVO-LENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this society, held at the Masonio Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, shows that the Society continnes to be carried on most successfully, that all applications made to it have been met, and that there still remains a handsome and growing amount for fature contingencies. Bro. Wm. Warren was elected President for the ensuing year; Bros. C. L. Mason first Vice President, Christopher Anderson second Vice President, Bro. Cowbrongh senior Treasurer, and Bro. C. Lowrey Secretary. A large and representative committee was formed of an equal number of brethren from each of the eight Leeds Lodges. The annual report of the Committee, which was unanimously adopted, is to the following effect :--

Your Committee now beg to present their Thirteenth Annual Report of the working of this Institution, and in doing so have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and Friends on the undiminished interest taken in the Society, and the success which has attended their labours during the past year.

The Capital Account, which stood last year at £1585 138 1d, has now been increased to £1650 158 1d by the following means, viz. :-Two Life Governors, P.M. Brother Thomas Turner, of Lodge 1311, and W.M. Bro. Henry Cowbrough, of Lodge 1042, have increased their payments £5 53 each, becoming thereby Patrons. Bro. Jno. J. Booth and P.M. Bro. Wm. Bingham, both of Lodge 1042, have each subsoribed £10 10s in order to constitute themselves Patrons. Bro. H. Cowbrough has subscribed a further £15 158, thereby constituting his son Mr. James Cowbrough a Lewis, £10 10s, and Mrs. Cowbrough a Patroness, £5 5s. Bro. Timothy Newby, also of Lodge 1042, and Bro. J. K. Blakey, of Lodge 304, have each contributed £5 5s in order to constitute themselves Life Governors. Bros. J. K. Hattersley and James Yates, of Lodge 304, have each paid £1 1s on account of their Life Governorships, and completed the amount under Rule 14. Bro. Suddick, of Lodge 304, has paid £1 1s on account of this Life Governorship, and Bro. R. H. Fowler, of Lodge 1042, £1 1s, which, with £3 3s previously paid, and placed, in error, among subscriptions, now transferred, makes a sum of £4 4s under Rule 14.

This Capital is invested as follows, viz. :- \pounds 1000 Leeds Corporation 4°/. Stock, cost £1036 11s 8d, and £450 3½°/. Stock, cost £454 18s 11d, and the balance in the Leeds and County Bank.

The Revenue Account for the year is as follows, viz. :-Balance brought over from last year, £152 8s 9d; Interest received from the Leeds Corporation, £547s 2d; Subscriptions, £63 0s 6d; Bank Interest, £4 10s; making together the sum of £274 6s 5d. The payments for Education, &c., have been £72 9s 5d, and incidental expenses, £12 19s 9d, leaving, to carry over, the sum of £188 17s 3d.

There are on the funds of the Institution 10 children, viz., 6 boys

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CONSECRATION OF THE CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE, No. 2335.

PROBABLY the most interesting Masonio consecration which has ever taken place in Liverpool or the neighbourhood was fixed for the 10th inst., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, where the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, was added to the already long list of the West Lancashire Province. As the name indicates, the new Masonic body is specially intended for brethren of athletic proclivities, and it would appear from the returns already to hand that the 99th Lodge in the Province over which Bro. Lord Lathom presides with so much acceptance is likley to be one of the most prosperons which has been brought into existence within recent years. The consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Segar P.P.G.W., who was assisted by Bros. E. H. Cookson P.G.S.W. acting as S.W., S. G. Sinolair P.P.G.W. aoting as J.W., Dr. T. Clarke P.G. Registrar, R. Betley P.A.G. Secretary, Rev. J. S. Gardner P.P.G.C. acting Chaplain, W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. of England P.G. Secretary, W. Lang acting Secretary, J. B. Mackenzie P.P.G.S.D. acting I.G., and J. C. Robinson P.A.D.C. acting D.C. During the consecration ceremony Bro. Round's anthem, "Behold, how good," was effectively sung by Bros. J. Lane, W. Griffiths, J. Bain, J. Greenlees, J. West, and W. Latham, the post of Organist being occupied by Bro. J. Pugh. Bro. R. Foote was installed the first W.M. of the new Lodge, by Bro. Segar, assisted by Bros. Sinclair and Cookson. The following were the Officers appointed, elected, and invested :--Bros. J. Winsor I.P.M., R. R. Ellis S.W., R. Lloyd J.W., A. H. Moreoroft Treasurer, T. J. Parkes Secretary, J. Lane S.D., T. Price J.D., W. Orry Callow I.G., J. Shield D.C., Dr. Crozier and J. Langford Stewards, J. Pagh Organist, and J. Doran Tyler. At the close of the business there were 14 propositions for initiation and twelve for joining, the Lodge already numbering between 30 and 40 members. At the close of the business a cordial vote of thanks was given to the consecrating Officers, who were elected honorary members of the newly-consecrated Lodge. The brethren subsequently sat down to dinner, and in the course of the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 168.

N Wednesday, the 29th ult., this Lodge met under special dis. pensation from Grand Lodge to transact necessary business, the Festival of St. John celebration being deferred to next meeting. Bro. Thomas Strowger was installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by Bro. C. B. Holmes, assisted by Bros. Jas. Brindle, and Bro. Richard Knowles. The Officers were invested, as follow, viz., Bros. Richard Knowles I.P.M., G. Mackinson S.W., James Wilson J.W., Rev. T. H. Leeson Chaplain, James Parker Treasurer, Will Taberner Secretary, Allan Riddlesworth Assistant Secretary, Wm. Dean D.C., Jeffery Baynes S.D., Jno. Pearce J.D., James McConnell Organist, Thos. Humphries I.G., Richard Christopher, H, Litherland, Geo. Scarborough and Thos. J. S. Clephan Stewards, Anthony Swalwell Tyler. Bro. Strowger, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Knowles I.P.M. a P.M.'s jewel, and in an appropriate manner referred to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Knowles. Acknowledging the gift, Bro. Knowles, in a lengthy address, enlogised Freemasonry, and thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem, and assured them of his attachment to the Antiquity Lodge. Immediately afterwards Brother Milligan presented Brother James Parker P.M. Treasurer with a jewel, as a token of the efficient manner in which the duties of Treasurer had been performed for so many years, and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to wear it. Bro. Parker thanked the W.M. Bro. Milligan and all the brethren for that token of their confidence, and said it would at all times be a pleasure to him to do all he could to further the interests of the Lodge. The other business was of the usual character.

UNITED LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE, No. 184.

THE members of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest in Kent, held their annual festival in the Masonio Rooms, New Brompton, on Tnesday afternoon, the 11th instant, on which occasion there was a large attendance of members, together with a number of distinguished brethren of the Province. The new Worshipful Master Bro. Wm. S. Baldwin was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. S. Young, with the accustomed ancient ceremonies. The newlyinstalled Master afterwards appointed the following brethren Officers of the Lodge, when each was duly invested with the collar and jewel of his office, viz.:-Bros. Atkinson I.P.M., Russell S.W., Pope J.W., Goymour Chaplain, Rankine P.M. Treasurer, Young P.M. Secretary, Gittings S.D., Cabburn J.D., Snow D.C., Thompson Organist, Hogg I.G., Hitches and Taylor Stewards, Heath Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, and after the transaction of the ordinary business of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, Brompton, where they partook of their annual banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Baldwin, the newly-installed Master.

and 4 girls. Two of the boys, however, will shortly cease to be ohargeable, leaving 4 boys, of the respective ages of 9, 11, 12, and 13 years, and 4 girls, of 9, 10, 11, and 12 years.

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The 11th annual installation and banquet of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, was held in the Town Hall, Mansfield, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. John Linney was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. G. G. Bonser, the retiring Worshipful Master.

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BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst. After two brothers had been passed, Bro. F. C. Hallett, was installed as W.M., having again been elected to that office in recognition of the compliment paid to him by his appointment to Provincial honours. Bro. Hallett is an accomplished Mason, and has for many years performed the ceremony of installation both at the Benevolent and its daughter Lodge at Dawlish. Bro. Fred. C. Frost ably performed the ceremony of installation. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M: ably invested his Officers, as follow:-Bros. R. C. Musgrave I.P.M.,

T. J. B. Sandercock S.W., Dr. G. H. Johnson J.W., J. Whidborne Treasurer, J. U. Valentine Secretary, J. Pomeroy Chaplain, F. C. Frost P.M. Organist, F. Duff S.D., Dr. F. E. Little J.D., Dr. G. H. W. Thomas, F.R.C.S., D.C., W. Larkworthy and Dr. W. C. Lake Stewards, A. T. Crossley I.G., and W. Huggins Tyler. Bro. Fred. C. Frost, who was elected representative of the Committee of Petitions, was specially thanked by the Lodge for the able manner in which he had installed the W.M., and in replying the Installing Master referred to the fact as a curious one that at the February meeting of this Lodge seventeen years ago, the present W.M. Brother Hallett had initiated him into Masonry, and that in 1885 (also at the February Lodge) be had installed him as W.M. of that Lodge; on other occasions Bro. Hallett had in Benevolent Chapter installed him in each of the Principal's chairs, so that it gave him a peculiar pleasure to instal the W.M. that day, a Brother who had not only done much good service to the Lodge and to Freemasonry- he having been W.M. in 1872 and again in 1873-but who had so repeatedly and so well conferred such benefits on himself. A banquet was served in very elegant style by Bro. Lewis, at the Royal Hotel, which was followed by the usual Masonic toast list. That of the W.M. was given in felicitous terms by Bro. R. C. Masgrave I.P.M., and was received with an artillery-like rattle of applause. The W.M. replying said, he had held that honoured position seventeen years ago, when the Prince of Wales was hovering between life and death; and they then joined in a prayer to the throne of grace for his recovery. To-day he felt it fitting to wish that His Royal Highness' life might be spared, and that he may be guarded and directed in his high and exalted position, to preside over us many years; and to live endeared in the hearts and affections of the people of this realm. Bro. Johnson presided at the piano, and songs were contributed by Bros. Coe, Sandercock, Frost, and Everard. Bro. Endacott also contributed a recitation.

ST. HILDA'S LODGE, No. 240.

THE annual conversazione and ball was held, on the 10th inst., in St. Thomas's Hall, Denmark Street, South Shields. About 140 ladies and gentlemen were present, and the proceedings were most enjoyable. The hall was prettily decorated on the occasion. Brof. W. E. Moffet and J. T. Ross were M.C.'s, and Bro. J. McDowell the Hon. Sccretary spared no effort to make the event successful. Mr. J. W. Henderson was the caterer, and the music was supplied by the band of Mr. H. Swinbank.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, on the 6th inst., to instal Bro. Sampson Trehane S.W. as the W. Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Bro. E. Venning, the retiring W. Master, and among the Installed Masters present were Bros. W. Hammond P.M. 194, H. Shapcott P.M. 351, E. Aitken Davies P.M. 96, C. Hunt P.M. 91, R. Brickwood W.M. 383, F. Cronch P.M. 16. The W. Master invested his Officers, as follow:---Bros. E. Venning I.P.M., W. H. Stantan S.W., W. G. Hancock J.W., W. Foddy M.O., R. H. Williams S.O., J. S. Dingle J.O., W. Hammond Chaplain, W. Nettle P.M. Treasurer, R. H. Leo Registrar of Marks, W. E. Venning P.M. Scoretary, W. R. Soby S.D., W. J. Adams J.D., C. F. Zimber I.G., E. Sargent Dir. of Cers., J. Hicks Organist, J. Cleave S.S., W. T. Orchard J.S., R. Penwarden Tyler. The annual banquet was held at Bro. Sargent's, Bell Hotel, and was of a very récherché character. The room was tastefully decorated, the table being adorned with choice exotics and ferns, and reflecting much credit on the host and hostess. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Masonio Rooms, Darwen, on the 13th inst. Bro. Thomas Shorrock W.M. elect was installed by Bro. Frankland Thomas, and Bro. John Wardley invested the various Officers. Afterwards the brethren celebrated the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Brethren were present from Bolton, Blackburn, Clitheroe, Church, and Surrey.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 624.

THE 37th installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Union Street, Burton on Trent, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., and was attended by about 50 brethron of the Staffordshire and adjoining Provinces. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. Francis Thompson was installed, according to antient rite, Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very satisfactory manner by the retiring Master, Bro. G. L. Blackhall. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year :--Bros. G. L. Blackhall I.P.M., J. T. Roseblade S.W., W. T. Jeffcott J.W., Rev. T. W. Beckett Chaplain, W. J. Gothard Treasurer and D.C., John Wood Secretary, A. Coxon S.D., R. Harrison J.D., J. W. Selke Organist, H. Rugg I.G., W. Lobb Stoward, R. Lane (37th time) Tyler, F. Carter Assistant Tyler, C. Graham Charity Steward S.M.C.A. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall and partook of an excellent dinner. Subsequently the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were houonred, and a capital programme of music was carried out during the evening.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 818.

O N Friday, the 7th inst., about 50 of the brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Abergavenny, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Gearing Thomas as W.M. Bro. W. R. Eames performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Officers installed for the ensuing year were Bros. James Straker I.P.M., W. H. Grieve S.W., E. Y. Steele J.W., E. J. Price Scoretary, Rev. W. Osman Chaplain, Charles Howells Organist, W. R. Eames D.C., J. Clare S.D., H. C. Evans J.D., John Jones I.G. W. J. Williams and Thomas Tucker Stewards, J. Green Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Samuel Homfray D.P.G.M. for attending the ceremony. About 40 of the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a sumptnous bauquet was served by Bro. and Hosters Williams. The chair was occapied by the newly-installed W.M., who was supported by Bros. Homfray, W. R. Eames, J. Straker, H. Tomkins, S. O. Pegler, J. O. Marsh, &c. Bros. W. H. Grieve S.W. and E. Y. Steele J.W. occupied the vice-chairs, and were supported by Bros. B. E. Hodgens, J. E. Thomas, &c.

LODGE OF FRIENSDHIP, No. 928.

B ROTHER H. H. ATKINSON-GRIMSHAW was on Monday, the 3rd inst., installed as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted in the Masonio Hall, Petersfield, and was most ably and efficiently performed by Bro. T. Caparn, the retiring W.M., who received quite an ovation from the brethren present, and was accorded a special vote of thanks, proposed in highly eulogistic terms. The Installing Master was supported by several Past Masters of the Craft, those present including Bros. T. Francis P.P.G.J.W., A. R. Holbrook P.P.G.R., Smith P.P.G.D. Surrey, W. B. Edgeler P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Woodhouse P.P.G.S.B., M. P. Creedon P.M., W. C. Burley P.M., R. Pocock P.G.S., C. Wells P.M., W. Bates W.M. 487, Arthur Jolliffe P.M. 257, C. J. E. Mumby P.M. 1069, C. R. Hendy 1069, and a large number of the members of the Lodge. On the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Caparn I.P.M., H. V. Hann S.W., F. Mells J.W., W. B. Edgeler Treasurer, C. Wells Secretary, Rev. G. Andrew S.D., W. S. Drayton J.D., M. P. Creedon D.C., J. Hudspith A.D.C., D. H. Watney I.G., R. G. Cross and J. B. Newton Stewards, and A. Head Tyler. After the Lodge the brethren proceeded to the Dolphin Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. C. Wells. The usual Loyal and Masonio toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Atkinson-Grimshaw presiding.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

O^N Wednesday, the 12th instant, a goodly number of members assembled in their Lodge-room for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing a Lodge of Instruction in the working of the Ritual. It was finally unanimously resolved to form such a Lodge, under the guidance and banners of Joppa and the Earl of Leicester Lodges. All the brethren present, to the number of eighteen, gave in their names as members. Bro. J. Goddard was appointed Preceptor, and Bro. Richard Harrison Secretary. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren, on the invitation of Brother G. A. Watson, supped together at Bro. W. Harvey's, Crown Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. G. F. Smith, and a very social evening was spent.

DENISON LODGE, No. 1248.

O^N the 12th instant the annual installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas' Cliff, Scarborough, when Bro. G. E. Martin was installed Worshipful Master for the customary period. The ceremony was preformed by Bro. F. Foster, assisted by Bros. W. Ascough, S. W. Fisher, and Raven. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:-Bros. T. Dawes-Sarony I.P.M., Viscount Rainoliffe S.W., W. C. Grayson J.W., F. W. Booty Chaplain, F. Foster Treasurer, T. Raven D.C., R. Lancelot Secretary, H. Chapman S.D., C. H. Fletcher J.D., H. Hill I.G., J. Hagyard Organist, S. Bland and T. F. Taylor Stewards, James Verity Tyler. The banquet took place at the Grand Hotel, Scarborough.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

A BRILLIANT company assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, by invitation of the members of this Lodge, on the 29th ult., to enjoy an evening's sociality. The guests commenced to arrive shortly after seven, when tea and coffee was provided. Dancing commenced shortly before eight to the strains of the London Quadrille Band, under the direction of Mr. Moore, and was continued with much vigour until the supper was announced, which, owing to the number present, was, for confort's sake, served in three rooms. The toasts were few, but heartily responded to, and the company returned to the ball-room to finish the capital programme of dances arranged by the M.C.'s Bros. Goldschmidt, Voisey, Marsden, Turney, Gooding, and Whitehead. Bro. Elgar (the excellent Sphinx Hon. Secretary) was indefatigable in his efforts to please, and Mrs. Venables must be complimented on her able catoring and kind attention to the company.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 643.

THE annual installation proceedings took place on the 10th inst., at the Lodge Room, at the Croscent Hotel, Filoy. Bro. F. G. Rowe was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. G. H. Walshaw, assisted by Bro. W. B. Richardson. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow :--J. McFadden I.P.M., W. Robson S.W., M. Malvin J.W., W. Budd Secretary, Dobson Treasurer, C. H. Lloyd S.D., J. Barnett J.D., Dr. Haworth Organist, E. Harland P.M. D.C., J. R. W. Parnell I.G., W. Lott and Simpson Stewards, Chapman Tyler. Bro. Varley provided a capital banquet in the evening, which was most agreeably spent.

FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

O^N Wednesday, the 12th inst., a ball in connection with this Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Thirsk, when there were between 30 and 40 couples present, and dancing was indulged in to the strains of Amer's band, from Newcastle. The catering was entrusted to Mr. W. Hall, the Fleece Hotel, Thirsk, and the room which was tastefully decorated, had been the work of Mr. Thomas White,

HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

O N Monday, the 10th inst., the annual festival was held, when Bro. George Bowman was installed to the office of Worshipfal Master. The installation ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. David W. Dixon, at the close of which the W.M. invested the following brethren to their respective offices :-Bros. J. Robinson I.P.M., George Colledge S.W., R. Taylor J.W., J. H. Thompson Secretary, W. S. Atkinson Organist, W. Hopper S.D., A. P. Maddison J.D., J. W. Witts I.G., T. W. Stainthorpe and Robert Horn Stewards, John Herbert Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel.

CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. R. Edwards, who was supported by his Wardens and Officers. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. W. B. Isworth, which had been postponed from las' week owing to the indisposition of several of the brethren. The newly-invested W.M. then appointed his Officers, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:-Bros. H. R. Edwards I.P.M., D. T. Bostel S.W., F. E. Sawyer J.W., John Wood Secretary, W. H. Gibson Treasurer, H. G. Collins S.D., F. W. Hollands J.D., G. Cole Organist, H. S. Tester D. of C., F. Gay I.G., Edward Mitchell and J. Jefferios Stewards. Bro. H. R. Edwards, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the Lodge in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried ont his duties daring the past year. The annual banquet is postponed until the end of the month.

ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

ON Monday the members of this Lodge celebrated their installation festival at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Brother Alderman Renals (the Master of the past year) presided at the opening of the Lodge, and was supported by Bros. Edward Anderton I.P.M., Samuel White P.M., W. H. Froom P.M., E. Y. Joliffe P.M. Secretary, Arthur B. Hudson, C.C. (W.M. Elect) Senior Warden, M. R. Webb Janior Wardev, John Larkin S.D., E. F. P. Fuller J.D., George Rawlinson I.G., and a unmerous company of visitors, among them being :- Bros. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., R. P. Walkden Organist 1364, Richard T ylor 140, J. P. Fitzgerald I.P.M. 2168, John Pair tt P.M. 1479 P.P.G.S.B. Herte, Henry Lovegrove P.M. 1507, W. H. P. rryman P.G.P., S. R. Lovett S.W. 3, Alfred T. Pearce P.M. 1572, Geo. Harlow P.M. 1613, E. J. Baylis P.M., J. H. Dunn 901, Ocarles Lee J.W. 1624, W. W. Lee 1897, H. W. A. Co-per 1747, Geo. Evorett P.M. 177, J. O. Carter P.M. 209 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, R. A. Morgan P.M. 1671, J. C Chubb 96, W. Maple P.M. 656, Nelson Recd P.M. 1572, J. M. Wood 33, H. Montague Bates P.M. 91 P.G.S., W. D. Townsend J.W. 3, Bonj. Turner P.M. 1328, A. Hanter P.M. 1494, E. E. Harding J.W. 2108, G. Low P.M. 3, Thos. Owen P.M. 1287, J. R. Cross 2021, Frank Taylor P.M. 1260, Arthur Saudberg I.G. 3, W. J. Charles W.M. 22, W. R. Brooks I.P.M. 22, James Salmon D.M. 2077 B.C. R. Ferrar Borney de Reis, 1987, J. M. 2017, P.M. 1200, A. 1997, M. 1997, P. C. R. Ferrar Borney de Reis, 1987, J. M. 1997, P. C. R. 1997, P. R. 19 P.M. 2077 P.G.R. Essex, Baron de Bash 1827, L. M. Myers P.M. 188, M. Turner J.W. 1329, A. J. Altman W.M. 60 P.G.S., Geo. Jones 101, Alex. Peebles P.M. 1827, A. Ashley 3, C. Hilton 1141, G. C. Thornes P.M. 1232, A. G. Repton 1818, Lovett King 2190. Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes of last meeting, together with those of a Ledge of Emergency, confirmed, the report of the Anditors was received and adopted. Sir John Monckton then assumed the chair of the Lodge and installed Bro. Hudson with the usual for. malities. The following were appointed the assistant Officers for the year :- Bros. Webb S.W., Larkin J.W., Samuel White P.M. Treasurer, E. Y. Joliffe P.M. Secretary, Fuller S.D., Rawlingon J.D., S. Croft D. of C., J. Shotter I.G. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Alderman Renals, as a mark of appreciation of his services to the Lodge during the year he has presided over it as Master. This concluded the business of the meeting, and Lodge was closed, the company afterwards sitting down to a bauquet under the presidency of their new chief. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, Following the

the time being. No one had proved himself more efficient or more energetic in the minor offices than the present ruler of the Lodge, who, he ventured to say, would show himself an able and efficient Master. Twelve months hence he could imagine them thanking Bro. Hudson for his work, and congratulating him on the success that had attended it. The Worshipful Master, in his response, feared they were giving him credit for more than was his due, but he assured them that, so far as efforts were concerned, they should have no cause to regret the honour they had conferred upon him. He should strive to uphold the dignity of the Craft, and of the Aldersgate Lodge in particular, during the ensuing year. Sir John Monckton had been pleased to allade to his list as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he might add that it now reached upwards of £100. If there were any there present who desired to contribute to that excellent Charity, he assured them there was ample room. His list was not yet closed. The next toast was that of the Visitors, proposed from the chair in flattering terms, and acknowledged by Bros. H. Lovegrove, A. J. Altman, and F. Taylor. The former, speaking from a large experionce, felt confidence in congratulating the Lodge on their present Master. Ho had had many opportunities of judging, both in Masonic as well as in Civic affairs, of the capabilities of Bro. Hudson, and was convinced he would prove a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Altman referred to his previous association with the Lodge, of which he had been the third Master. He was very pleased to see its marked progress. Brother Taylor added his congratulations, and also spoke of the ability of the new ruler of the Lodge, both in Masonic and other spheres. He was associated with Bro. Hudson in the same livery company, and also in City affairs, and knew him as an efficient and capable worker. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. In his immediate predecessor, Bro. Alderman Renals, they had a brother who had rapidly ingratiated himself into the approval of the members of the Lodge, and also of the Ward with which he was associated. After a very short residence among them he had won the very high dignity of an Alderman of the City of London, and they felt sure that when he was called to the higher position of Chief Magistrate he would prove himself worthy of the honour conferred on him, not, he might add, by the City of London alone, but by the conutry at large, who regarded that personage as a ruler in the land. Bro. Alderman Renals tendered his thanks for the very kind and cordial welcome h) had received. He was gratified to think they had recognised he had done his best to secure success. Past Master E. Anderton also replied to the toast, assuring the members of the Lodge that whatever knowledge he possessed would be at the disposal of the Lodge and of its Master for the time being. The Officers of the Lodge were next honoured, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Wardens duly responding. A special toast was then proposed in honour of Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, and he was thanked for the assistance he had rendered in the day's work. He briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The musical part of the ceremony in the Ledge was entrusted to Bro. Dr. Haskins, while Bro. J. A. Brown directed an old-fashioned programme after the banquet, the artistes engaged being Bros. Albert James, James Kift, and Fred Bovan. During the meeting a telegram was received from the Lord Mayor, stating his inability to leave the Mansion House on account of illhealth, and regretting he was thus unable to be with them. Regrets were expressed at his absence, and especially so as illness was the cause.—City Press.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 1676.

A^T the festival of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Graingerstreet, Newcastle, on the 14th inst., Bro. A. Hepburn proposed the health of Bro. F. Fox, who had that night resigned his membership, he being about to leave England for Australia. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Fox suitably responded.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No 1681.

THERE was a very large gathering of the members and friends of L this Lodge on Wednesday last, to do honour to the incoming Master Bro. George Read. As in Government offices and other and then the Chairman introduced the toasts. usual loyal sentiments, the Master proposed the customary com-pliment in favour of the Deputy and the other Officers of Grand large establishments the principal work is carried on by its so-called executive officers, so in our Lodges on the Treasurer and Secretary devolves the heaviest portion of the work, and especially so where Lodge. That night, he said, they were able to welcome among them a distinguished member of the body in Sir John Monckton, and as he these two Officers show any special ability in the fulfilment of their had so kindly acted that day as their Installing Officer he proposed several functions. As a consequence, in almost all cases these two posts to unite the toast usually given in honour of that individual with the one under notice. They were really under great obligation to Sir have comparatively speaking come to be regarded as permanent ones. This may be very desirable in the majority of cases, but it has its dis-advantages. It will readily be conceded that the brother to whom is John, and thanked him accordingly. They had other representatives of Grand Lodge present, and to each they accorded a hearty welcome. Sir John Monckton, in the course of his reply, expressed entrusted such offices should be well acquainted with the details and general working of Freemasonry, but we do not hold with those who the pleasure he felt in being supported by Grand Officers on either o so far as to say the Secretary must, absolutely, be a Past side. For the first time since the Aldersgate Lodge had really been in the Craft. Indeed, we are strongly opposed to any such proa working Lodge they had to deplore the absence of the Grand nonneed dictum. We beast the acquaintance of several Secretaries Secretary of England-Colonel Shadwell Clerke-and they all of Lodges who carry out the duties of their office in a faultless regretted that illness was the cause of his absonce that day. 'As an manner, and yet have not hitherto had an opportunity of going old Mason, of some thirty or forty years' standing, ho (Sir John) was through the chair. How often have we heard, in reply to the never better pleased than when lending a belping hand to brother question,-Wor. Sir, who do you appoint as Secretary? the Master's Masons. They could therefore anderstand how gratified he was to answer,-Why, Bro. A.; what would our Lodge do without Bro. A. ? have been of service in the Lodge that day. He referred to the For some such reason as this, we suppose, it is that Brother George efforts being made by the present Master of the Lodge on behalf of Read, who has been associated with the Londesborough Lodge since the Benevolent Institution of the Cruft, and was gratified to learn ts formation, has not had an earlier opportunity of presiding as its that his list for the coming Fostival already totalled up to a con-Vorshipful Master. However, all things come to those who wait. siderable sum. He was delighted the Alderegate Lodge was doing and Bro. Reed's opportunity came when-in consequence of the so well in this respect, as he considered that without charity lamented death of Bro. Joseph Rayner, who was appointed S.W. at Masonry would be worth nothing. Bro. Alderman Renals I.P.M. submitted the next toast, that of the Worshipful Master, with whom the last annual meeting of the fieldge-a break may be said to have becaured in the direct line of succession. Had Bro. Joseph Rayner been still with us, he would most assuredly have been chosen for the he said he had a little difference to clear up. The Master had told them, when he proposed the last toast, that it was the last loyal one office of W.M. at the election meeting of this Lodge; as it was, Bro. on the list. He objected, for if there was one thing the Aldergate George Read was unanimously chosen to fill the chair. The brethren Lodge prided themselves on, it was their loyalty to their Master for lassembled on Wednesday, at the Masonio Liall, Regent Street, where

the Worshipful Master, Brother George Wood, opened his Lodge soon after 5 o'clock, when he was supported by Past Masters Asher Barfield Past Grand Treasurer (Treasurer), G. Read P.M. (Secretary and W.M. elect), George Dickinson, Burleton, Wetherilt, &c. There was a large contingent of Visitors, amongst them being Bros. I. Sanders J.W. 1692, W. G. Hebbs S.D. 1692, W. C. Norman Secretary 557, E. Bidson P.M. 540, R. H. Allen P.M. 540, C. J. Grove I.P.M. 742, A. Williams W.M. 2090, G. Coleman P.M. 1614, T. C. Walls P.P.G.W. Middlesex, H. J. Birch P.P.G. Supt. of Works Wilts, J. Holmes W.M. 1608, John Lee 511, R. B. Stafford P.M. 540, A. Scott P.M. 551, J. B. Cory W.M. 865, S. L. Kilpin P.M. 540, C. E. Betts 865, D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer, R. H. Coombs P.M. 540, J. W. Barker P.M. 1767, F. W. Webb W.M. 540, A. Cookson P.M. 510, S. Foster J.D. 540, T. W. Heath J.W. 1642, W. C. Williams P.M. 1585, S. Andrews 959, R. II. Williams P.M. 865, W. J. Coplestone W.M. 834, C. S. Mote P.M. 1732, W. H. Bolt J.D. 1563, H. H. Room Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex, Charles Welch, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1987, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, C. Gross P.G.D. Beds, T. B. Dodson P.M. 860, W. Brindley P.M. 1604, F. Dusterwald S.D. 1586, S. Siecker 179, W. Unwin J.D. 1614, W. Honeyball 1614, C. Welch J.D. 2120, C. Head 2120, J. R. Harnell J.W. 511, J. Blundell P.M. 742, H. G. Holland 1624, S. Popo 1624, C. F. Hogard P.G.S.B., Lewis Bryett P.M. 1828, A. G. Baker 1708, W. Kirby 860, A. L. Bullen I.G. 1614, H. Beasley 1604, R. J. Harnell I.G. 2021, G. Reynolds I.P.M. 1614, E. C. Mulvey I.P.M. 179, F. W. Baxton S.W. 189, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Leatherby was raised, the ceremony being most effectively rendered by Bro. Wood. Bro. Julian Hooper, of the Bortio Lodge, Oxford, was elected a joining member. Bro. Read P.M. 511 was then presented as W.M. elect, and after all formalities had been observed, was placed in the chair as W.M. In due course the Board of Installed Masters (as will be seen by the List above, an exceptionally strong one) was closed, the lay brethren were readmitted, and the W.M. saluted in the three degrees. Bro. Wood delivered the addresses in splendid style, and on taking his seat was heartily congratulated on the completion of his year's work. The report of the Audit Committee showed the Lodge was in a sound financial condition, and Bro Read intimated that an amount that had been considered a doubtful asset at the time the audit was held, had been partly liquidated. A notice of motion that stood in the name of Bro. P.M. Dickinson, "to make an alteration in the days of meeting," was reseved for consideration at the next meeting. The name of a brother who desired to join the Lodge was handed in; letters were rend (one from Lord Londesborough) regretting inability to attend; greetings were tendered by the visitors, and Lodge was closed. The following is a list of the Officers who were invested :--Bros. J. Maidment S.W., R. Cursons J.W., Asher Barfield P.M. Treasurer, R. P. Laundy Secretary, R. Cory S.D., W. Dodson J.D., H. Robinson I.G., F. J. Oliver P.M. Organist, Jas. Sharratt D.C., E. J. Brown and Kirk Stewards, R. Schofield P.M. Tyler. The banquet was well served, and after full justice had been done to it, the cloth was cleared. The W.M. in speaking of Her Majesty, said the Queen was a lady who had at all times shown thoughtful consideration for her subjects, and was deservedly esteemed by all classes The M.W. the Grand Master was popular, and Masons were delighted to know that he took so deep an interest in the Craft. With the toast of the Grand Officers was associated the names of Bros. Cama, Bartield, Hogard, and Binckes. In reply, Bro. Cama spoke of the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry. His brethren in the East appreciated the honour of having with them the Dake of Connaught and Prince Albert Victor. These visits had a tendency to popularise the rule of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Empress of India. Bro. Hogard also replied ; he had been intensely gratified by his visit, and was pleased to see the new Master installed by his predecessor in the chair. He prognosticated a prosperous year for Brother Read. In reply to the toast gracefully given in his honour by Brother Wood, the Worshipful Master said that his advent to the chair in the Loudesborough Lodge bad been a source of deep gratification to bim; especially so as he had had the honour of being installed by the worthy brother who he had himself placed in the chair of the Lodge on the last occasion. The health of the Past Masters was the next toast on the list, and a handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Brother Woods. In thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, and for the cordial support rendered during his Mastership, Brother Woods assured them he should over wear the jewel of the Lodge with the most happy recollections. Bros. (Past Grand Treasurer), George Dickinson, Asher Barfield Wetherilt, and Burleton also acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. here asked permission to interpolate a toast; they had a large number of Provincial Grand Officers present, who had specially attended to do him honour. He appreciated the compliment, and he was sure the members of the Lodge shared with him

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

THE annual installation meeting and banquet of the brethren was held at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint, on the 5th inst. The principal business of the Lodge was the installation of Bro. II. Pearce as W.M. This was impressively rendered by Bro. W. Fi'ch Treasurer, assisted by Bros. Rawlinson and Pratt. Bro. F. Hollands I.P.M. was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his sorvices during the past year. The Lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to a samptuous banquet, provided by Bro. J. Sayers. The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, that of the Prov. Grand Officers being responded to by Bros. S. Barrowes and L. R. Styer. The W.M. of the Lodge was received with load applause, and was given by Bro. Fitch in most felicitous terms. He dwelt at some length upon Bro. Pearce's connection with the Southdown Lodge, the geniality of his character, and of his special fitness for the Master's chair. In responding, Bro. Pearce expressed his desire to follow closely in the steps of his predecessors, and he pledged himself to use his best endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. C. F. Hollands I.P.M. proposed the Visitors, which was most ably responded to by Bros. W. Wright W.M. 1303 and A. F. Lamette. The I.P.M. was given from the chair, the W.M. making special reference to the presentation of the jewel and the worthiness of Bro. C. F. Hollands to be thus honoured. Bro. G. Rawlinson responded to the toast of Past Masters, and Bros. Masters S.W. and J. C. Backwell for the Officers of the Lodge. During the evening some excellent songs wore sung by Bros. Collins, Smith, and Slingsby Roberts, and Bro. J. C. Buckwell gave a recitation. Bro. W. N. Roe officiated as accompanist. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

O^N Tuesday, the 11th inst., a splendid tea service of electro-silver plate was presented to Bro. James Lose, P.M. and Secretary, by the W.M., P.M.'s, and brethren of the Lodge, on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by the W.M. in a suitable speech, and responded to by Bro. Lose in an interesting reply, in the course of which he referred to his long connection with the Lodge, and expressed his gratitude for the great kindness shown to him on this important event in his life. The service was supplied by Bro. John Griffin I.P.M., of Union-street, Stonehouse.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. C. R. Humphrey as W.M. took place at the Lodge-room, Langport Arms Hotel, Langport, on the 13th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :--Bros. G. A. Cox I.P.M., C. S. Payne S.W., E. Q. Louch J.W., L. H. P. Maurice Chaplain, W. B. Paul Treasurer, A. Reynolds Secretary, L. Crosse Dir. of Cers., W. Gough S.D., H. Pittard J.D., R. A. Brakonbury I.G., G. Sharpe Organist, W. H. Gillett Tyler. The Worshipful Master afterwards presided at a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. G. Barling.

ADUR LODGE, No. 2187.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Assembly rooms, Henfield, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. Alexander Dowell, and the principal feature of the meeting was the installation of the newly elected W.M. Bro. J. C. Buckwell. The retiring W.M. Bro. H. A. Dowell was presented with a Past Master's jewel as an acknowledgment of the manner in which he had carried out his duties, and the Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at which several toasts were duly honoured.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180. —At the St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly Entrance), on 10th inst. Present:—Bros. Brander W.M., Blythe S.W., Cater J.W., Farwig Preceptor, Reynolds acting as Secretary, Cursons S.D., Taylor J.D., Grieve I.G.; Bros. Woods, Bayfield, Shaw, Bullen, Matthews, Blum, Kirk. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woods worked the 1st section of the second lecture. Brother Shaw offered himself as a candidate for the 2nd degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The J.W. worked the 2nd, Bro. Bullen the 3rd, Bro. Curson the 4th, and the Preceptor worked the 5th section of the second lecture. Bro. Blythe S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On the 17th instant there were present Bros. Blythe W.M., Carsons S.W., Taylor J.W., Farwig Preceptor, Blum Treasurer, Reynolds acting as Secretary, Brownewood S.D., Baylield J.D., Schen I.G., Woods, Brindley, Sedgwick, Brander, Bullon, Dodson, Shaw, Hazlett, Corby, Blundell, Matthews, Mead, and Kirk. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Brother Bullen worked the first section of the second lecture. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Bullen having offered himself as candidate to be raised to the third degree, was duly examined and entrusted; he retired. Lodge resumed to the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bros. and Brindley worked sections of the third lecture. Woods Bros. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Brother Cursons was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Bro. Farwig informed the brethren that their working Secretary, Bro. Jones, was still very ill, suffering from bronchitis. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

in such appreciation. Bros. Stafford (Beds), Walls (Middlesex), and others acknowledged the toast. For the Visitors Bros. Birch, Bryett, Morgan, and Webb replied. With the toast of the Masonic Charities --which in the opinion of the W.M. were doing excellent work--was associated the name of Bro. F. Binckes, who in a characteristic speech assured the Lodge that so long as he was associated with them the Institutions should have his steady and persistent exertions for their welfare. After the Officers had been complimented, the Tyler was summoned and he gave the parting toast. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given. Amongst those who especially distinguished themselves being Bros. Bartlett, Walls, Dedson, &c., &c.

LEOPOLD LODGE., No. 1775.

O^N Thursday, the 30th nlt., at a meeting held at the Commercial Inu, Church, Bro. W. Burry was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. John Wardley performed the installation ceremony in a pleasing and impressivo manner, and Bro. Eli Knowles invested the Officers. The brethren present from Darwen were Bros. Thackeray, Woods, and M. Duckworth.

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SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 1890.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HEREFORD.

OR the second time within living memory the enterprising little town of Kington was, on Monday, the 3rd inst., the rendezvous of numerous members of the mystic Claft, whose arrival from all points of the compass

excited no small amount of interest among the inhabitants. This occasion was the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the county of Hereford, which was held by command of the Provincial invested the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, M.P., under the banner of the Kington Lodge. In its absence from the list of Masonic Lodges, Kington, for a very long period, kept | B company with Bromyard and Weobley, until the 8th March 1888, when, through the untiring exertions of Bro. F. R. Tidd-Pratt (of the Lodge of Harmony), a Lodge was duly consecrated there, as belonging to the Province of Herefordshire. Bromyard and Weobley are now left the only towns in the county of Hereford without the advantage of a Masonic Lodge in their own circles, but as far as the larger town is concerned there has already been some talk of filling the omission, and the proposed establishment of a Lolge there meets with every encouragement from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The new and youngest Lodge of the Province is named after the river Arrow, a stream running through the town and its neigh-bourhood, the views of which are compared by one directory of the county to "beautiful scenes in foreign lands, or some gorgeous and lovely creations of poesy, bedecked with all the charms and enchantments conceived by the bards." At any rate, while the members of the Arrow Lodge were executing some preliminary business, which included the initiation of Mr. Samuel Passey and the youngest brother of Sir Joseph Bailey, many of the visitors had a pleasant ramble through the town, and enjoyed its charming scenery. The visiting Lodges were most hospitably received by their brethren of the Arrow at their quarters at the Burton House Hotel. A Lodge having been opened, the W.M. of the Arrow, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey), preceded by the banner of the Province and attended by the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge, and they were received with the customary ceremonial. The local Officers vacated their seats to the Provincial Grand Officers, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. Notwithstanding the many absences caused by the fashionable complaint of "Russian influenza" and other indisposition, there was a larger attendance than at the previous Provincial Grand Lodge. The Barton Hall, with its windows darkened, and its interior decorated with the jewels and furniture of Masonry, made an admirable Lodge. The walls had been cleaned, and the floor, which was polished for a ball, was suitably covered with a mosaic carpet. The Provincial Grand Secretary read letters expressing regret at inability to attend from Bros. the Rev. John Buckle D.P.G.M., the Rev. R. Evans P.P.D.G.M., T. Smith P.P.G.S.W., the Rev. D. Seaton P.P.G. Chaplain, O. Shellard P.P.G.S.W. John Bodenham P.P.G. Registrar and P.G.A.D.C., and others. The number of brethren present from each Lodge was stated as follows :--Palladian (120), Hereford, fourteen; Vitruvian (253), Ross, four; Eastnor (751), Ledbury, two; Royal Edward (892), Leominster, six; Arrow (2240), Kington, twenty-two; total attendance from the Province, 40. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. H. C. Beddoe) presented the accounts for the period since the last Provincial Grand Lodge. It appeared that the receipts amounted to £105, which included a balance of £65 17s 4d brought from the previous year; and that the payments made for charitable and incidental expenses amounted to $\pounds 14$; leaving a balance in his hands of $\pounds 91$ 6s 6d. In compliance with a petition presented by Bro. Beddce, from the Palladian Lodge, a grant of ten pounds was unanimously made to the daughter of a deceased Hereford Freemason, to whom five pounds had recently been voted by the Province. A sum was also voted for the Right Worshipful Master to present to any of the Masonic Charitable Institutions he might choose to select, by which he would obtain additional votes. The Provincial Grand Master then received a report from each Lodge, stating the number of members and various facts concerning its management. Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. Earle read the report of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association, of which he is Hon. Sec., to the effect that the amount of subscriptions received since August 1878, when the Association was inaugurated, and remitted to the Masonic Institutions, was as follows :-To Boys' School, £241 10s; Girls' School, £204 15s; the Sudbury, where a dinner was provided, presided over by fund for aged Freemasons, £115 10s; and the kindred fund Bro. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., when occasion was taken to for their widows, £131 5s; making a total of £693; present to Mrs. Jennings, the proprietress, a sum of money which gave an average of £63 a year for eleven years. as a mark of respect and goodwill.

The report also reminded the brethren that a copy of the account, together with a strong appeal for an increase of the fund, had been issued. Having already appointed and Grand Master now proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :--

Bro. Charles Rootes 338			Senior Warden
C. J. Saxby 852	•••		Janior Warden
Rev. Thos. G. Baillie	•		Chaplain
Thos. Handford 338	•••	•••	Registrar
Wm. Earle 120	•••		Secretary
John Marchant 120	•••	•••	Senior Dencon
E. Maddison 751	•••		Junior Deacon
R. Williams 2240	•••	•••	Supt. of Works
O. Edwards 892			D.Ċ.
W. R. Stafford 892	•••	•••	A.D.C.
F. S. Collins 338	•••	•••	Sword Bearer
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C. A. Stephens	•••		Tyler
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The Provincial Grand Master said that as Freemanonry was so essentially a Charitable Institution, he was influenced in making his selections of Provincial Grand Officers to a great extent by the fact whether or not they were subscribers to one or more of the Masonic Institutions. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting to be held at Hereford, under the banner of the Palladian, No. 120, the mother Lodge of the Province. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Piper reported that in compliance with the promise he had made in the last Provincial Grand Lodge, he had visited the Lodges in the Province in order to secure uniformity of Masonic ritual, and that on the whole he was well pleased with the manner in which the work was carried out, but he pointed out one or two minor matters which he ventured to recommend should be as strictly performed as other and more important things. The banquet was served at four o'clock, in an adjoining large room, by host Parmeter. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master having been duly honoured, Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey proposed the health of the Grand Officers present and past, observing that he regretted that he himself was the only Grand Officer present. Bro. Piper gave the health of the Right Worshipful Sir Joseph Bailey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, and in speaking of the Province, said he looked upon its successful progress as being in a great measure owing to the valuable though unassuming excellence of the Provincial Grand Secretary Brother Earle. The Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master proposed the Lodges in the Province, and took the opportunity of congratulating Bro. F. R. Tidd-Pratt on the marked success which had attended the exertions of himself and those associated with him in establishing the Arrow Lodge, which he observed had every appearance of a very prosperous future. Bro. Sir. Joseph Bailey and many of the visiting brethren from a distance had here to leave for their trains. Bro. F. R. Tidd-Pratt, who then took the chair, subsequently proposed the Masonic Charities. This toast was acknowledged by both Bros. Rootes and Earle, the latter remarking that the proceedings of the evening had shown not only in theory but in practice the charitable zeal of the Province, and concluding with the recitation of the lines which were written by Eliza Cook in 1848, and spoken at the Masonic Festival in aid of their Asylum for poor and aged Masons, and the refrain of which was that "Man to be Godlike must be more than just." Other toasts followed, and a pleasant and profitable evoning was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

It is announced that the Prince of Wales has appointed Sir Stafford Northcote to be Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Masons of Devonshire.

On Monday, the 10th inst., the members of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, met at the Temperance Hotel,

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAMSON CHAPTER, No. 949.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., a new Royal Arch Chapter, named the Williamson, No. 949, under the constitution of the Grand Chapter of Eugland, was duly and solemnly consecrated at the Masonio Hall, Monkwearmouth, in the presence of a numerous company of Officers of Durham Provincial Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superindendent of the Province, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. The ceremony of the consecration, dedication, and constitution was performed by Comp. B. Levy, assisted by Comps. T. Coalson and H. J. Turnbull. The petition and warrant for the new Chapter, the latter granted by the Grand Chapter of England, was read by Comp. R. Hudson P.G.S.E. The service was of a very impressive character. The following were afterwards installed as the Principals of the new Chapter :--Comps. Sir Hedworth William-son, Bart., Z., R. Shadforth H., Geo. Washington Bain J. Comps. B. Levy, H. J. Turnbull, and A. T. Munro performed the installation ceremonies most ably. The following were afterwards appointed the additional Officers of the Chapter :-- Lemuel R. Davies E., Robert Cooke N., Remigius Blake P.S., Alfred Groy 1st A.S., Bolko Schmeichen 2nd A.S., John G. Kirtley Treasurer, and Alex. T. Munro D. of C.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 261.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on Thesday the 4th instantion Tuesday, the 4th inst., when the ceremony of installation was performed in the case of the J., but in the cases of three of the Officers, namely, the Z. (Comp. T. G. Williams), the H. (Comp. Gill), and the P.S. (Comp. J. S. Haddon), the ceremony had to be postponed owing to the illness of the Companions named, who are suffer-from the prevailing epidemic. The following is a list of the Officers: Comps. T. G. Williams Z., J. Gill H., R. Knight J., G. C. Strawbridge Scribe E., R. U. Hartnell S.N., J. S. Haddon P.S., W. Goodland and W. G. Cotching A.S., J. Showers Treasurer, T. Tidbury Janitor. After the ceremony of installation the usual banquet took place, Comp. Meyler presiding in the absence of the Z. Resolutions of condolence with the sick brethren were passed.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No 282.

THE members held their annual convocation, on the 5th instant, at the Abbey, Tavistock. Comps. Major J. J. Daw P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. was installed as Z., I. Rosekelly H., T. Symons as J. Comp. E. Aitken-Davies was the Installing Officer, assisted by Comps. G. Merrifield, B. B. Richards, T. Chapman. The Officers invested were :-- Comps. J. Drew S.E., J. Squire S.N., A. H. Bates P.S., W. T. Gill 1st A.S., W. R. Northway jun. 2nd A.S., B. B. Richards Treasurer. In the evening the members supped together at Comp. Northway's Bedford Hotel. Comp. the Z. presided, and a very pleasant reunion was enjoyed.

PHILANTHROPIC CHAPTER, No. 304.

A^T a convention of this Chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street Londs on West-rade George Street, Leeds, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the newlyelected Principals were duly installed, viz. :- Comps. William Flockton as the M.E.Z., José Rickard as H., and Walter S. Blackburn as J., the ceremony of installation being very ably and impressively per-formed by Comp. Dr. Smyth. The following Companions, having been elected Officers for the year, were duly invested by the M.E.Z., viz., T. Thorp S.E., William Neill S.N., Thomas Myers P.S., Robert Abbott and W. W. Clayton Assistant Sojourners, and S. Barrand Janitor. There was a goodly number of members and also of visitors from other Chapters present, and after the conclusion of the ceremonial business a pleasant social evening was spent, the usual toasts being intersporsed with music and recitations.

HWLFFORDD CHAPTER, No. 464.

THE regular quarterly meeting of this Chapter was hold at the I Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on the 13th inst. There were present the M.E.Z. Comp. Lewis Roberts, P.Z.'s Comps. Geo. Phipps, Rule Owen, E. H. Ellis, M. Nicholson, Thomas Hood-Williams; Comps. J. H. Coram, F. C. Clarke, Levi Harries, W. Howell-Walters, A. E. Baldwin, Gilbertson, Freedman, Bonjamin Morris Davis, J. Prosser, C. A. Brigstocko. The M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Comm and Geo. Phipps, opened Chapter in due form. After confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. Allen, Loyal Welsh Lodge, and Bro. Thomas, Narberth Lodge, which resulted in both being unanimously accepted as candidates for Royal Arch Masonry. Bros. Allen and Ellis Jones (who had been balloted for at the previous meeting), being in attendance, were regularly introduced and duly exalted to the sublime degree of the H.R.A. The following Companions were duly elected Officers for the ensuing year :- Comps. J. H. Coram Z., Phipps H., Lovi Harries J., W. Howell Walters Scribe E, A. E. Baldwin Scribe N., Rulo Owen Treasurer, Rev. C. F. Harrison P.S., Lord Kensington 1st Asst. Soj., J. Prosser 2nd Asst. Soj., Gilbertson Organist, C. A. Brigstocke Inner Guard, Geo. Bowen Janitor. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the business being concluded, Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then retired to the smoking room, where, under the

successors in office for the ensuing year, viz. :--Comps. Johu Richardson M.E.Z., Alf. J. Bodman Z. 289 H., Thomas A. Marsh J. A full staff of efficient Officers having previously been duly elected, were now invested, in the presence of a large convocation of members and visitors. Bros. Alf. B. Booty and Wm. W. Senacht were regularly exalted to the supreme degree. The proceedings terminated in a banquet, served under the direction of Companion C. N. Goode, and the voluntary choir was accompanied by Companion Walter Davey Organist 1001. The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire was represented by Comps. Richard Carter P.Z. Prov. G.H. and Thomas Riley P.Z. Prov. G.A.S.

DE GREY AND RIPON CHAPTER, No. 1356.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. Comp. A. D. Hesketh installed Comps. J. Pellaway Z., T. A. Withey H., and T. F. Jarman J. The other appointments were Comps. A. Woolrich Treasurer, J. Raukin S.E., R. W. Chatham S.N., W. F. Ferguson P.S., C. Arden P.Z. D.C., L. Phillips A.S., A. Morris A.S. A valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Barclay.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.-The annual meeting of this Chapter was held on Friday, 14th inst., at the Suirling Castle, Camborwell. Amongst those present were Comps. Carl T. Fleck J. 1275 Z. designate Old Concord M.E.Z., Patrick II., G. L. Moore J., C. H. Stone S.E., Whiteman S.N., Stone P.S., and F. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with unusual success. Comp. Patrick was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The balance sheet was presented and received, and the auditors received a vote of thanks for their work. Comp. Fleck was heartily congratulated on his able working in the Z. chair, for the first time. The permanent Officers were re-elected-Comps. Hilton P.Z. Preceptor, C. H. Stone S.E., and Voisey P.Z. Treasurer. Their work was spoken of in the most eulogistic terms.

MARK MASONRY.

-:0:---LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Masonic-hall Working street Condig Working-street, Cardiff, on Thursday the 6th inst., when Bro. John Sheridan was duly and ably installed Worshipful Master by the retiring W.M. Bro. John Hussey. As is always the case with the Langley Lodge, there was a large and influential gathering of The brethren from the South Wales and adjoining Provinces. Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :-Bros. John H. Hussey I.P.M., James Coleman S.W., II. Fraser J.W., J. H. Taylor M.O., A. H. Roberts S.O., Thomas James J.O., N. D. Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Dr. Naunton Registrar of Marks, John Munday Director of Ceremonies, W. H. Williams S.D., J. H. Green J.D., J. M. Gerhold Organist, S. O. Williams I.G., M. Proctor Steward, and Sorgeant P. I. Riley Tyler. The usual banquet followed in the evening at the Royal Hotel. The harmony was contributed to by Bros. Ferrier, Thistlewaite, and Frank II. Simpson. Bro. Edward Fletcher gave a couple of admirable recitations in his well-known able manner, and Bro. II. White also supplied the Shakespearian quotations for the menu card, which was of a anique description.

The Royal Jubileo Lodge, No. 72, will hold their annual ball at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Thursday, the 27th instant. The proceeds of the ball will be given to the Masonic Charities. A dispensation allowing Craft clothing and jewels to be worn has been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master. Tickets (Gentlemen 12s 6d, Ladies 10s 6d, including supper and light refreshments) can be had of the Secretary, Brother A. Darch, 35 Lambeth Palace Road, S.E., or from any of the Stewards. Bro. F. R. Kinkco's band will be in attendance. Dancing will commence at 8:30 p.m., and carriages may be ordered for 3.30 a.m.

On Friday, the 7th inst., at a meeting of the West Lan.

evoling, the 31st ult. The three Principals installed their fory tendoucies in the system.

cashire Masonic Educational Institute, held in Liverpool, the sum of £28 per annum was granted for the education of three children of a recently deceased brother in Blackpool.

An Installation ceremony will be worked at the Star Chapter of Instruction, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday evening, when all Principals and P.Z.'s will be heartily welcomed.

The Companions then retired to the smoking room, where, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., soveral toasts were proposed and responded to. Peace, harmony and good fellowship prevailed, some excellent speeches were made, and songs were well rendered by Comp. Rale Owen, Lovi Harries, Howell, Walters, W. E. Jones and H. Williame. HARROGATE AND CLARO CHAPTER, No. 1001.

Øbituary.

-:0:-BRO. COLONEL GEORGE TAYLOR.

THE announcement of the death, in his 67th year, of Colonel George Taylor will create much regret. After a long and trying illness Colonel Turner died on Sunday evening, the 16th inst., at his residence 46 Nelson Street, Liverpool. From the circumstance of his having some little time ago failed in health, his death was not wholly unoxpected, but it will none the less be received by numerous friends with feelings of loss. Born at North-ampton in 1823, Colonel Turner removed early in life to Prescot, where he became clerk to the Justices. He filled that position for some years with every acceptance, but deciding to push his fortunes in the wider field of Liver. pool, he, about thirty years ago, commenced business as an auctioncer and estate agent in Lime Street. Eventually the firm attained through his business ability and integrity a vory high standing, which it still retains. But if his business record is as brief as it is satisfactory, Col. Turner, as a volunteer officer, won well merited distinction. He one of those ardent and persevering men pushed forward the movement at its incepwas mon who tion; who believed in it in spite of public incredulity and who gave effect to their belief in useful and continued service. He was a promoter of the 47th L.V.R., and having obtained the sanction of her Majesty, he prepared in the early part of 1860 the rules for the formation of that corps, under the designation of "The Saint Anne's Rifle Volunteers." On the 2nd July of that year he was gazetted lieutenant. In the September following the corps was present at the Knowsley review, and on 28th September Colonel Turner was promoted to the rank of captain. The authorised establishment was afterwards increased to three companies (with the late Joshua Ashley and Lieutenant Colonel Steble as captains, and Colonel Turner as captain-commandant), and the 41st L.R.V. was attached, making four companies, occupying the same storehouse in St. Anne-street. An amalgamation with the 1st L.R.V. took place in 1862, and Colonel Turner became captain of J. Company, remaining as captain, but more frequently acting as a field officer, until the 21st February 1876, when, on the resignation of Sir A. B. Walker, he was gazetted as major. Lieut.-Col. Bousfield became commanding officer of the 1st L.R.V. in 1876 for the third time, but owing to his parliamentary duties and other circumstances Colonel Turner had in reality the command of the regiment during the greater portion of the time from 1876 until Lieut-Colonel Bousfield's death, on the 21st May 1883. He was in command on several occasions when the regiment went into annual camp at Llandudno, Harrogate, and elsewhere. His efficiency as a military commandant was there fully shown, but whilst enforcing the strictest discipline on all occasions, he always paid the greatest regard to those under him and was popular with all ranks. As showing the kindly feeling which characterised the whole of his volunteer career, it may be mentioned that immediately prior to Colonel Bousfield's death that officer had sent in his resignation, but at Colonel Turner's request to the War Office authorities, his resignation never appeared in the Gazette. On the increase of the establishment of the 1st L.R.V.-now the 1st Volunteer Battalion "The Kings" (Liverpool Regiment)-to twelve companies, the regiment became entitled to two Lieut-Colonels, and Colonel Turner vas thereupon gazetted (2nd May 1883) as Lieutenant-Colonel, and he became Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant on 21st May 1883. He received the honorary rank of Colonel on the completion of his 25 years' service as an Officer in July 1885, and retired from the command of the "First" in December 1835, receiving permission to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the regiment. At one time two of his sons were Officers under him. The younger, who served some time as an ensign, retired on proceeding to New Zealand. The elder, now Major Tarner (retired), was for many years Captain of his father's old company, and during the period of his command J. Company hold the foremost position in the battalion as regards shooting. The deceased was well known as a prominent and active Freemason, not only in West Lancashire, excellent band was under the direction of Mr. J. Lingsbut in other Provinces. He had attained the 33rd degree Barenam.

in Masonry, and took a warm interest in all Masonic Charities, both local and metropolitan. He was a P.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86 (Prescot), the Everton Lodge, No. 823, a popular member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, and was chosen by the brethren of West Lancashire to fulfil the duties of Prov. Grand Treasurer. The interment took place at St. James's Cemetery on Friday morning.

BRO. S. R. EVERETT.

This much-esteemed and prominent Mason was interred on Wednesday afternoon, the 12th instant, with all possible respect from his old friends and fellow citizens, the brethren of the Craft, and the County Police Force, in which for so long he was an effective and honoured officer. Amongst the procession which followed the corpse, and immediately after the relatives, were the Chief Constable (Captain Harris), several of the superintendents, and the headquarters staff, also the brethren and Officers of the William of Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, and the Economy Lodge, No. 76, with the Worshipfal Masters of each, and there were also present some of the members of the Shalden Lodge, No. 2016. The coffin had no pall, which was unnecessary, as beautiful wreaths covered it, and the bearers were constables of the county force. The first part of the service, at Christchurch, and the concluding were read by the Rev. A. B. Gould.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey P.G.D. President, James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Junior Vice-President occupied their respective chairs. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Garrod, Grieve, Chapman, Morcer, Perryman, Langley, Brown, Bywater, Matthews, Haslip, Bunker, Cubitt, Whitmarsh, Shedd, Dairy, Whittley, Hopekirk, Clark, Taylor, Shadrake, Cook, Sir E. A. Inglefield, Vandyk, March, Weeks, Hand, Canning, Emanuel, Mulvey, Hooper, Dilley, Warren, Mayer, Smith, Sugg, Hunt, Moser, Moore, Massey, Wetzlar, Dann, Hamilton, Powdrell, Meierhoff, M'Quinn, Berry, Brander, Lewcock, Page, Penney, Goldschmidt, Carpmael, Pringle, Burgess, Stanton, Larkin, Price, Cox, Scurrah, Gardner, Turner, Wilkinson, J. S. Cumberland, Stephens, Minett, White, Bassett, Wing, Jackson, Halford, Grey, Shepherd, Wright, Johnson, Escott, Weston, Sly, Woods, Cock, Crick, Perry, Dale, Salmon, Fraser, Luckhurst, Dr. H. J. Strong, Caton, Bull, Kedgley, Thompson, Harrington, Woodwark, Headon, and Sadler. The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda for Grand Lodge of 5th March was submitted. When the Board was opened, the brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the January meeting to the extent of £330. There were 43 new cases on the list. In the course of a sitting of four hours and a half the brethren dismissed seven of these, and deferred two. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £910. This sum was divided into a recommendation to Grand Lodge for £75, one for £70, and one for £60; seven recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, four for £30 each, and one for £25; and immediate grants were made of £20 each to nine cases, £15 each to three

cases, £10 each to five cases, and £5 to one case.

Nearly 300 guests assembled at the ball given at the Cannon Street Hotel, a few evenings since, by the Old Concord Lodge. An elegant supper was served about midnight. The toast of the President, Bro. Carl T. Fleck, was given in cordial terms by Bro. W. H. Bailey. The President returned thanks in felicitous terms, and then proposed the health of the ladies, for whom Bro. Tatton Sykes responded in a humorous speech. The guests then returned to the ball-room, and completed the second part of the programme. Bro. Jarvis acted as M.C., and an

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.

--:0:-Saturday, 22nd February.

1706 Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 1871 Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

- 1462 Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone 2048 Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow R.A. 178 Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan R.C. Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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Monday, 24th February.

- 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Free-masons' Hall, W.C.
 26 Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 79 Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 183 Unity, Sbip and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 1608 Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1615 Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 48 Leaders 21 Despect Street Constraints

- 1632 Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 48 Industry, 31 Denmark Street, Gateshead
 62 Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148 Lights, Masonic R.oms, Warrington
 999 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177 Terby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1594 Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 219 Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241 Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 321 Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
 R.A. 448 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford

Tuesday, 25th February.

- Tuescay, 25th February.
 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 92 Moirs, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fiest Street
 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205 Israel, Cancon Street Hotel, E.C.
 259 Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.
 1348 Ebury, Regent M.H., A'r Street, W.
 1744 Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2108 Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.A. 7 Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H., W.C.
 R.A. 180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
 M.A. 3 Koystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall St.
 R.C. 29 Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
 253 Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Darby

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 310 Unio s, Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle
 357 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 587 Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 588 Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, St. Albans
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 1666 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1090 Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1025 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1075 Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 2025 St. Cioorge, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse
 R.A. 74 Athol, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 103 Boaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 R.A. 158 Adam, Victoria Hall, Sheerness
 R.A. 175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Rydo
 R.A. 721 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 168 Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

Wednesday, 26th February.

- Weanesaay, 26th February.
 Festival of the R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Tavorn, at 5'30 for 6 o'clock
 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 212 Euphrates, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 898 Temperanco in the East, 6 Nowby Place, Poplar 1017 Montellore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavorn, E.C.
 1540 Ohaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark 1589 St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 1768 Progress, Friemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818 Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduet Hotel
 R.A. 13 Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich
 R.A. 520 Lily of Richmond, Groybound, Richmond
 32 St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

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117 Salopian of Charity, Raven Hot, Shrewsbury
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1163 Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Munchestor
220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Gurston
304 Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Leeds
439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
724 Derby, Musonic Hall, Liverpool
906 Soudes, Eagle Hotel, Eust Dereham, Norfolk
1039 St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Brunswick Hot, Manchester
119 St. Bede, Meedanics' Institute, Jarrow
218 Prince Alf. ed, Commercial Hotel, Manchester
1219 Strangoways, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lancashiro
1633 Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Matchester
174 St. George, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
1953 Prudence and Industry, Georgo Hot, Somerset
1067 Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hot, New Brompton
R. 42 Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lanc. R.A. 42 Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 32 Hopo, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
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R.A. 328 St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 357 Apollo University, Apollo Hall, Oxford
B.A. 376 Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, M.H., Invivid Inswich R.A. 503 Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone

R.A. 1356 De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York M.M. Northumberland & Berwick, M.H., Newcastle M.M. 178 Wiltshire Keystone, M.H., Devizes R.C. Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaum, Lanc.

Thursday, 27th February.

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51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
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111 Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlingto 1
286 Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348 St. John, Bul's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651 Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
734 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Doal
807 Cabbell, Masonic Ha'l, Norwich
904 Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
131 Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1605 Emulation, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 57 Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 216 Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279 Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Loicester
R.A. 360 Northampton, M.H., Northampton
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- 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1595 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
 1603 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
 1623 West Smithfield, New Market Hot, Smithfield, 7
 1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 3:30
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 1743 Perseverance, 23 Addle Street, E.C., 7
 1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
 1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2021 Qeeen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8
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Tuesday, 25th February.

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 24 Newcastle-on-Tyne, F.M.H., Newcastle, 7'30
 25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
 65 Prosperity, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., 7
 141 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 8
 177 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7'30
 188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
 212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 463 East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, 7:45
 551 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 70 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill, 8

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820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Hoad, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1333 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Livopool Arms, Ganning Town, 7:30
1446 Mount Edgeumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavera, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540 Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8

Wednesday, 26th February.

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3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peekham, 7'30
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 7
228 United Strongth, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
731 Morchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7'30
842 Whitington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essox Arms, Strand, 8
903 Ed Antington, M.H., Gower Street, Dorby
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8'30
1095 Hartington, M.H., Gower Street, Dorby
1264 Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
1475 Feekham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1601 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7'30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7'30
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1675 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7'30
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1071 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
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1071 Commute, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1072 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
1072 R.A. 933 Dorie, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7'30
1081 Ley Premasons' Tavern, W.C., 8
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87 Vitruvian, White Hart, Lambeth, 8
144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7'30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
249 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7'30
263 Clarence, 8 'Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
435 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8
704 Camden, 305 High Holborn, 7
751 High Cross, Couch and Horses, Tottenham, S
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseloy, Rotherhithe New Road

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1238 Finsbury Park, Cock Taveta, Highbury, 8
1844 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8 Monday, 24th February. 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30 22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotef, Clapham, 7:30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S. W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
190 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
392 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
724 Derby, Masonie Hall, Liverpool, 3
903 Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 5
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1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
125 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 2:2 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
149 Royal Miltary, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1459 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30

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1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
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