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BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN RULES

WE have on more than one occasion urged the desirability of making alterations in the rules governing admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which should have some effect in relieving the very long lists of candidates brought forward each year, and efforts have recently been made to secure this end. We cannot say the results will prove all that are desired, indeed at first blush we are inclined to think the proposed remedies will become more objectionable than the evils they are intended to remove, but the alterations have been agreed to after considerable discussion among those who take an active part in the management of the affairs of the Institution, and we suppose those who are content to stand passively by, and allow their work to be carried out by others, must accept the situation as it now stands.

A Special General Meeting of Governors and Subscribers was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when the proposed alterations were taken into consideration, and formally disposed of, so far as is necessary, previous to seeking the approval of Grand Lodge, which approval will no doubt be accorded in due course, as there is nothing in the alterations, as agreed to, likely to be regarded as being of sufficient importance to need rejection from the higher authority. Briefly, the alterations may be described as experimental. Something was absolutely necessary to relieve the long list of applicants, and that something has now received the approval of the Special General Meeting, but whether it will prove satisfactory in practice remains to be seen.

The first suggestion is to make an addition to Rule 37 of the Institution, which now provides that

Should any candidate be unsuccessful at two successive elections, and have attained the age of eighty years, the Committee of Management shall have the power to place him or her on the list of Annuitants.

The proposal is, to add the words "if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election." This addition is of material importance, as without it the Committee of Management feel virtually compelled to place all aged candidates on the funds of the Institution after a certain period, no matter what efforts have been made to secure admission by the ordinary means. It therefore only became necessary to get an aged candidate on the list, wait a year or two, and then claim the advantage of this rule, even though the candidate had not secured a single vote. The addition of the suggested words will give the Committee a discretion in the matter, and we are convinced that discretion will be used most judiciously. It will, of course, be very difficult to decide whether efforts have been made to secure an election or not, as one candidate may secure 1500 votes (or more) by one effort, while another may work much harder,

and come out with 15 or less, but the addition will give the Committee an opportunity of considering each case on its merits, whereas without it their action is somewhat fettered. This must certainly be regarded as an improvement.

The next suggestion was to add to Rule 1, Qualifications for Male Fund, the following:—

That no Brother or Widow of a Brother shall be eligible for the annuity of this Institution, unless the said Brother shall have been a Life Governor of this Institution at least two years, or a Subscriber of 21s annually for five years before presenting his petition, or before his death.

This proposal, although approved by the original Committee to whom it was submitted, was rejected on Wednesday—and justly so—by a majority of 22 to 11. The proposer of this restriction and those who afterwards allowed of its being seriously considered, must be possessed of a wrong idea as to whom the Institution is intended to benefit. To restrict the annuities to those who have in years gone by provided the funds is probably fair, but as every Mason who pays dues to Grand Lodge helps to keep up this Fund, there must be no exclusion on the lines here laid down. Grand Lodge contributes £1600 a year, and it was virtually a bargain that in doing so it should secure for every Mason the right to become a candidate for an annuity. On this ground alone the proposal was bad, but if we bear in mind the many Provincial and Private Lodge contributions, we must at once recognise the injustice of excluding the men who enabled their Lodges to subscribe. Later on we shall find other restrictions agreed to which make it quite difficult enough even to hope for an annuity, and we are considerably gratified that the proposal, as submitted, was rejected. We cannot believe Grand Lodge would have agreed to it, even if the subscribers had done so; it would either have been a question of removing the law, or stopping the subscription, and the latter course would be regarded with less favour than the former, although we know there are some who look upon the conditions as to Lodge votes, &c., which attaches to the annual grant of Grand Lodge, as somewhat objectionable. The meeting was assured by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master of Durham, that the whole of the northern Provinces were opposed to the proposal, and such, we believe, would be the view of most of the subscribers if they were canvassed on the point. However, as we have said, there is no fear of the proposal being carried into effect, at least for some time, as it was rejected by a majority of 2 to 1.

The next proposed alteration is one that makes it quite difficult enough to secure acceptance as a candidate, as it compels each petitioner to have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for fifteen years, or in the case of a Secretary exempt by a Lodge from the payment of subscription, renders it imperative that his dues to the Fund of Benevolence shall have been paid for a like period. This alteration met with

some amount of opposition, but was eventually agreed to. It was pointed out that the average Masonic life of a brother was certainly not more than ten years, and Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg corrected this by saying that the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, had gone very carefully into the matter, the result of his calculations being that seven years was a fair average to fix, even if that was actually reached. This being the case, it will be seen that the new rule of the Institution will press very severely on the majority of Craftsmen, and we cannot think otherwise than that too much severity is being imported into the Rules. The benefits of the Benevolent Institution should be free and open to all, and although we are of opinion that certain restrictive measures are rendered necessary by the enormous number of candidates who come forward, we venture to predict that these exceptionally severe measures will prove but a long jump on a suicidal policy. The one cry that is raised if any thing like a return for subscriptions given be advocated is—the Institution is not a benefit society. This may serve as a party cry, but it is the merest clap trap, and if the Masons of the past have willingly contributed funds for the maintenance of this Institution, wholly for the benefit of other people, those of the present and future will, ere long, ask themselves what return is likely to be received for their subscriptions, in case they ever fall into adversity? This is a wrong spirit, we are told, and one of the foremost reformers of the day, who took the lead in the various alterations agreed to on Wednesday, answered, in reply to such a question, that the Institution does not want money given on that principle. No personal return must be dreamt of by those who subscribe their money, else they lower the Institution to the level of a benefit society, and act quite opposite to the true principles of Masonic brotherhood. This, we repeat, is all nonsense, and we shall be very much surprised if men will be found ready to subscribe funds wholly and solely for the benefit of strangers, only known to each other as Freemasons. This new rule will benefit Provincial Masons to the detriment of London ones, for the reason that in many country districts membership can be maintained for a few shillings per annum, often for a quarter of the minimum possible in Metropolitan Lodges, and it would be well if London subscribers would consider the matter from this standpoint before they agree to any further restrictive measures.

It is very difficult for any brother to argue this matter, because if he does, he is immediately assailed with personal observations; for instance, one speaker on Wednesday who spoke against the fifteen years membership clause was received with an aside to the effect that he was qualified in either case. This remark was not only extremely rude, but if it was a fair sample of the spirit which actuates our reformers, the sooner they are reformed the better it will be for all concerned. One brother, a respected Past Master of a London Lodge, replied that as he had been a Mason for sixty years he could not be accused of personal motives in opposing the change, which he considered was not desirable. Such explanations should not be necessary, and there is one other point we desire to mention which should be worthy of careful consideration. It is the young and enthusiastic Masons who supply the bulk of the money with which to carry on the Institution, and, setting aside the absurd cry of no benefit society tactics, it is the young and enthusiastic Mason who should be qualified for the benefits. How many Masons, who have served fifteen years in the Craft, are there who take an active share in supplying the funds to maintain the Masonic Charities? If, as we believe, they are in a minority of at least 50 to one, why should all the benefits be kept for them? We have not such a grand opinion even of Masonic Benevolence as to

imagine that the subscriptions will flow as readily for an almost impossible return, as they would do for a remote chance of assistance in the hour of adversity. In thus forcibly expressing our views we feel we are merely showing we have the courage to say in public what many of those who were present at last Wednesday's meeting felt, but were afraid to utter. We may be wrong, but sufficient was then said to convince us that our views are shared by others in sufficient number to make them worthy of consideration.

The suggested alteration to exclude a Mason having an income of £32 from the benefits of the Institution (instead of £40 as formerly) is good, and might have been extended, even down to £20. This we regard as the readiest and best way of reducing the number of candidates. We believe that Brother J. S. Cumberland made a suggestion that some sort of sliding scale should be adopted here, and it is a pity his proposal was not favourably received, if we rightly understand it. If a brother has a private income of £20 a year the Institution should only give £30, so as to make up £50, and so on. The objection to this system is stated to be the difficulty of each year finding out an Annuitant's position, but surely some reliance could be placed on an affidavit, which could be forwarded year by year by the applicant. The same objection might be applied to the existing law which gives the Committee of Management the power to reduce or suspend an annuity if the recipient becomes possessed of a certain income, but we have known this rule to be applied, and no doubt one for a sliding scale would prove equally efficacious.

The next proposition was based on the principle that those who had supported the Institution in the time of their prosperity should have some special recognition in their adversity. It is proposed to add to Rule 3, the following:—

A candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting his petition, shall be entitled to twenty votes at each election until successful for each Governorship he may have qualified for before his petition was accepted: but after his election all future right to such added votes shall cease.

The only objection to this proposal was, that it did not go far enough. All seemed to agree that something should be done, the only difference of opinion being as to how much. A proposition was made to alter the number of votes to 40 at each election, this was rejected by 19 votes to 13; then 30 was suggested, but that number met a refusal, 18 voting against it and 16 for it. It is well to carefully look at the conditions under which these votes are to be given and then consider the absurdity of some of the utterances made on Wednesday. Some of the most distinguished of those present said, with all sincerity we believe, that even the present suggestion would throw out an inducement to Masons to give sums of £100 in order to buy themselves into the Institution. Had they for one moment considered the chances of the case, or calculated the possibilities of a return for the investment? Let us take a case in point: We must get a brother who has subscribed to his Lodge for at least fifteen years, he must be at least fifty-five years of age, and must be able to spare a clear £105 as a donation to the Institution. For the first five years he will receive 40 votes per annum as a Vice-Patron; then he sends in his petition, and may be accepted, if so, he will receive 440 votes for each election—40 as a Vice-Patron, and 400 under the new rule—until he is elected. We are of opinion he would not be sure of success under this scheme until at least seven years after his petition was accepted, when he might go in with a total made up as follows:—5 years at 40 = 200, 7 years at 440 = 3080, total 3280 votes. Now, would any man of business recommend a brother of at least 55 years of age to invest £105 on the chance of securing an annuity of £40 per annum twelve years hence? If all was certain in regard to acceptance as a candidate,

and various other matters, we can understand it would be a fair investment, but with all the uncertainties and restrictions of a Charitable Institution, we should regard it as a most injudicious one. We go even further—if a man was so stupid as to risk it, we think he should be encouraged with the possibility of certain success, if he lived long enough, and was then in need of the annuity.

The next alteration is a further development of the limit of outside income question. If an annuitant becomes possessed of an income of £32 per annum, independently of his annuity, the Committee will now have the power to reduce or suspend his annuity (the former limit was £40). This we consider fair.

Rule IX. is to be altered in various ways. The widow must have been married to a male annuitant "seven" years (former Rule V.) before she can hope to receive the half pension, and to this, in future, she "may" be entitled, instead of formerly "shall" be entitled. This makes a great difference. Under the old rule every widow who was qualified by age, &c. had to be voted the half pension, no matter how undeserving of help she might be, now the matter is left to the discretion of the Institution. Widows who may secure this half pension are in future to receive it for five years instead of three, but as mentioned by a correspondent in our present issue, it would be well to consider the advisability of making the half pension permanent in the hope that widows would prefer that to entailing the trouble and expense of a contest for the full allowance.

The meeting of Wednesday was next called upon to consider the following: to "Omit the whole of Rule I., Qualifications for Widows' Fund, and substitute the following:—

1. No widow shall be eligible under the age of 60 years. Nor unless her last husband was qualified in accordance with Law 1, Male Fund. She must have been married to him for at least seven years; and if the widow of an Annuitant, the marriage must have taken place five years at least previously to the presentation of her husband's petition.

Subject to these qualifications a Widow shall be eligible to be accepted as a candidate at an earlier age, if suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction certified by two medical men, which in the opinion of the Committee shall permanently incapacitate her from earning a livelihood.

Objection was here taken to the adoption of the word "last" husband, in lieu of "late husband," as it has previously stood, and without a doubt the objectors have good grounds for their opposition. The widow of a Mason who has subscribed to a Lodge for fifteen years cannot marry a second time much under the age of 50 years, and even if the second marriage proves a success—and, as one brother put it, marriage is much of a lottery—there is no reason why the forethought of her first husband should be nullified by an attempt on her part to better her circumstances. At the age of sixty the old lady finds herself in need, and she has a perfect right to appeal to the Brother Masons of her first husband for what little help they can afford her, regardless of the fact that possibly in her desire to relieve them of responsibility, she married a second time, and a few years afterwards found herself again a widow. There was considerable discussion on this point, a little banter, and eventually the proposal was carried by 23 to 4, an evidence of weakness of mind, we are inclined to think, on the part of some who felt differently to the way they voted.

The next proposal was another instance of altering "late" husband to "last," and then the meeting was asked to agree to the same rule for the widows in regard to votes for past support as was carried for the Male Fund. This was agreed to, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the chairman the proceedings were concluded.

Again reviewing the whole work of the meeting, we are more than ever impressed with the feeling that those assembled allowed their desire to drive candidates away to overrule calm judgment and fair consideration. Perhaps the amendments will be approved by

Grand Lodge, and carried into effect, but we cannot imagine them ever proving beneficial to the Charity. In a few years time we shall expect to hear that some of their strongest advocates at the present time have formed a different view of the various points we have touched upon, and they may even regret having taken part in passing such severe and harsh regulations.

MASONIC REPRINTS, No. 2076.

BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

I WAS very pleased to read the appreciative notice of the reproduction of the "Book of Constitutions A.D. 1738," which has just been issued by Lodge No. 2076, especially as the article is written by the veteran Masonic Historian, Bro. Gould.

As he truly declares, "No reprint of a Masonic book was more imperatively demanded than the one under review, and it now sees the light under circumstances which leave nothing to be desired." For *half-a-guinea*, the ever-increasing circle of Masonic students can now obtain an exact facsimile of the "basis of Masonic History," whereas many pounds would be necessary to secure a copy of the rare and precious original, of which only a few are known, and fewer still ever occur for sale.

It seems extraordinary that this is the first *re-issu* of the Constitutions of 1738, in this country, and also the first facsimile ever produced anywhere. Bro. Speth, as Editor, is always at home in such matters, and, as Bro. Gould acknowledges, the fidelity of the text has been assured by his watchful care. In fact without Bro. Speth's invaluable services on behalf of our Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," I really do not see how we could possibly have undertaken such labours.

Bro. Gould's observations relative to Dr. Anderson are very interesting, and form an additional introduction, so to speak, to mine, on the same subject viewed from a different standpoint. He considers that Dr. Anderson was not connected with the Grand Lodge prior to 1721, and also that before 1717, in Scotland, the Masonic grades were "Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft or Master," those for England being "Apprentice and Fellow or Master." Bro. Gould also makes the remarkable admission that "In England, there are reasons for supposing that there may have been *two degrees* or distinct ceremonies from comparatively early times," and that a "Master's part, distinct from the formulary of initiation, or first admission, must have existed before the termination of ancient masonry, in 1717."

I do not mention these points of vital importance because my researches do not tend in that direction, but simply to illustrate the suggestive character of Bro. Gould's article, and how needful it is that the numerous opinions he notes should receive all the examination and study they so well deserve.

We are not ground according to one pattern in Lodge No. 2076, but each member, whilst preserving his utmost freedom, is ready to, and does unite for the general good. It will be found that Bro. Gould and so Bro. Speth differ from myself as respects esoteric ceremonies of the Craft prior to A.D. 1717. I believe there was but *one*; but they favour *two*. Some think *three*. Out of these diversities, we shall doubtless, in due time, arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. There is no hurry. Let all work together.

At a meeting of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, at the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Clevedon, it was stated that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will hold its next annual meeting in that town. A committee to make the necessary arrangements was appointed.

The Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345, will meet on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., Bro. S. Cochrane P.M. I.P.M. 3 W.M.

AN "ALL-ROUND MAN."—"Barny" Barnato, one of the mining kings of South Africa, senior member of Parliament for Kimberley, and monarch of the Johannesburg Mining Exchange, is in London, on a holiday. Bro. Barnato is still a young man, an athlete, an orator, a member of the Joppa Lodge, and—it is said—worth three millions.

THE YORK RITE.

BY BRO. R. F. GOULD.

THE title I have chosen for this article has been turned to very strange uses, both by Masons and Politicians.

In the United States of America, the "York Rite" has been held to be synonymous with those external observances of the Ancient Freemasons, that have come down to us in the greatest purity. While, in Mexico, during a long period of comparative anarchy, the two factions which contended for political supremacy, were best known as *Escoceses* and *Yorkinos*—the Aristocracy and the Reformers—the former of whom were supposed to be "Scots Masons," and the latter—adherents of the "York Rite."

As a simple matter of fact, however, the common belief in the superiority of the "York" over any other rite has sprung up and taken root, like many other existing superstitions, in consequence of the visionary speculations of Preston, Dermott, and others, passing muster as history, during the "dark ages" of Masonic Study.

If, indeed, there ever existed a York Rite at all, in the sense of the ceremonial wrought in the city of the same name, differing in any material respect from those prevailing in other parts of Britain, there are only three possible sources to which we can turn with any expectation of unravelling the mystery.

These are, the Manuscript Constitutions of the Freemasons, the Fabric Rolls of York Minster, and the records of the York Lodges.

The Manuscript Constitutions contain the legendary history of the Masons' Craft, and of these ancient writings, the vast preponderance, together with the whisper of tradition, unitedly assure us that—throughout Britain—York was long regarded as the earliest centre of the Building Art.

The Cathedral of St. Peter's, at York, was begun under King Edwin in 627, and the officiating clergy of the same edifice were granted a charter by King Athelstan, about the year 936. Here, two leading incidents in the Legend of the Craft coalesce in a common centre—York Minster—which Edwin founded, and whose ministers Athelstan endowed.

But of the actual customs of the York Masons, in those early days, we know absolutely nothing, nor is it until the fourteenth century that even a glimpse of them is obtainable.

This we derive from the Fabric Rolls of York Minster, published by the *Surtrees Society* in 1859, from which we learn that, in 1352, the following orders were enacted:—

"The first and second Masons, who are called Masters of the same (*principalis et secundarius cementarius, qui vocantur magistri eorumdem*), and the carpenters shall make oath that they cause the ancient customs underwritten to be faithfully observed. In summer they are to begin to work immediately after sunrise until the ringing of the bell of the Virgin Mary, then to breakfast in the fabric lodge (*logium fabricae*), then one of the Masters shall knock upon the door of the lodge, and forthwith all are to return to work until noon. Between April and August, after dinner, they shall sleep in the Lodge, then work until the first bell for vespers. Then sit to drink till the end of the third bell, and return to work so long as they can see by daylight. In winter, they are to begin work at daybreak and continue as before till noon—dine, and return to work till daylight is over. On Vigils and on Saturdays they are to work until noon."

These rules continued in force until 1370, when they were superseded by others of a like character, but expressed in the vernacular idiom. The duties to be performed in the "loge" remained very much the same as before, and the regulations conclude:—

"Ande alswa, it es ordayned yt na masonn sall be receavyde atte wyrke, to ye werk of ye forsayde Kyrke, bot he be firste provede a weke or mare upon his well wyrking; and, after yt he es foundyn soufissant of his werke, be receavyde of ye commune assente of ye mayster and ye kepers of ye werk, ande of ye mastyr masonn, and swere upon ye boke yt he sall trewly ande bysyli at his power, for oute any maner gylyry, fayntys, outhr desayte, hald and kepe haly all ye poyntes of yis forsayde ordinance," &c.

On the 31st of October 1370, Master Robert de Patrington, and twelve other Masons, came before the Chapter, and swore to observe the foregoing rules, in the following terms:—

"Lordes, if it be your wyles, we grant for to stand at our werkes truly at our power," &c.

We learn from the same Fabric Rolls that there was a duly appointed pledge-day (*pleghday*), when the workmen swore to observe the orders which the Chapter had or-

dered for their management. This they were required to do at least once a year.

The York Fabric Rolls show clearly enough of what the operative labours of the Masons consisted, when in Lodge, but of their speculative work, if they had any such to perform, there is not a trace. Indeed, a learned writer—Mr. Wyatt Papworth—in his *Notes on the Superintendents of English Buildings in the Middle Ages* has observed with much force:—

"That the 'orders' supplied to the Masons at work, at York Cathedral, in 1352-55, give but a poor notion of there being then existing in that city anything like a guild or fellowship claiming authority in virtue of a charter, supposed to have been given to it by Athelstan in 926, not only over that city, but over all England."

Lastly, then, we come to the records of the York Lodges, from which alone, it will now become apparent, that in the absence of further documentary evidence, we can obtain any knowledge whatever of the system of Symbolical or Speculative Masonry indigenous to, or practised at a very early date, in the ancient capital of Northumbria.

This brings us down to the beginning of the eighteenth century, when there was a Lodge in existence at York, with a Roll of Minutes dating from 1705, though with a conjectural pedigree of far greater antiquity. This Lodge followed in the footsteps of the memorable "Four" at London, whose erection of a Grand Lodge of England, in 1717, it copied somewhat closely by assuming the title and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge of *All England* (at York), in 1725. About twenty years later, however, it went to sleep, and its slumber would doubtless have continued to this day were it not that in 1761 York was Masonically invaded from the South.

In that year, a Lodge—which met at the "Punch Bowl," in Stonegate—No. 259—was established by the Grand Lodge of England.

This awakened the slumbering Grand Lodge of *All England*, which accordingly resumed its active functions on the 17th March 1761. The newly imported Lodge, at the "Punch Bowl," became extinct in 1764, but a successor was soon established—31st July 1773—under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in the South.

The "Apollo" Lodge, for such it was named, had a very remarkable history, which—as all students will rejoice to learn—it has recently devolved upon Bro. W. J. Hughan to relate. This he has done in a handy little volume whose price places it within the reach of all readers. The struggle between the rival jurisdictions, the vicissitudes of the Grand Lodge of *All England*, its dormancy, revival, decay, and obliteration, together with a survey of the various "rites" known and practised in York, are all noticed, and at just the proper length, by the distinguished Masonic writer to whom I have referred.

Bro. Hughan tells us:—

"There are numerous indications in the Records of the activity of the "Apollo" as the Masonic centre of the Province. The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was for many years conducted by its principal members, who were also officers in that body.

"The present 'York' Lodge, No. 236, then the 'Union,' No. 504, was warranted, under similar circumstances, in July 1777, and the Bye Laws of the 'Apollo' were adopted for its guidance in February 1782."

As a key to York Masonry generally, a careful study of the "History of the 'Apollo' Lodge" may be recommended.

Bro Hughan is at all times a safe guide, and the curious reader—if such there be—who is desirous of diving still deeper into the mysteries of the "York Rite," may turn with confidence to an earlier work by the same writer—"Masonic Sketches and Reprints,"—wherein all the evidence bearing upon the subject has been sifted and compared.

The Prince of Wales has graciously intimated his intention of laying the Foundation Stone of the new building for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital in July.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken, to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases, which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local mischief. The Pills restore the vital powers.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE 63rd anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, when a large number of the Past Masters and Brethren of this wealthy and influential Lodge were present. The usual routine business having been transacted, Bro. E. Corris P.P.G.R., in an appropriate speech, presented Bro. S. Rutter I.P.M., but in the name of his wife, with a handsome tea and coffee service, bearing a suitable inscription, as an additional testimony of their appreciation of his faithful and diligent services as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1889. He alluded to the distinguished Masonic career of Bro. Rutter. Initiated in 1882, he had filled several offices, until he attained the great honour of being installed in the chair of K.S. in 1889. By his genial ruling and firm demeanour he had won the confidence and respect of the attenders of the Lodge. Bro. Rutter having briefly responded, the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which Bro. James Matthews Worshipful Master presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured in happy terms, Brother M. C. Peck proposed the toast of the evening, the Founders of the Humber Lodge, and referred to the great and indomitable spirit that had filled the founders of that noble institution, which he had the authority of the Grand Secretary to say was the largest and wealthiest Lodge in England. He was glad to see that the Humber Lodge still kept to the fore, and he was sure the prudence of the members of that Lodge would always enable them to assist brethren who sought their assistance. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. Other Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and during the evening Bros. Green, Kenningham, Isle, and Riby contributed songs, Bro. Stringer P.G.O. presiding at the pianoforte.

SHAKSPEARE LODGE, No. 284.

THE brethren of this Lodge, of which Bro. Jas. Spilsbury is the W.M., have shown their appreciation of the worth of their House Steward—Bro. Wm. Mann—by subscribing a purse and presenting it to him, with a written testimonial, on the occasion of his departure from Warwick, to take up his residence in Brighton. Bro. Mann, by his uniform courtesy and straightforward conduct, has won for himself the respect and esteem of the whole of the members of his Lodge, and his departure has been deeply regretted by the brethren. The testimonial is worded as follows:—

"It was resolved that the thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. William Mann for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Tyler of the Lodge for the period of eleven years, and that the brethren be invited to subscribe to present Bro. Mann with a small token of their appreciation of the honesty, civility and trustworthiness always shown by him as Steward of the Masonic Rooms at Warwick."

SYMPATHY LODGE, No. 855.

THE annual installation festival took place at the Town Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, on the 6th inst., when Bro. Llewellyn White was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Millman, assisted by Bros R. V. Vassar-Smith D.P.G.M., G. H. Perrin, H. Perrott, and W. T. Gould. The following were appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. E. H. Henly S.W., R. M. Worlock J.W., A. Perrett Treasurer, F. Millman Secretary, C. M. Penly S.D., W. J. Vigor J.D., W. T. Adams I.G., H. O. Lansdown Organist, W. Wyndon Tyler. The following were the Visitors:—Bros. E. Gregory 270, W. P. Hadey P.M. P.P.G.T., T. Gullick P.M. 53, G. Adams 761, S. Bloodworth 761, W. J. Lister 761. At the close of the Lodge a banquet was served, at the Swan Hotel.

FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY LODGE, No. 1271.

THE ordinary monthly meeting, held on Monday, the 5th inst., partook of rather a special character, the brethren attending in force to take a farewell of their much respected Treasurer Bro. Col. Magrath, J.P., P.M. 926 and 1271 P.P.G.J.W. (Madras) P.P.G.J.D. (Wilts). The I.P.M. Bro. C. W. Bryant presided, and in referring to the gallant Colonel said it was with unfeigned regret that the brethren heard of his approaching departure, as they could not fail to recognise and duly appreciate his zeal and ability as a Mason, and the valuable services he had rendered as a Master, Past Master, and Treasurer. The Colonel, in responding, said that although he had been connected with several Lodges, having been a Mason for 42 years, yet his membership had never exceeded two or three years of any one of them, but with 1271 he had now been a member for 16 years, and he should carry away with him very kindly feeling towards every one of the brethren, and would always take pleasure in visiting the Lodge and continuing his membership. He was afterwards entertained at supper by the Lodge, the Senior Past Master Bro. J. Sparks presiding.

ROSE OF RABY LODGE, No. 1650.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Staindrop, the ceremony of installing Bro. M. Bradley W.M. elect was performed by Bro. C. D. Hill-Drury W.M. 1379. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Fawcett I.P.M., C. H. Sharp S.W., T. Wood J.D., the Rev. J. M. Shepherd Chaplain, J. Robinson Treasurer, T. Coates Secretary, W. Swales Organist, J. K. Wilkes S.D., R. A. Meacock J.D., G. C. Midgley I.G., J. J. Wilkes D.C., James Hartley and E. C. Dunmar Stewards, T. Pyburn Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Wilson P.M. 111, R. Kirton, B. S. Beckwith P.M. 1230, F. E. Gibson 1230, J. Thompson 1230, J. Lax, R. Foster, and other brethren.

After the ceremony of installation and other Masonic business was concluded the Lodge was closed in form and order, and the brethren sat down to a banquet served up in excellent style by Mrs. S. Alderson, of the King's Arms Hotel.

MONTGOMERIE LODGE, No. 1741.

THE annual meeting took place on the 6th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, Diss. Bro. David Simpson was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk and P.G.C. England. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. W. Webb I.P.M., H. C. Green S.W., G. S. Panks J.W., T. Slack Treasurer, J. Flatman P.M. Secretary, A. Tyrrell S.D., J. J. Rash J.D., Arnold Bobby I.G., P.M.'s Evens and Rice Stewards; W. Cracknell Organist, R. Staff Tyler. Before the closing of the Lodge a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Flatman for the services he had rendered to the Lodge since its formation, twelve years since. The brethren afterwards celebrated their St. John's festival by a banquet, presided over by the newly elected W.M. About thirty were present. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and a very interesting account of the Masonic Charities was given by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. Several capital songs were sung, and a very interesting meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

PRIORY OF ACTON LODGE, No. 1996.

THE installation meeting was held at the Berrymead Priory, High Street, Acton, on Monday, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. C. E. Botley P.M. acting W.M., E. Monson jun. I.P.M., G. Wright P.M., F. Botley P.M. D.C., C. W. Francis S.W., A. J. Phillips J.W., J. A. Cammell P.M. acting Secretary, S. Gissing Skelton S.D., W. Hirst P.M. J.D., C. E. Sutton I.G., A. G. H. Dicker, C. Pearce. Visitors:—Bros. W. G. H. Monson, P. Monson, J. A. Craven, W. Eydmann, and R. Williams. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from the W.M., Bro. J. R. Ward, stating that owing to continued ill health he was unable to be present, which he very much regretted. Bro. C. W. Francis was then presented by the Director of Ceremonies to the acting W.M. as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. invested Bro. G. Monson jun. as I.P.M. for Bro. J. R. Ward, and the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The Brethren having saluted the W.M., the Installing Master presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. J. Phillips S.W., S. Gissing Skelton J.W., Rev. A. G. H. Dicker Chaplain, E. Monson jun. P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Cammell P.M. Secretary, W. Hirst P.M. S.D., C. F. Sutton P.M. J.D., Harrison Tyler. The investiture of I.G. was deferred until next meeting. The Installing Master then gave the usual addresses. The Report of the Audit Committee was adopted. The Worshipful Master having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where justice was done to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Brooks, of the George and Dragon, High-street, Acton, which gave general satisfaction, the tables and room being very prettily decorated with flowers and plants. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The acting I.P.M. having taken the gavel said, all the brethren knew for what purpose he rose; after warmly eulogising the working of the W.M., he asked the brethren to drink to the very good health of their W.M., wishing him many years of happiness. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received. After referring to the perfect harmony which had always characterised the Priory Lodge, he said,—Of Masonry itself it was difficult to speak in few words. Masonry embraced the whole scope of human experience, both subjective and objective. Its degrees comprised Religion, Morality, every phase of Virtue, Science, Art, Literature, and that most interesting of human studies—the knowledge of one's self. The Freemason was, in the first place, impressed with his duty towards God and his duty towards his neighbour. Reverence for the Deity had rightly been made a special object in Masonry; indeed, it seemed pretty clear that the great secret of the mysteries of ancient days was the unity of God in times when polytheism prevailed. The good Mason never failed in his duty to his neighbour; he was a good man in every relation of life—a good son—a good husband—a good father—a good friend; the principles of Masonry imbued all his daily transactions. As a next step, the Freemason was urged to cultivate and improve his mind by the pursuit of Science, Art, or Literature. Finally, he was invited to meditate upon those virtues which adorn the inward man. And he who could clearly see their beauty and sterling value, as presented to him in Masonry, the perfectly just and upright man, would even prefer to die rather than betray the principles of truth and honour. The W.M. then gave the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. J. R. Ward, and was indeed sorry that he was not able to be with them that evening; he knew that Bro. Ward sincerely regretted his inability to be present; from the very serious nature of his ailments he was not permitted to be out in the night air. He (the W.M.) trusted, however, that at their next meeting Bro. Ward would be sufficiently recovered to join them. Bro. E. Monson jun. suitably responded for Bro. Ward. The toast of the Installing Master being given, and replied to by Bro. C. E. Botley, who had come specially from Hastings for the purpose of installing the W.M., who was his father in Masonry, the toast of the Visitors followed, coupled with it the names of Bros. Williams, Monson, Eydmann, Guy and Craven, each of whom suitably replied. The toast of the Past Masters was given, and duly responded to by Bros. Wright and Botley. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was then coupled with that of the Officers of the Lodge, and responded to by Bros. E. Monson jun., J. A. Cammell and A. B. Phillips. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close. The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G.O. Surrey,

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A MEETING was held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, London, E.C., on Tuesday. There was a very good attendance of the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. H. Nash, the W.M. Bros. Kingston and Usher were passed. A light repast was afterwards enjoyed by the members and their visitors.

ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE, No. 839.

THE annual installation Festival was held at the Bell Hotel, Stroud, on Friday, the 9th inst., when Bro. R. P. Sumner was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Campbell, the retiring Master of the Lodge, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. The following brethren were elected the Officers for the year:—Bros. Sir Lionel Darel S.W., W. B. Wood J.W., Canon Parker Chaplain, J. Bruton Treasurer, M. H. Medland Secretary, J. C. Hill S.D., Rev. J. H. Seabrook J.D., L. G. H. Mayer I.G., J. Bryan Director of Ceremonies, Canon Bowers Organist, G. C. P. Pike Steward, B. Doyle Tyler. During the ceremony Bro. White was presented with a handsome set of Masonic jewels by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith) for his valuable and long services to Freemasonry. After the ceremony a number of brethren and friends sat down to banquet.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Saturday, the 10th inst., by the members, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. Bro. Solomon J. Lewis S.W. was installed W.M. of the Lodge by the Installing Master Bro. A. H. Jefferis, assisted by Bro. Buckley Carr. The following brethren received investiture as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. R. Wilson S.W., W. H. Anderton jun. J.W., E. A. Ehlinger I.P.M., J. Irlam P.M. Treasurer, J. M. Moss P.M. Secretary, A. H. Jefferis P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. D.C., J. R. Ashworth S.D., T. Forknall J.D., R. Wainwright Organist, E. Loebell I.G., C. De Cantillon Tyler, Ellwood, W. Crowther, James Wainwright Stewards, and J. M. Moss P.M. Charity representative. At the banquet succeeding the installation, there was a capital vocal entertainment, contributed to by Bros. Bowlby, J. D. Smith, R. Dottie P.M., W. H. Anderton jun. J.W. and Buckley Carr P.M. The pianist was Bro. Enos Andrew P.P.G.O. Cheshire.

BAGSHAW LODGE, No. 1457.

A MEETING of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Public Hall, Loughton. The W.M. Bro. W. J. Shadrake presided, and he was supported by Past Masters Thos. T. Nunn, J. H. Crowther, Jas. Barnett, R. J. Pauchand. The Officers present were Bros. Hopwood I.P.M., Day S.W., Thompson J.W., Holloway P.M. Treasurer, Edwards P.M. Secretary, Langdon S.D., Steffen J.D., Cuthbert I.G., Sawyer D.C., De Solla Organist, Fish and White Stewards, Goddard Past Master Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Brothers J. Bruce 1421, D. A. Langdon 45, F. Trotman 1305, J. D. Collins 1696, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1216, P. E. Vanderpump 1305, E. Holsworth W.M. 1607, J. H. Holmes 1706, R. R. Green S.W. 1804, E. Egan I.P.M. 453, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. James Stevens (of Bristol) was raised, and Bro. Link was passed, the W.M. conducting the ceremonies in a thoroughly efficient manner. Bro. Day, the S.W., was elected W.M. for the next twelve months, and Bro. Holloway P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Goddard P.M., on show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. Inner Guard Cuthbert was appointed one of the Auditors in place of Bro. Thompson, who retires by effluxion of time. It was agreed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Shadrake, in recognition of his services in the chair. The question of better accommodation for the furniture and properties of the Lodge was now considered. It was argued that the furniture was continually being damaged by the hauling it underwent in being conveyed up and down to the loft where it was stored. Some considerable discussion ensued, and eventually it was decided that the Trustees of the Public Hall should be approached with a view that better provision should in future be made. Pending this, the expediency of spending a sum of money in repairs and renovations was held over for future consideration. This completed the business and Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October. A banquet followed, provided by Bro. Slawson. The W.M., who makes an excellent chairman, briefly introduced the toasts, and the responses were well to the point. As usual at this Lodge music was well represented; Bro. Fenton, and others distinguishing themselves; Bro. De Lolla gave one of his "combination" performances, and was deservedly encored. Bros. James Stevens and W. W. Morgan gave recitations. During the evening the "Charity" box was brought prominently forward, with a result that a sum of no less than ten guineas was made up.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE annual festival of this Lodge, and the installation of the new Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, took place on the 10th inst., at the Tilbury Hotel, and the members, being fortunately favoured with fine weather, assembled in strong force. Bro. S. J. Kirby Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by Bros. Col. James Peters P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Lennox Browne P.G.S.W., A. Lucking P.G.P. and P.G. Dir. of Cers., E. H. Baily P.M. P.G.J.W., A. J. Dudgeon P.M. P.P.G.S.D., A. Manning P.M., W. W. Barber S.W., Bradshaw Brown P.M. P.G.S., F. A. Pullen P.M. 742, W. F. Denman P.M. 1924, L. J. Turner I.P.M. 1598, W. J. Crump J.W., Dr. Davies, J. Bruton, T. W. Price, W. H. Barber, G. E. Gilbert, Walter Christie, J. Abbott, J. Lowe, W. Battery, L. Alport, W. M. Taylor, A. Thomas, R. Lloyd Williams, T. W. Noad, W. E. Newcombe, F. C. Ahlfeldt and Orton Cooper. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Audit Committee

presented their report; from this we gathered that the sum of £30 12s 6d had been voted to the Masonic Charities. Bros. Walter Christie and W. E. Newcombe were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., and it is interesting to note that Bro. Christie was invested with the apron formerly worn by his grandfather and father. The certificate of his grandfather, dated 1825, was also exhibited in the Lodge. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. E. H. Baily being the Installing Master. Bro. W. W. Barber S.W. having been elected W.M. by the brethren, was brought before the Lodge and answered the usual questions. He was subsequently conducted to the chair in due form, and was saluted by the brethren in the three degrees. The newly-made Master then appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. J. Crump S.W., J. Bruton J.W., W. L. Dudgeon Secretary, Bradshaw Brown Dir. of Cers., Dr. F. H. Davies S.D., W. Battery J.D., W. H. Lockey Steward, Walter Christie I.G. Bro. A. J. Dudgeon was re-elected Treasurer, and upon the show of hands Bro. A. W. Martin was appointed Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Kirby I.P.M., and appropriately acknowledged. The resignation of a member was reported and accepted, with regret. The business of the meeting being thus brought to a termination, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the new Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, as, owing to a change in the arrangements at Tilbury, the banquet could not be held there. Every preparation had been made by Brother J. E. Shrubsole, and an excellent dinner was served in the newly restored hall, pleasantly overlooking the river. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with due honour, Bro. Col. Jas. Peters responding for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Lennox Browne returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. E. H. Bailey proposed the health of the W.M. in felicitous terms, and remarked that his well known ability in Masonic work would do credit to the Lodge. He would render him all the assistance he possibly could, and heartily wished him a successful year of office. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said that his duties and responsibilities would be considerably lightened as he could rely upon the officers of the Lodge for loyal assistance. After Bros. Pullen P.M. and G. E. Gilbert had returned thanks for the visitors, Bro. Kirby I.P.M. took advantage, in replying to the toast of his health, to thank the Lodge for presenting him with the jewel, which he should highly esteem, as expressing the goodwishes of the brethren. He had tried to do his very best, and he trusted that he had been successful. He had now migrated to another district, but he would attend the Lodge as frequently as possible. In the present Master, he was assured, they had a Brother who would fill the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. Bro. Baily, in response to the toast of Installing Master, stated the great pleasure he had in acting in that capacity; he was always glad to work the ceremony and regretted that owing to lack of time he had been obliged to hurry it through. The Senior and Junior Wardens returned thanks for the Officers, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a pleasant termination. During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. J. A. Brown, Wilford Price, Arthur Thomas and F. C. Ahlfeldt; Bro. Alfred Smythson ably presided at the piano.

SCARISBRICK LODGE, 2295.

THE installation of Bro. J. B. Marjerison as W.M. of this Lodge took place on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport, the Installing Officer being Bro. Herbert Kidson P.M. P.G.S., assisted by Bro. Wood. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Kidson I.P.M., F. R. Pearson S.W., A. J. Charlick J.W., J. S. Gardner P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, H. Harrison W.M. 1908 Treasurer, W. J. Worden Secretary, Warwick Wood P.M. Dir. of Cers., T. E. Williams S.D., R. A. Chadwick J.D., W. Wilkinson Organist, Alleyne Brown I.G., R. N. Hobart S.S., J. Horden J.S., G. Rockliff Tyler. The brethren, to the number of between fifty and sixty, afterwards partook of a banquet.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 8th inst., when there were present:—Bros. C. O. Burgess W.M., E. J. D. Bromley S.W., G. H. Foan J.W., W. Brindley Preceptor, G. Reynolds Treasurer and Secretary, T. C. Soary Organist, F. M. Noakes S.D., W. Hoggins J.D., C. Jessurun I.G., T. C. Weeks Tyler, James Woodward, J. Rowe, J. Valain, F. Jackson, F. W. Buxton, J. Berry, A. Cogliati, A. Batten, F. Kedge, J. Rotter, R. Kirk, G. A. Berholz, G. H. Reynolds, R. C. Bennett, C. Grassi, J. D. Mella, W. Hancock. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Cogliati offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. F. Kedge offered himself as a candidate to be passed, and was duly examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, and gave the charge. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and closed in the first degree. Bro. A. Valain, Anglo American Lodge, No. 2191, and Bro. J. D. Mella, New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his Officers in rotation, and announced his intention to rehearse the second and third degrees. The Preceptor proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be accorded on the minutes to Bro. C. O. Burgess for the very admirable manner in which he had occupied the chair, for the first time, and for the splendid way in which he had worked. The details were perfect, and the W.M. must have studied hard to attain such perfection. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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Edward Hobbs	1 1 0
Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S.	2 10 0
Richard Jerman	2 10 0
W. Levy, No. 1	1 1 0
Supreme Council 330	5 0 0
Richard S. Warrington	2 10 0
T. B. White	2 2 0
William Henry White	2 10 0

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53 Royal Sussex	2 10 0
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739 Temperance	2 10 0
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2996 Royal Albert Edward	2 10 0
9 6 Royal Clarence	2 10 0
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1199 Agriculture	2 10 0
1222 St. Kew	2 10 0
1416 Falcon	2 10 0
1437 Liberty of Havering	2 10 0
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THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE fourth annual dinner of this Club—formed of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—took place at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, &c. We were sorry to see a comparatively small number of old pupils present, although if we remember the distant parts of the country where many of those who have been provided for at Wood Green now reside, the attendance cannot be described as bad, but rather as giving proof of considerable unanimity existing among those educated under the care of the Freemasons of England. The loyal toasts having been given by the Chairman, and acknowledged, Brother Martyn submitted the toast of the evening—Success to the "Old Masonians' Association." He felt the Institution which provided an education for the members of this society and other lads was doing a great and useful work, as was evidenced by the present position of those who were members of the Old Masonians Society. The ideas on which the Association was established were of the best. Every one was liable to ups and downs in this life, and it behoved them to do what they could to render a little help to those who needed it. He was pleased to know the Association now numbered 110 members, but felt that number might be considerably increased with great benefit to all concerned. The Treasurer of the Society, Mr. C. H. Uwins, responded. He gave an outline of the progress of the Society, and explained that although the members made a feature of providing social enjoyment for each other, they did so with their own funds, religiously investing any amounts they received from the Craft, until an opportunity presented itself for doing some good with it for one of the pupils leaving the Boys' School. The founders had hoped that long before then they would be in a position to take a suitable boy from the School and pay for his education at one or other of the Universities, or elsewhere, if deemed desirable, but that success had not yet been achieved. The Secretary of the Society, Mr. R. E. Williams, also replied, and then the Vice Presidents were toasted, Bro. A. Barfield P.G. Treasurer responding. Mr. Uwins proposed prosperity to the R.M.I. for Boys, coupling with it the name of Bro. F. Binckes, who, he said, had done more to benefit the Boys' School and the pupils of that Institution than any other man had done or could possibly do. He knew there were some who expressed an opposite opinion, but he defied any boy who had been educated at Wood Green to come before a committee of his schoolfellows—and in this respect there could not possibly be a better tribunal—and prove that Mr. Binckes had ever done anything detrimental either to the School as a whole, or to any pupil in particular. This direct challenge from one who may be accredited with knowing something of the subject on which he spoke was perhaps the only praise of Brother Binckes that did not call forth signs of disapproval from or two of the old boys present, and whose attendance at the meeting had evidently been arranged in the hope of making things unpleasant. If this was their desire they failed most miserably, and some of those who went to the gathering feeling there might, perhaps, be a little fire to account for all the obnoxious smoke which has surrounded the Boys' School and its Secretary for the last few months, were convinced, on the very best evidence—that of the boys themselves—that injustice has been done. Brother Frederick Binckes replied in a forcible speech, warming to the subject, as any one who knows him would give him credit for doing, when speaking to the lads for whom and with whom he has so long worked. He reviewed his association with the School, and regretted that circumstances had arisen that compelled him to sever his connection with it. He should never forget the way in which Mr. Uwins had challenged the old pupils to prove what had been urged during the last few months, and felt much happier in knowing the old pupils did not regard him as their enemy. He had been told he was not popular with the boys, but if the meeting before him was any thing to go by—and he claimed it was a representative one—that charge was disproved, and disproved too in a most forcible manner. Mr. Packer proposed the health of the Chairman, who replied. Then Bro. James Terry responded for the visitors, and the Chairman took leave of the meeting. Bro. Binckes took the head of the table and gave the Masonic Press, to which Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. We regret that pressure on our space prevents our giving a more lengthy account of the proceedings. Bro. Martyn gave some excellent speeches, urging the boys to work on, with the determination of succeeding, and pointing out to them many ways in which success might be secured and failure rendered less likely than was possible under ordinary conditions. Other of the speeches were also good, and deserve being reported in full, but as we have said there is no space available for the purpose.

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ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY 1890,

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FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.

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Full particulars will be announced in due course.

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By Order,

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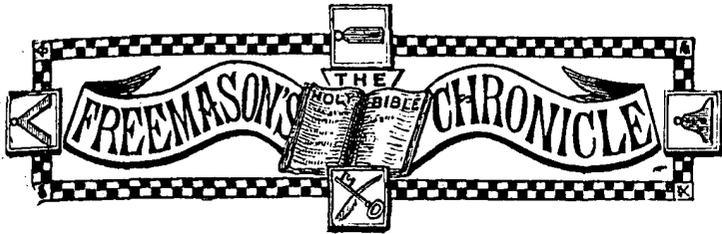
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SATURDAY, 17TH MAY 1890.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT ASHBURTON.

THREE years ago, or little more, the town of Ashburton counted a few members of the Masonic body among its inhabitants, but they were as followers without a leader, and up to that time lacked, perhaps, the confidence necessary to establish a Lodge in their midst. But a movement having at length been made, a Lodge was started, and called after the name of the town in which it had its existence, with the additional advantage of having as its first W.M. the Hon. Richard Dawson, who has always taken a great personal interest in promoting a knowledge of Freemasonry in the Province of Devon. It has, in fact, made such progress in the art that the room in one of the hotels of the town in which the brethren have hitherto met has become too small for existing requirements, and "a new departure" had, in consequence, to be decided upon. The initiative was taken by Bro. H. Stevens, Treasurer of the Lodge, who generously offered a site on which to build a Masonic Hall if the Lodge would undertake the further responsibility of erecting it. The responsibility was not a light one, but the promised assistance of Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson made the task much easier than it otherwise would have been, and without loss of time the erection of the new hall, on a site just outside the railway station, was commenced. It has been erected at a cost, including the furniture of the Lodge and all internal fittings, of about £100, under the supervision of Bro. Stevens, who has charged no more than the bare cost of the materials used. The Lodge-room is substantially fitted up and furnished, and the other rooms are of good size, and in every way suitable for the purpose. The ceremony of dedicating the new hall was performed, on the 30th ult., by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, in the presence of nearly a hundred brethren from many parts of the Province. The imposing ceremony of dedication was impressively carried out by the Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Ebrington), assisted by Bros. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M., and the Hon. R. Dawson. The Provincial Grand Master presided during the ceremony, having as his Senior Warden Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson, and as his Junior Warden Bro. Ivimy, while Bro. H. Steele acted as Master of the Ceremonies. Corn, wine, oil, and salt were scattered and poured upon the floor of the Lodge—corn as the emblem of abundance, wine as the emblem of joy and gladness, oil as representing cheerfulness, and salt as the emblem of hospitality. Then the Provincial Grand Master formally dedicated the building to "Freemasonry, virtue, and universal benevolence." Hymns and prayers were sung and intoned during the ceremony, and these included a dedication ode specially written and composed for the occasion by Bro. Fred J. W. Crowe S.D. and Organist of the Lodge, by whom also the whole of the musical arrangements were admirably carried out. A dedication prayer by the P.G. Chaplain brought the ceremony to a close. Immediately afterwards a banquet, attended by about seventy brethren, was held at the London Hotel. Bro. Gervis W.M. presided, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and many other Provincial Grand Officers, past and present, also attended. After the toast of the Queen and Craft had been honoured, the W.M. gave His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master. They regarded his Royal Highness from two points of view, in each of which he commanded their confidence and affection. As Heir to the Throne he lived in the affections of the people at large, while as the Grand Master of English Freemasons all who were connected with the Fraternity recognised how it had prospered under his leadership and guidance, and that he had made it far more popular than ever it was before. In proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Officers, the W.M. said they were under great obligations to Viscount Ebrington, their Provincial Grand Master, and the other Provincial Officers, for the honour they had done the Lodge in coming to Ashburton and rendering such valuable services as they had done that day. It was about three years ago that the Lodge was first formed, and he was glad to say they had now not only a Lodge but a home of their own, of

which they had no reason whatever to be ashamed. They had done their best, in the short time that had elapsed since the Lodge was formed to establish a position among the Lodges of the Province, and he thought they had every reason to congratulate themselves that their efforts had succeeded so well. Bro. W. Rogers Deputy Provincial Grand Master responded. It was a great pleasure to him to be able to testify to the able manner in which the brethren of Ashburton Lodge had discharged their duties, and he congratulated them on the success with which the Lodge had been worked, a success which had resulted in their acquiring the excellent building which had been dedicated that day to the purposes of Freemasonry. It was a great pleasure to him also to be able to state that of all the Lodges that had been started since he had had the honour of holding office in the Province there was none in which the work had been more satisfactorily done than in the Ashburton Lodge. Brother Davie Provincial Grand Secretary also returned thanks. It was an especial pleasure to him to take part in that day's proceedings, because he had the honour of installing their first Master. He little thought when, three years ago, he installed Bro. Dawson in the W.M.'s chair that in so short a time they would have been called together for the purpose of dedicating a new Lodge. It was almost unprecedented in the history of Freemasonry that a Lodge had advanced so rapidly in so short a time. If its example was followed throughout the Province, Devonshire would be in a much better position than it was at present in the matter of providing for its poorer brethren. Viscount Ebrington, who was heartily received, thanked the brethren for the cordiality of their reception, and asked them to drink to the next toast—Prosperity to Ashburton Lodge. In his position as Prov. Grand Master, it gave him much gratification to wish prosperity to a Lodge that had done so much to deserve it. As they had already heard, it was very little more than three years ago that the Lodge was consecrated, but they now had something like three times as many members as they had then, and instead of meeting in a hired room, they had their own castle with their own roof above their heads. This was owing to the energy and public spirit of the brethren, and especially to the kindness and liberality of one of their members, Bro. Stevens, who not only gave them a site, but also superintended the erection of the handsome and commodious building in which they had just met. From what Bro. Stevens had himself told him, he was quite sure that this had been to him a labour of love, as it must also be a great gratification to him to see how the result of his labours was appreciated. But while their charity had begun at home, he was glad to know that it had not ended there. Setting an example to many Lodges in the Province, they had made themselves Patrons of all the three great Masonic Charities, and had acquired permanent votes for the advancement of the poorer brethren of the Province in connection with each of those great Institutions. Therein they had not only set a good example to other Lodges, but had laid a solid foundation for themselves, both in a practical form and in another shape which, though not, perhaps, so solid or so tangible, yet would be equally enduring—a foundation on which he hoped and believed they would raise up the edifice of a good name and reputation which would endure for many generations. He coupled with the toast the names of two of the founders of the lodge—their W.M., who had so ably presided over their proceedings that evening, and the Hon. R. Dawson, to whom they were also largely indebted for the valuable services he had rendered since the Lodge was formed. The Provincial Grand Master, in conclusion, tendered his thanks to the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Crowe, for the admirable manner in which the musical portion of the dedication service in the Lodge was rendered. Brother Crowe, he said, must have taken a great deal of trouble with the choir, in order that the musical portion of the service should have been rendered so accurately and well. The W.M. (Bro. Jervis) and Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson both acknowledged the toast. Bro. Dawson said it was, as previous speakers had explained, little more than three years since the light of Masonry first reached Ashburton, and Masonry being a progressive art they had endeavoured to fulfil that principle, and to progress. A good deal had already been said about the way in which they had progressed during the past three years, and certainly during the first year, when he filled the position of W.M., they had a great deal of work to do. Many new brethren joined the Craft, and successive initiations meant a good deal of anxious work for the Officers of the Lodge; but he was most ably supported by all the Officers, and not only so, but a generous support was also given by the brethren of neighbouring Lodges, who came from Newton, Totnes, and elsewhere, and showed a true Masonic spirit in thus coming to the assistance of the brethren at Ashburton. To their present W.M., and to the S.W. (Bro. Acock) they were also greatly indebted for valuable assistance rendered to the Lodge. He hoped the success thus far attained would be continued in the future, and that now they were in possession of their new building, they would have many seekers after the true light of Masonry. The other toasts were—the Visitors, proposed by Bro. H. Steele, and the Tyler's toast, submitted by Bro. Acock S.W. The toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing, and the whole proceedings, both in the Lodge and at the banquet, were thoroughly hearty and harmonious.—*Western Morning News.*

OPENING OF NEW MASONIC ROOMS AT GLOSSOP.

THE brethren of the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, opened their new rooms, Norfolk Square, Glossop, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst. Luncheon was partaken of at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, after which the Lodge adjourned to the new rooms, the door being unlocked by Captain Partington, who formally declared the rooms open. Bro. W. Eversden W.M. presented to Captain Partington an 18-carat gold miniature key as a fitting emblem of the day's proceedings.

ROYAL ARCH.

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DE LAMBTON CHAPTER, No. 94.

THE annual convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland, on Tuesday night, the 29th ult., the Principals in the chairs being Comps. T. G. Garrick Z., Wm. Dawson II., J. Scarborough J. The installation of Comp. W. Dawson as Z. and Comp. J. Scarborough as H. was performed by Comp. T. G. Garrick, and Comp. J. W. Holborn Swan was installed as J. by Comp. J. Scarborough H.,—the portions of Scripture being read by Comp. R. Singleton Z. 97. Comp. Dawson afterwards appointed as the remaining Officers:—Comps. Thomas Henderson P.Z. S.E., J. D. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, George Craven S.N., William Vincent P.S., J. B. Wilson and Dann A.S., T. Surtees Janitor.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held on the 28th ult., to install Comp. Charles F. Dunsterville as Z. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Comp. R. H. Rae P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd Principal J., assisted by the following board of Installed Principals:—Comps. the Rev. Dr. T. Lemon P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd Principal J., G. Jackson P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd Principal J., C. Croydon P.Z. P.G.S.B., G. Hawken I.P.Z., A. W. White P.Z., A. S. Hendry H., and J. B. Moulder J.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 203.

ON the 6th inst. this, the oldest chapter in Liverpool, celebrated its anniversary. This convocation found a large number of respondents, and, on the reading of the accounts, it was found that a prosperous year had been passed. Among the numerous visitors were Companions G. S. Willings P.P.G.N., C. Bargerly P.G. Assistant S.E., T. Delamere Z. 823, R. H. Webster P.Z. 823, J. Hocken P.Z. 673, W. Morgan, T. Guile H. 1094, R. S. Milne 823, J. Brotherton P.Z. 241, W. Morrison, &c. Companion B. W. Rowson efficiently installed the Principals, as follow:—Companions G. R. Ashton M.E.Z., C. Burchall H., R. Armitage J., H. James P.P.G.S. Treasurer (re-elected), T. Burrows S.E. (re-elected), J. W. Baker S.N., H. Round P.S., T. Lowten A.S. (by proxy), W. Naylor Second Assistant Sojourner. Companion P. Ball was elected Janitor for the thirtieth year. The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. Companion J. M. Smythe. A unanimous vote of condolence with Companion W. Goodacre P.G.S.E., on the death of his wife, was passed.

DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER, No. 625.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., this Chapter conducted the installation ceremony in the new Masonic Hall, Norfolk Square, Glossop. The ceremony was full choral and was performed by Comp. J. E. Steward. Comp. W. Swire was installed 1st P., Comp. A. Andrew 2nd P., and Comp. W. H. Hodgson 3rd P. The following Companions were invested to the degrees following their names:—Comps. A. Walker S.E., Thos. Swindells Bowden S.N., Geo. E. Cox Treasurer, Wm. Eversden P.S., T. Dearnaley 1st A.S., Wm. H. Bowden 2nd A.S., and Geo. Brown Janitor.

EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1642.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at Ladbroke Hall, W. There was a full attendance of Companions, the following names appearing in the attendance book:—J. Woodmason M.E.Z., J. H. Wood H., E. Rodgers J., W. J. Murlis Treasurer, S. H. Parkhouse Scribe E., J. N. Frye Scribe N., W. R. Hutton P.S., W. H. M. Wadham 1st Assistant S., E. Monson jun. 2nd Assistant S., P. E. Adkins P.Z., R. C. Green, F. C. Frye, G. Davis, D. P. Cama P.G.T., F. C. Chandler, A. F. Scholding, J. J. Mackaye, G. Gardner, J. Wakeham, T. P. Rider, E. J. Day Hon. Organist, C. J. Morse, C. G. Cassal, Henry Holmes, and G. T. Harris. Visitors: J. M. Roberts 1196, W. J. Mason 1328, H. D. Aslett 1892, G. N. Watts 1196, J. Chapman 177, T. W. Bigg 975, W. Belsham 733, and E. C. Mulvey 2246. No less than five brethren were balloted for, and exalted, as follows:—Bros. George Gardner 1642, John Murrell 193 English and Yardley 901, Robert Wallace 193. Comp. Dr. Pocock, worked the splendid ceremony of the Order in a manner thoroughly creditable, which was much appreciated by the Companions. He was ably assisted by Comps. T. H. Wood II., and E. Rogers J. At the conclusion of the evening's business a splendid dinner was served by Bro. Linscott, and the remainder of the evening, after the usual toasts were honoured, was devoted to harmony, all present agreeing that a very pleasant and busy evening had been well enjoyed.

Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter was held on Friday, 9th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, when there were present, among others Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, T. Grummant P.Z., J. Hill J. 1329, G. L. Moore P.Z. 169, Addington P.Z., and Goodwin. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Hill was elected Z. for the next meeting, and was heartily congratulated on his able working as H. The Preceptor announced that the three installation ceremonies would be rehearsed on the 30th inst.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I write to thank "A LONDON MASON" for his suggestion in your last issue that the ritual should be worked in accordance with the American method at one of the meetings of the Anglo-American Lodge.

It will give me great pleasure to bring the matter before my W.M., and if your correspondent will furnish me with his postal address I will acquaint him as to whether it is found feasible to carry out his idea.

I may add, that I have seen the American working in the Grand Lodge of Baltimore, U.S.A., and though differing materially from ours, it is of a most interesting character.

Yours fraternally,

G. REYNOLDS,

Secretary of A.-A. Lodge 2191.

3 St. James' Square, Pall Mall, S.W.

THE R.M.B.I. WIDOWS' ANNUITIES

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Among the alterations proposed in the rules of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is one relating to the period during which the widow of a deceased annuitant may receive one-half of her late husband's annuity. This it is proposed to increase from three years to five, an alteration I approve of, but one which hardly goes far enough, I think. Would it not be better to continue the half annuity for an indefinite period, subject to the approval of the House Committee? If this were done I venture to think many of the widows would prefer to have the £20 a year (half pay) than commence a contest for a full widows' allowance of £32. The Institution would thus save £12 a year on each annuity, and the friends of the candidate would not have the trouble and expense of again securing the election of, virtually, the same case.

I think this proposal is worthy of consideration at the present time, when such strong efforts are being made to relieve the Institution of its painfully long list of candidates.

Yours fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR R.M.B.I.

THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The case of the widow of a deceased American Mason, who is now resident in this country, suffering from rheumatism and with seven children to provide for, who, among them, earn ten shillings per week, was recently referred to in the *Sunday Times*. It is therein stated "the English Freemasons do not recognise an American certificate,"—the husband was a member of Amity Lodge, No. 323, New York,—a statement that must cause strange feeling to many Craftsmen who have heard of or experienced the benevolent actions of American Masons towards English Craftsmen who have unhappily found themselves destitute in a foreign land. I can hardly advise any alteration in the laws of English Freemasonry to meet this particular appeal, yet think some provision should be made for similar cases. It is not in the nature of our American brethren to retaliate in such matters, but one can imagine a cry of indignation being raised in this country if a few months hence we should hear of an English lady and her seven children being refused Masonic assistance because a similar American case in our own country was neglected by those in authority. In addition to the departure from the spirit of Freemasonry shown in refusing assistance simply because the husband was an American Mason, there is the danger of bringing the Order into disrepute in consequence of the reference in the public prints of the country to a palpable flaw in the organisation of the Craft.

The correspondent who wrote to the *Sunday Times* says he has reported the case to the Grand Lodge here, and I shall be pleased to learn that some method has been discovered to break the rule which seems to limit the charity of our Grand Lodge to English Masons.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO REGARDS FREEMASONRY AS UNIVERSAL.

The installation meeting of the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, was held at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Dr. Wiles was installed in the chair of Z., Comp. H. Gamble Hobson H., and Dr. Gayton J., Comp. Jones was elected a joining member. An excellent banquet followed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Drury Lane.—Several successful plays have been founded on the story of the Reign of Terror during the first French revolution, and this, coupled with the fact that Mr. Steele Mackaye's drama of "Paul Kauvar" has been running for the last four years in the United States, doubtless induced Mr. Wm. Terriss to try the fortune of the piece before an English audience, and it must be acknowledged that it was accorded a favourable reception on Monday evening. The hero, originally an artist, is at the opening of the play an officer of the Revolution, but giving shelter to the Duc de Beaumont, whose daughter Diane he has secretly married. The Marquis de Vaux, a villain of the deepest dye, desires Diane for himself, and by his intrigues succeeds in bringing the Duke to trial, and then causing Kauvar to impersonate him on the scaffold. The scheme is upset in a somewhat clumsy manner, but Kauvar escapes, and after being again condemned to death, is finally restored to his loving wife, while De Vaux is handed over to the tender mercies of a republican mob. Many of the incidents recall memories of former plays, notably "All for Her" and "The Dead Heart," but the piece runs briskly along, and its imperfections are not too noticeable. Mr. Terriss plays the part of Paul with considerable vigour, indeed it might be toned down in some scenes with advantage, but taken altogether it is a character worthy to rank with his other popular impersonations. Miss Millward has certainly the most onerous duty to perform, as Diane, and she comes through it satisfactorily. Her acting in the third scene where she announces her marriage to her father, and defends her husband, was admirable, and elicited the hearty applause of the audience. Mr. Henry Neville was dignified and natural as the Duc de Beaumont, and Mr. Arthur Stirling played the small part of General Delaroché with much feeling, but Mr. Chas. Hudson would be much more effective as the Marquis if he did not attempt to imitate the Lyceum manager. Miss Edith Bruce was lively as Nanette, and Mr. Victor Stevens was as funny as possible as Potin, while Mr. Hendrie, Mr. Lewin and Mrs. Clifton efficiently sustain the minor parts. The play is splendidly mounted, and the stage arrangements of Mr. Augustus Harris are well executed.

Criterion.—Goldsmith's celebrated comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," as produced here on Saturday last, partook more of the nature of a farcical comedy than what we were led to expect. In a word it was the old comedy as originally written by Goldsmith, but revised by Mr. Wyndham. Many an one would have hesitated before venturing to alter, in any respect, one of the recognized masterpieces of English dramatic literature. Fortunately, however, for the success of the piece, the effort resulted successfully, and secured the approval of a fairly good audience. The original five acts of the comedy have been condensed into three; there have also been some changes made from the original dialogue, but it is questionable whether the piece has been improved in any way. As Young Marlow, Mr. Wyndham evidenced that he understood his part, but if we except Miss Mary Moore and Mr. Geo. Giddens, the same cannot be urged as regards other members of the company. Mr. Giddens' personation of Tony Lumpkin was splendid, though it might have been improved by being less boisterous. Miss Mary Moore is especially to be congratulated on her conception of the heroine.

Nineteenth Century Art Society.—There are not many striking figure pictures in this exhibition, although there is much promise in some. The landscapes are in good force. The full length portrait of "Mrs. Sam Lewis" (141), by H. J. Thaddens, is an important work, bright and carefully painted. "In Disgrace" (158), by E. Dixon, a pretty child, is worthy notice. "The Bargain" (65), by T. K. Pelham, fisherwomen bargaining, is a gem. "The First of October" (66), by Blanche Macarthur, a boy carrying pheasants slung on his back, is good; and a "Peasant's Home, Brittany," (74), by Charles Fisher, is carefully painted and full of interesting detail. (49 and 53) studies of dogs and puppies are worth attention, for their humour. "Early Morning: Moulin Houet, Guernsey," (9), by T. W. Eyres, is noticeable for its admirable rendering of clouds, rocks, and seaweed. "Night in the Highlands" (70), by Alfred W. Williams, is a fine and ambitious piece of work. The gloom is depicted in a grandly poetical style. "Moonlight: in Tor Bay" (85), by Noel Smith claims attention, and for many and various qualities 107, 110, and 142 deserve more than a passing glance. Perhaps for vigour, brightness, and breadth, "When the Wind bloweth in from the Sea" (140), by Hely A. M. Smith, fishermen hauling in a boat, is the best in the exhibition. The water colour drawings are fully up to the average, and the prices of all the works are remarkably low.

A new play, by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, entitled "Judah," will be produced on Wednesday next, the 21st inst., at the Shaftesbury. We hear that Mr. Willard has a good part, and will be well supported.

The Royalty will re-open, under the management of Miss Violet Melnotte, to-night (Saturday), with the successful farcical comedy "The Barrister." It will be preceded by a comediotta by Mr. Fred W. Broughton, entitled "The Bailiff."

Mr. J. H. Darnley will shortly produce, at a matinee to be given at Terry's, his three act farcical comedy "Wanted, a Wife."

"New Lamps for Old" reaches its 100th performance, at Terry's, on Wednesday, 21st inst., on which occasion Mr. Alfred Bishop will play the part of Poselthwaite, in place of Mr. F. Kerr, who goes to the Shaftesbury.

There is not the slightest truth in the report that Miss Grahame intends shortly producing a new play by Mr. Carton. She has accepted a play by this gentleman, but owing to the increasing success and heavy advance bookings for "New Lamps for Old," the production of Mr. Carton's play may not take place this year.

The French Exhibition at West Brompton opens to-day (Saturday), and the Directors have decided that Fine Arts and Industries shall form the principal features of the Exhibition proper. The Fine Arts section is expected to be of exceptional excellence. Nearly one thousand pictures, all by well known French painters, will be on view. The "Wild East" Exhibition will also prove one of the greatest attractions of the season, one hundred Arabs (men, women and children), from a region some six days journey beyond the borders of Algeria, have already, arrived, with their horses, camels, goats, cats, &c.

WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, 24th May, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other Stations on the Great Western System; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain Stations in the South of Ireland.

Excursions will also be run to London from most of the principal Stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 24th May, the Company will run in duplicate, the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 3.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 3.45 and 6.30 p.m. trains from London to the North; the 10.20 a.m., 12.0 noon and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portions of the 9.0 a.m., 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m., 4.55 and 8.57 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Passengers for Windsor, who are usually conveyed by the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington, will be taken by the 6.30 p.m. train instead.

On Bank Holiday Excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations.

Arrangements have been made for the issue of tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at the Company's City and West End Offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus; 29 Charing Cross, 269 Strand, 26 Regent-street, 5 Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82 Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44 Crutched-friars, 67 Gresham-street, and 4 Cheapside.

The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on May 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. A. H. Tattershall occupied the chair, and there were present Brothers James Brett, Garrod, Bolton, Dilly, Hill, Freeman, West, Cotter, Mullord, Webb, Mercer, Newton, Daniell, Smith, Kempton, Cubitt, Bullen, Fairchild, Jones, Daniel, Hogard, Making, Bywater, Forsyth, Hubbert, Perryman, Durrant, Stean, Hogg, Hobbs, Everett, Haslip, Mead, H. Miller, Brooks, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a male candidate and a widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read. The annual report, as prepared by the Committee appointed to draw it up, was read and approved, and it was ordered that Bro. Smith's report should be incorporated in it. The applications of two widows for half their late husband's annuities, were acceded to, and the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for his services in presiding having been passed *nem. con.*, the Committee adjourned.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire will meet this year, by permission of the Dean, in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral, going thence in procession through the Cloisters to the Cathedral, where a special service will be held, the sermon being preached by the Dean. Whit Tuesday, the 27th inst., is the day appointed by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, but a little delay in the issue of the regular summons to the brethren is unavoidably caused by the recent absence of the Dean from England, and some difficulty in determining, thus far in advance, the hour which the Provincial Grand Master's other engagements will enable him to fix for the ceremony.

We regret our report of the installation meeting of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, which took place on Tuesday—Bro. H. Moss being installed—is unavoidably held over until next week.

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.

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Saturday, 17th May.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew
1787 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2308 Viator, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1572 Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251 Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326 Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494 Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556 Addiscombe, 105 High Street, Croydon
1861 Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 1104 Royal Middlesex, Mitre, Hampton Court
R.A. 2048 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

Monday, 19th May.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1910 Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2265 Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
R.A. 1593 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
M.M. 224 Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 127 Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77 Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236 York, Masonic Hall, York
248 True Love and Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
331 Phoenix, Public Room, Truro
359 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Southampton
382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424 Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimbombro
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
931 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Heaton Norris
1037 Portland, Port and Hall, Portland
1170 St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199 Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208 Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1502 Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Horeford
R.A. 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 277 Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Oldham
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1061 Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyll
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 20th May.

Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, F.M.T., W.C.
Board of General Purpose, Freemasons' Hall, 4
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
704 Camden Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, S.E.
1420 Earl Spencer, Swan Hot, Battersea Old Bridge
1695 New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 2021 Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Sq.
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
418 Mentoria, Mechanics Institute, Hanley
452 Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1006 Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052 Callander, Masonic Rooms, Manchester
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Angelsea, Bull Hotel, Llangofni
1276 Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1325 Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427 Percy, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
1470 Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1534 Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551 Charity, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1911 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugby
2315 Wharton, Willesden
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 105 Fortitude, Huyshe Mas. Tem., Plymouth
R.A. 310 Alfred, M.H., Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 416 Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460 Perseverance, Castle, Newc-under-Lyne
R.A. 764 Fawcett, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
R.A. 804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 21st May.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, F.M.H., at 6
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham St., E.C.
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700 Nelson, Masonic Hall, William St., Woolwich
865 Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
969 Maybury, Fans of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278 Burdett Coates, Approach Tav, Victoria Park
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot, Wimbledou

1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1731 Cholmeley, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
1803 Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch Street
R.A. 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1598 Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hot, Twickenham
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
178 Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221 St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton
246 Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
325 St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
412 Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Landport
351 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
581 Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
633 Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
753 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Rumcor
795 St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816 Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
859 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cantorbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1040 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmerdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1246 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501 Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs. Bar south, Wales
R.A. 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Hockmondwike
R.A. 261 Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
R.A. 491 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 533 Warron, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton
R.A. 580 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1069 Marazion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hosketh, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 22nd May.

House Committee, Gir's School, Battersea Rise, 4
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
99 Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate Street
507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House, Southwark
766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
861 Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1659 Skelmersdale, Sur ey M.H., Camberwell
1971 St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5 St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29 St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657 Canonbury, Masons' Hall Avenue
R.A. 766 William Preston, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1601 Ravensbourne, Board of Works, Catford
M.M. 13 Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton
349 St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784 Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Deal
935 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1437 Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1505 Emu's ion, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1626 Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Newcassle
R.A. 292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 394 Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
R.A. 732 Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
K.T. 8 Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

Friday, 23rd May.

197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1393 Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712 St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle
2039 Londonderry, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 61 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
R.A. 152 Vir ue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
M.M. 164 Southdown, Station Hot, Haywards Heath
K.T. 20 Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Newcastle

Saturday, 24th May.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1541 Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1679 Henry Muggersidge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871 Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
R.A. 176 Caveat, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044 Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531 Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777 Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1952 Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

INSTRUCTION.

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Saturday, 17th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7:30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
193 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8

1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.,
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, 7:30
R.A. Sinai, Union Tavern, Air Street, W., 8

Monday, 19th May.

22 Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, 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
249 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon, 7
382 Royal Union, Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge
513 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
933 Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, 8
975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
1349 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
1425 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot, Cleveland Gdns., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 22 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury, 8
1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
1517 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney, 8
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8:30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Ct. Hot, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Solwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The Criterion, W., 8

Tuesday, 20th May.

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.,
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
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill,
820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
1321 Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta St., W.C., 8
1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7:30
1416 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
1510 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St., 8
1633 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N., 8
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1919 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Sarbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday, 21st May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barsbury, 8
30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 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 Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Portland Hot, Gt. Portland St., 8
591 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Rd., 7:30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd.,
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
1260 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
1475 Peckham, 518 Old Kent Road, 8
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1601 Ravensbourne, George, Lewisham, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7:30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7:30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
1791 Creakon, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, 7:30
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7:30
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., 8

Thursday, 22nd May.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
205 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
794 Camden, 365 High Holborn, 7
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New Road
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1158 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
1278 Burlett Coates, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1325 Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer St, Liverpool, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledou, 7:30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6:30
1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 5

1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield, 8
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool Road, N., 8
 1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Faling Dean, 7-45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7-30
 1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5-30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, 9
 1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1893 Wallington, King's Arms, Carshalton
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7-30
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 79 Pythagorean, Dover Castle, Deptford, 8
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House, Canonbury, 8

Friday, 23rd May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 6
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park, 8
 453 Chigwell, Pub. Ha., Station Rd., Loughton, 7-30
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7-30
 749 Belgrave, Harp Tavern, Jermyn Street, W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 786 William Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., Baker St., 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7-30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, Canonbury, 8
 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, 7-30
 1391 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8

2030 Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, S.W., 7-30
 R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
 R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
 R.A. 890 Hornsey, Porchester, Cleveland Sq., W.
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 M.M. Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall
 M.M. 355 Royal Savoy, 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7-30

Saturday, 24th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7-30
 179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C. 8
 198 Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tav, Southgate Rd., N. 8
 1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E. 7
 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
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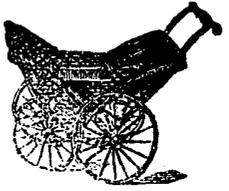
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