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THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTIONS.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is to be held on Friday next, at Freemasons' Hall, when, in accordance with custom, the usual business of the year will be transacted, and annuitants will be elected for the two branches of the Institution. In the case of the Male Fund there are 69 applicants; with 31 vacancies declared at the February meeting of the Committee of Management, and 3 vacancies since recorded, 2 through the death of former annuitants, and 1 by the resignation of a Brother who lately inherited some property. On the Widows' side there are 70 candidates, with 21 vacancies settled at the February meeting, and 5 since reported, these being caused by the death of former annuitants. Altogether then we have a total of 139 candidates for the benefits of the two funds, for whom, providing the lately created vacancies are filled up as usual, there are 60 annuities available, subject to the customary proviso that in each case three of the newly-elected are entitled to "deferred" annuities only, available on the death of some of those already in receipt of the grants given by the Institution. These figures are very gratifying, and have no doubt caused joy and rejoicing in the heart of many an aged brother or widow, as he or she recognised that the chance of securing one of the coveted prizes was brought so much nearer than would have been the case had the vacancies only been of the average number.

Our readers will naturally realise that the splendid success of the Jubilee celebration of the Institution is in a great measure answerable for the satisfactory state of affairs now existing, for the totals just given include the twenty new annuities created in February last (ten for each fund), in view of the probable success of the then coming Festival. That Festival is now numbered with the events of the past; it succeeded far beyond the most sanguine expectations of that time, and there is the possibility that still further annuities may be created as a result. But even if no more additions are made we have shown that a large proportion of the candidates on the list will succeed next week in securing a life annuity from the Institution, and will have cause to thank the members of the Craft for the remainder of their days, not only for the support they have given to the Charity during the whole fifty years of its existence, but particularly on the occasion of its Jubilee celebration.

Looking at the ballot papers, with a view of reviewing the claims or needs of the several candidates, we cannot help being struck at the outset by the evidences of severe competition and splendid organisation of voting power that exists in connection with this Institution. Heading the list of male candidates is a brother who now makes his eleventh application,

at an age of 72 years. He was admitted as a candidate as long back as November 1881, and has probably lived on since that date buoyed up year after year with the hope of obtaining an annuity, yet never managing to get sufficient votes to secure it, although he has succeeded in polling altogether a total of 958, which he carries forward to his credit for Friday next. Following him is a brother who was approved nearly ten years back, but who, unfortunately, has only yet secured a total of 82 votes, and will probably remain on the list of candidates year after year until death puts an end to his sufferings, while much the same might be said of several of those immediately following. Although in one or two cases—notably No. 10, who has 2388 votes; No. 12, who has 2492; and No. 20, who has 2220—there is every prospect of older candidates succeeding in securing an annuity at next week's poll. It is safe to say that the majority of the successes will be found among the later applicants, and this leads us to ask whether brethren who recognise the claims of their fellows to be admitted as candidates for an annuity forget them immediately afterwards, and leave them to take their chance of being elected, by accident as it were, or die unprovided for?

The Widows' list presents much the same appearance in this respect, there being at its head a twelfth application case, followed by others who have waited year after year in the hope of securing an annuity. No. 2 on the list, Mrs. Timms, is an exception it is true, as she brings forward a record of 2527 votes from the nine previous elections in which she has taken part, and will probably next week secure the reward she has been so long waiting for.

It is very difficult to attempt anything like a review of the merits of the several candidates for the annuities of this Institution. The cases are similar in so far as they all seem to be deserving of the fullest consideration and the greatest amount of help it is possible to accord them. Nearly all can boast long association with Freemasonry, some of them having exceptionally long records of Masonic service, and the chief regret of any one who really attempts to analyse their particular merits must be that it is not possible to admit all,—without any considerations of votes, elections, or other preliminary troubles and anxieties. This, unfortunately cannot be done, and all we can hope for is, that the most deserving may receive such support as will eventually make them independent—at least so far as the annuities of the Benevolent Institution can render them.

Without desiring to make any invidious distinctions we take the opportunity of mentioning two cases on the Male list—brethren who have been known to us for very many years, and who are now forced to seek assistance from the Benevolent Institution, through no fault of their own, but rather as the result of mis-

fortune. We refer to Bro. Edward Dorling, No. 44 on the list, and Bro. John Seera, No. 55. The first named enjoys the distinction of having the longest Masonic record among the long list of candidates, he having paid, without a break, for upwards of 49 years, from 1841 to June 1890, and for a considerable portion of this period he was a member of two Lodges, in both of which we know he was active in supporting and urging others to support the Masonic Institutions. Personally he has served as Steward on behalf of the three Institutions, and has qualified as Life Governor of the Fund for the benefits of which he is now a candidate. Brother Seera has not had so long an association with Freemasonry, he only having been initiated in 1871, but during that period has displayed considerable zeal in the good cause, as evidenced by the fact that he is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and also of the Boys' School. He dates his troubles from the time of his eyesight failing, and but for that sore affliction we are convinced Bro. Seera would not now be seeking the support of his Brother Masons. Rather, indeed, would he be doing his share towards providing for the wants of others. There may be many cases equally deserving with these two, but our friends will believe us when we say we know these to be truly genuine. If any support is accorded either of these brethren as a result of our remarks we shall be gratified, and, as far as lies in our power, hope we may be able to repay the brethren who have listened to our appeal on behalf of these two worthy Craftsmen.

WHAT DO WE UNDERSTAND BY MASONRY?

THE necessity for the existence of the Masonic Fraternity may be found in the multiplicity of religions and the diversity of ideas regarding God, or a great first cause of all things. Even in the most enlightened countries of the world, ideas and opinions concerning the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega of matter and life, are as various almost as is individuality. Men unite themselves into churches and sects, and induce as many to subscribe to their belief as possible, and yet how meagre are the number in each one as compared with the sum total of the inhabitants of the world. As a sample, view the numerous bodies composed of believers in Christianity and notice what a small fraction of the race is in each. Even the Church of Rome, by far the largest, and supposed to contain fully one-half of the Christians in the world, is not Catholic. It is simply a sect or parcel of the whole. But when we add all the different Christian sects and denominations together, the Mohammedan far exceeds them in number. Place Christians and Mohammedans in one lot, and the followers of Budha will many times outnumber them. Indeed, it is estimated that the idolatrous nations of the earth compose from two-thirds to three-fourths of the human race.

Mankind have ever been prompt to promulgate a "creed" of some kind. In the earlier stages of the world the creeds were extremely simple. As one organisation broke away from an older one, more or less was added to the creed, until in course of time they became very elaborate and confusing. Take for example, the creeds of Christianity. The beloved disciple laid down a creed thus: "Every spirit which confesseth that Jesus is come in the flesh is of God." Again: "Who-soever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God." This seems to have been the creed adopted by the apostles, for we find that the eunuch repeated it before baptism, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." That was all that was required at that time. Something like one hundred and fifteen years after, it had been elaborated into what has since been known as the "Apostles' creed." In the third century it was expanded into the "Nicene creed," and so we have from time to time enlargements of creeds according to the ideas of different men and different times all the way down to the Westminster confession of faith, and various others

too numerous to mention. And thus through the centuries, from Christ to the present time, divisions have taken place till the sects are as numerous as the leaves of the forest, and union and unity are not to be found in Christendom. No intelligent Mason will assert that Masonry is religion, but all will agree that Masonry is the handmaid of religion, and as such may exert an influence in uniting the people of the world in one grand crusade against ignorance, bigotry and intolerance, and thus, like the guide-board or pilot-fish, show religious sectarians the way to consolidate their efforts in doing good and preparing the way for the peaceful reign of the Son of Man on the earth.

Hence it has chosen the simplest creed known to man, a belief only in God. Let mankind believe as they will on all other questions, only believe in God and they are subjects of fraternity and can be utilized for the amelioration of the sufferings and sorrows of our race. The lines of religious thought are evidently drawing nearer each other and seem verging to a focus, whether from the influence of Masonry, the handmaid, or not, and mankind are surely drawing nearer and more near to each other.

And when that glorious time shall come that men think alike on the great questions that involve the future of the race, swords shall be beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks, neither shall they learn war any more. Then shall be the Millennium, and the glorious Messianic reign of the prince of peace. Then will Masonry have accomplished its mission, and will give place to the pure doctrines of the blessed Emanuel and joy and gladness employ every tongue and fill every heart. But what do we understand by Masonry? Is it simply the ritual? A form of words which a parrot may learn? Verily a ritual is necessary, but it is only the shell or covering. The intelligent Mason will search deeper for the meat, or kernel, "brotherly love, relief and truth."

The walls of the beautiful Masonic fraternity temple are complete, the windows glazed; every column, mullion, muntifol and architrave in its place, and the building exhibits all the perfections of a pure architecture, and to the eye of the beholder is "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever." But if there be nothing utilitarian within, no floors, partitions, rooms and offices with their light, heating and water apparatus, it is but the shell, the ritual, and is as empty as it is hollow. How necessary then that the neophyte, on his entrance into the fraternity should be taught to discriminate between the apparent and the real and should not have all his time and attention given to the non-essentials of the institution. How necessary that those brethren of riper age direct their thoughts within and satisfy themselves that it is the internal and not alone the external that fits a man for a position in the great Masonic army, and enables him to strike trenchant blows for truth and justice. Thus all should strive with one accord to give their attention to both external and internal qualifications that our structure may exhibit perfect symmetry in all its parts and prove a fit temple for the habitation of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

—*The American Mason.*

A CANDIDATE FOR LIGHT.

A CANDIDATE for Freemasonry is a candidate for light, and in Masonic parlance when he is made a Mason, that is receives the Entered Apprentico degree, he is brought to light.

But just as one star differs from another star in glory in the firmament of heaven, and as the moon is brighter than a star, and the sun brighter than the moon, so the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason's degree in turn shed more moral, intellectual and Masonic light upon the candidate. Observe he is still a candidate, through all of these degrees, a candidate for more light, more Masonic light.

Does he cease to be a candidate for light when he has been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, or exalted to the supreme degree of the Royal Arch? If he does, he misapprehends the character of Freemasonry, and its ability as a light bearer, as a central sun, to continue to shed more and more light upon him as long as he is connected with the Masonic Fraternity.

In every Lodge meeting Masonic light is shed upon every member present. This is the advantage that comes to the punctual and diligent attendant at the meetings of

the Lodge. He is there when light is dispensed. He sees, hears, learns, all that is said and done in the Craft. Not only the youngest Master Mason, but the oldest Past Master, may acquire new light. When Freemasonry ceases to be a sun to all of its attendant members, it will deserve to cease to exist. No hoary antiquity can save it, if it be not true to its immemorial purpose as a dispenser of light.

What is the Masonic difference between a Junior Master of Ceremonies and a Worshipful Master? Is it not the measure of light received by them from the Craft, and evidenced by their attainments in the Lodge work?

What is the difference between the Master who is rarely seen after he has retired from the chair, and the Master who becomes the always regular Past Master, rarely or never absent from his place in the Lodge. Is it not simply a question of Masonic light? The light in the one is darkness; in the other it is the noonday sun.

But there is no light which the candidate for light—be he Master Mason, Worshipful Master, or Past Master, can find outside of the Lodge?

In the olden time, when our brethren met in the Dark Ages, before the invention of printing, *All* Masonic light was dispensed in the Lodge. Then our first Great Light, the Holy Bible, existed only in manuscript, and was kept with all care as a priceless treasure. But now this First Great Light is everywhere. We cannot travel anywhere without finding it.

What is the duty of the Freemason with regard to this Great Light? It contains much Masonry. In the Books of *Kings* and *Chronicles* we may read, we *should* read, the details of the building and the dedication of Solomon's Temple; and in other portions of its pages we should read, both in the Old and New Testaments, the words that are quoted in our work, in the connection in which they appear in the original text. A Freemason should be a Bible student, for the reason that the Bible is his First Great Light. If he is a candidate for light, this should be his primary text-book.

The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, or the *Ahiman Rezon*—Brothers' Law—as sometimes styled, are full of light for Craftsmen. The candidate for light who neglects these, loses a tutor of the greatest worth.

The Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodges are another source of Masonic light. They give the current news of the Craft, and also admirable reviews of the progress of Freemasonry in other jurisdictions. We make a mistake when we confine our knowledge of Masonry to its exemplification in our own little world, our own jurisdiction. The field is the world, and Freemasonry is one round the globe.

The printed pages of a weekly journal like *The Keystone* are a pleasant and profitable source of Masonic light. There may be found intelligence of all the leading contemporaneous events in the Craft. There are bright and crisp paragraphs concerning prominent Freemasons—Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, High Priests and Eminent Commanders. There are editorial leaders, discussing timely topics and important principles. The brother who fails to take and read a Masonic journal is not truly a candidate for more light, and fails to keep fully in touch with his brethren in the Masonic Fraternity around the globe.

The best books on Masonic topics—historics like Gould's, or Fort's, or Lyon's, or Stillson's; addresses like Chandler's or Metham's; works upon special Masonic topics like Hughan's, or Mackey's, or Hayden's, or Lawrence's, all of these are full of Masonic light, and all are open to the candidate for light.

Brethren, are you still candidates for light? If you are, you are happy Masons, and Freemasonry will never cease to be to you a source of pleasure and instruction.

—*Keystone.*

In acknowledging a letter from Mr. M. Nicoll, bidding farewell to Lord and Lady Onslow on behalf of the Masons of the New Zealand Constitution, his Excellency the Governor states that the secession of those who established themselves under a Constitution other than that of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, and the consequent ill-feeling which it aroused, have been matters which caused him, as an Officer of the Grand Lodge, no little pain; and that when he returned to England he would urge the Grand Lodge of England to take such steps as may be most conducive to the restoration of that amity which should characterise Masons all over the world. He would be always willing to give assistance to the Freemasons of New Zealand to that end.—*Canterbury Times.*

NEW MUSIC.

All Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"The Organist's Library." By Dr. W. J. Westbrook.

"Margherita." Morceau de Genre for the piano, by Angelo Mascheroni.

"Barcarolle." For the piano, by B. Palmieri.

"Don't Cry." Song. Words by Whitcombe Riley, music by R. B. Addison.

"Guard my Belov'd One." Song. English version by Henry Stevens, Italian words by P. Mazzoni, music by Angelo Mascheroni.

"Spirit of Love." Song. Words by Adela Wilkins, music by Edwin D. Lloyds.

"Go not, Sweet day." Song. Words by Clifton Bingham, music by Frank L. Moir.

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The first item of this parcel will be heartily welcomed by those fond of the organ. It is the first number of a series of six, entitled "The Organist's Library," by Dr. W. J. Westbrook, and contains an overture, "Lazarus," an andante, larghetto movement, and an allegretto movement,—all of which are capital pieces. "Margherita," Morceau de Genre for the piano, by Angelo Mascheroni, is a charming composition, and although somewhat easy will be most effective if well performed. A thoroughly good piece is the "Barcarolle" for the piano, by B. Palmieri, and should become popular. This work is more difficult than the previous one, so that it will be seen that Messrs. Cocks study both the beginner and the more advanced pupil. We now come to the songs, the first of which, "Don't Cry," is a capital life lesson; the words are from the pen of Whitcombe Riley, while R. B. Addison has supplied some attractive music. "Guard my Beloved One" has Italian words supplied by P. Mazzoni, and the English version is by Harry Stevens, while the music is by Angelo Mascheroni. This work should be included in every one's repertoire, for it is a thoroughly good and intellectual song. Adela Wilkins and Edwin D. Lloyds are responsible for "Spirit of Love;" and here we have good words set to music in a style that should well repay both composer and writer. The last of the present parcel is a pretty theme entitled "Go not, Sweet Day," and the words Clifton Bingham has written have been set to such attractive music by Frank L. Moir that it cannot fail to be justly appreciated. We doubt not that "Go not, Sweet Day" will remain a favourite for some long time.

MASONIC BALL AT PORTSMOUTH.

IT was indeed a happy idea to utilise the charitable machinery of the Order of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for helping forward the movement initiated by His Worship the Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr. Alderman Scott Foster, J.P.) for the relief of the sufferers by the collapse of the Portsea Island Building Society. The proposal was readily, not to say eagerly, adopted by the Portsmouth Freemasons, and the committee, which was formed of representatives from the various Lodges, found a ready response to their efforts to make the gathering a success. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was applied to for his official sanction for the ball to be held under the banner of Provincial Grand Lodge, and this having been promptly accorded, the arrangements proceeded apace and the result will be the addition of a substantial sum to the Mayor's fund. The ball, which was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Town Hall, was an exceptionally successful affair, which will long retain a place in the memory of all who took part in it.

ST. AUBYN COUNCIL.

THE Knights of Constantinople of this Council held their annual meeting on the 29th ult., at Fidelity Hall, Devonport. The I.S. elect Sir Kt. John Bray was installed by the Rev. Dr. Lemon, assisted by Past I.S. P. B. Clemens, E. Aitken Davies, W. H. Cawse, and S. Hatchings. The Officers invested were Fraters W. H. Cawse I.P.I.S., Rev. Dr. Lemon Prelate, T. Shears C.A., J. T. Wilcocks M.A., S. Hatchings M.F., E. J. Seymour M.D., F. M. H. Somerville Seneschal, A. Churchill P.P., A. Trout Marshal, J. R. H. Harris C.G., J. Sandy 1st H., R. T. Parsons 2nd H., C. Tozer S.B., E. Santillo O., J. Dewstone Standard Bearer, A. Maddock Purveyor, W. J. Everett Almoner, G. Henderson Sentinel. The Grand Council has elected Rev. Dr. Lemon the Secretary-General, and re-elected P. B. Clemens the Treasurer-General.

It is somewhat remarkable how many of the present advocates of the idea that Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons should take part in the Scottish Rite controversy, between rival Supreme Councils, were, a few years since, of a directly opposite opinion. It is not so very remarkable either, when we come to consider the fact, that, in most instances, this change of opinion followed closely upon the elevation of the individual to the high honour of being made 33° Mason. It is only an illustration of the old adage of how "Circumstances alter cases."—*Advocate.*

MARRIAGE.

CRICK—PARISH.—On the 5th inst., at Shepreth, Cambs., by the Rev. — Hine, Bro. WILLIAM CRICK to LYDIA PARISH.

CONSECRATION OF THE EBBISHAM LODGE, No. 2422.

THE consecration of a new Lodge is always a ceremony in which good and true Masons take a lively interest, but when the Lodge is to be established under the banner of the Province of Surrey, whose Grand Master exhibits so great a concern in all matters connected with the Craft that it is only when special circumstances are made out to his satisfaction that he will sanction with his recommendation any addition to the number already existing in his district, the large assemblage at the King's Head Hotel, at Epsom, last Monday, is accounted for. The R.W. Bro. Colonel G. N. Money has very decided opinions on the subject of Freemasonry and rather believes in the strengthening of the old Lodges than in creating new ones, and thus it happens that it is now three years since the consecration of the Peckham Rye Lodge, the last established in this Province. The Prov. Grand Master not only graced the occasion now under notice by his presence, but expressed his willingness to perform the ceremony. He was supported by his principal Officers, viz., Bros. Frederick West D. Prov. Grand Master, A. Lionel Scott P.G.S.W., G. F. Roumieu P.G.J.W., E. L. G. Houndle P.G. Chaplain, Charles Greenwood P.G. Secretary, C. Harcourt Knight P.G.D.C., whilst the Masters of several of the district Lodges were also present. Among the numerous company we noticed Major General Edward Steward, Natalia Lodge; Dr. H. J. Strong G.A.D.C., Edward D. Whiting P.P.G. Secretary Suffolk, J. H. Hawes P.M. P.P.G.St.B. Sussex, G. C. Barry P.P.G. Organist, T. J. Dodd P.P.G.O. Kent, Robert Bunce P.A.G.P., C. C. Gibbs P.P.G.J.W., R. Sebastian Hart P.P.G.S.D., H. W. Turner P.P.G. Chaplain, T. A. Hill P.G. Org., J. J. Slade P.P.G.St.B., F. Carter P.P. Assist. G.D.C., Jas. S. Fraser P.P.G.S.D., W. A. Laker P.P.G.P., George Waite P.P.G.S.W., I. Tidmarsh W.M. 2157, T. R. Porter W.M. 1360, Orlton Cooper W.M. 211, E. H. Lewis W.M. 1604, H. Lomas W.M. 2218, W. Large P.M. 1984 and 2218, Thos. Roe W.M. 1641, G. S. Horsnail W.M. 1790, J. Kilvington P.M. 1790, C. H. Hardwick W.M. 1347, Rowland H. Ward W.M. 1892, L. Doerr, W.M. 1475, J. M. Hodder P.M. 217, E. J. Feild W.M. 1362, C. J. Pye I.P.M. 1238, T. Dupree W.M. 1851, A. E. Taylor P.M. 1851, and the following founders—T. T. Bucknill P.M. 136, John O'Connell P.M. 1851 P.P.G. Org., James Andrews, William Pile P.M. 1892 P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Thos. James Lawes P.M. 1360, Charles Cooke, William John Green, Charles P. King, George Snashall, James Edwards and H. A. P. Genge. The proceedings commenced shortly after three o'clock, when the Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, who addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, after which the Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer. The founders of the new Lodge were then arranged before the Grand Master, and the Petition and Warrant were read by the Grand Secretary. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named, Bro. Rev E. L. G. Houndle delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, which was highly appreciated. The first anthem was then sung, after which the Provincial Grand Master consecrated the Lodge according to ancient custom, the ceremony being very impressively rendered. Bro. Thos. T. Bucknill, Q.C., P.M. 136, having been selected as the first Master, was then installed into the chair by Bro. Money, and was duly saluted by the brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros John O'Connell S.W., James Andrews J.W., William Pile Treasurer, Thos. James Lawes Secretary, Charles Cooke S.D., C. P. King J.D., J. Green I.G., H. A. P. Genge D.C., George Snashall W.S., and Rowley Tyler. The Masonic titles of these brethren are given above, and are therefore not repeated. A committee was appointed to frame the by-laws, and three candidates and three joining members were proposed for election. At the instance of the Treasurer and Senior Warden, the consecrating Officers were made honorary members of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the interesting proceedings terminated. We must not forget to mention that the incidental music of the ceremony, as well as that subsequently given during the evening, was under the direction of Bro. John O'Connell, assisted by Bros. Elkin, Catling, Heathcote, and Phillips, and materially enhanced the solemnity of the ritual. The banquet took place at the King's Head Hotel, at which the W.M. presided, attended by most of the above mentioned brethren, including the Prov. G. Master and his Officers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Col. Money responded for Grand Officers, whom he termed an enthusiastic body, always ready to go anywhere and do what they could to further the interests of the Craft. In felicitous terms Bro. Bucknill proposed the Prov. G. Officers, and bore testimony to the splendid manner in which the ceremonies of the day had been performed. The brethren owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Grand Officers for giving them such a magnificent start, and he was sure they would pledge themselves to be good and faithful Masons. In responding, the Prov. Grand Master expressed the great pleasure he had in performing the ceremonies, and trusted the Lodge would in due time take its place as one of the foremost in the Province of Surrey. He earnestly begged them to exercise the greatest care and caution in selecting candidates for initiation, as a bad member would sap their very foundation, and quoted instances where such had occurred. The nomination of a candidate was a grave responsibility, from which the proposer and seconder were not relieved until the initiate had passed the third degree. That candidates should not be able to answer the questions of their own accord was an utter disgrace to any Lodge, and he would advise Masters not to proceed with the ceremony unless they could do so, for if a man would not take the trouble to learn the answers, he would not be likely to prove a good Mason. Bro. F. G. Roumieu, in the absence of Bro. Frederick West, also replied, and congratulated the Lodge upon securing so good a Mason and so popular a gentleman for their first Master, as Bro. Bucknill would do credit to them and the Craft generally. He would impress upon them the importance of supporting the Charities, which were the greatest element in Freemasonry.

The W.M. next gave the Consecrating Officers, who in the words of the quotation on the toast list, "Have done the worthy services." It was an impressive and holy ceremony they had witnessed that day, and made them meditate about matters here and hereafter, and therefore caused them to be soberer, purer, and better men. This was acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who heartily wished the brethren every success; and by the Provincial Grand Secretary, who stated that the affairs of the district were progressing satisfactorily. The Rev. Bro. H. W. Turner said that as there was no Immediate Past Master, he had the pleasure to propose the Worshipful Master. He considered that it gave great promise for the future prosperity of the Lodge that they had such a good W.M.; he was known as a friend by many, he occupied a position of deserved popularity, and was beloved by all. Brother Bucknill returned thanks in a very happy speech, in which he briefly alluded to his career, and trusted that his present political position as parliamentary candidate for the Division would not make any difference in their friendship. Although their Lodge had a number far down the list, he intended it to take a high position in the Province, and hoped it would have a brilliant, happy and prosperous future. Bro. C. W. Hardwick, as W.M. of the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, which had been the necessary "Recommending Lodge" for the Founders, and Bro. H. W. Turner responded for the Visitors, and after the Officers had been similarly complimented, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a pleasant termination.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT LEWISHAM.

UNDER most favourable auspices a second addition was made on Monday last to the number of Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424, was consecrated by the V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, the recently appointed successor to the late esteemed Grand Secretary the V.W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clarke, at the "Green Man" Assembly Rooms, Dartmouth Row, Lewisham, in the presence of numerous Grand Officers and influential members of the Craft. It was the first occasion on which the new Grand Secretary had to perform the duties of Consecrating Officer of a Lodge, and we feel bound to state, at the outset of our report, that the solemn ceremony could not have been performed more efficiently. From commencement to conclusion the details were perfect, and under the able direction of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Master of the Ceremonies, the consecration was most impressive and gave general satisfaction. The Lodge is itself one of great promise, and its introduction was in every way worthy of the assurance given by its promoters. The Consecrating Officer was assisted by Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D. as S.W., W. G. Lemon P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Dir. of Cers., and C. E. Keyser G.J.D. as I.G. There were present, the Founders of the Lodge, and amongst their invited guests, in addition to the foregoing, were the following brethren:—The Earl of Easton Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, Sir John Monckton P.G.W., Dr. E. E. Wendt Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, R. Berridge P.G.J.D., C. Belton P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, Magnus Ohren P.G.A. Director of Ceremonies, Lennox Browne V.P. Board of General Purposes, C. H. Driver Past Grand Superintendent of Works, H. Sadler Grand Tyler, Coulton, T. Hutchinson, A. Clark, H. H. Nuding, Lewis Thomson, R. Main, P. Francois, T. Cookes, E. Marquis, Merryweather, Sidney Clarke, Frank Miller, A. Stewart Brown, W. Bristow, James Stevens, E. Caffin, R. L. Sindall, T. H. Hicks, I. O. Abbott, W. E. Barling, R. C. Treatt, G. Spurgen, W. Rowley, Rev. H. V. Tyrrell, J. D. E. Tarr, W. Robin, H. Massey, H. Schartau, E. Dalzell, J. Brand, C. T. Johnson, J. A. Barton, A. M. Cope, W. W. Morgan jun., C. Thomas, W. I. Farthing, G. C. Pulsford, J. Roberts, H. Rolls, C. W. Peters, O. Hansard, S. Cochrane, &c. A Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the purpose of the meeting, and said, We are met here to-day on an occasion of great Masonic importance, namely, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Lodge, and of adding one more to the very large number of Lodges at present on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. There are not a few among those who take a great and lively interest in Masonry who consider that the large increase in the number of Lodges which has taken place during the past eighteen years might, with advantage, be more extended. But I may say that his Royal Highness our Grand Master entertains a very strong opinion that, at the present moment, it is not advisable to increase to any very great extent the number of Lodges within what is known as the London District, and therefore it is a matter of congratulation to the founders of this Lodge that H.R.H., without any hesitation, acceded to the prayer of the petition for the St. Stephen's Lodge. And when we look to the names appended to the petition, names of Masons well known and honoured throughout the Craft, I think we need not be surprised at the decision our Grand Master arrived at. It now only remains to me to express my sincere and earnest hope and trust that this Lodge we are now about to consecrate may have before it a very bright future, and that it may have a career of unchecked and unbroken prosperity. It will have the very great advantage of being ruled over by a brother who has already had much experience in the Craft, who has filled the chair in another Lodge for two successive years, and who will be supported by two other brethren, as Wardens, in whom we have the greatest reliance. I will now call upon the Chaplain to give the opening prayer. This having been solemnly given, and the founders of the new Lodge having approved of the Officers named in the warrant, the acting Chaplain delivered an admirable oration. The anthem (Psalm cxxxiii.) was excellently sung by the talented vocalists Bros. H. Schartau, E. Dalzell, W. Bradford, and C. T. Johnson, under the

direction of Bro. Dr. Warwick Jordan. The customary dedication and invocation, with processional hymns and prayer, brought the ceremony to a near conclusion and the consecration terminated with the grand Anthem "I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in:— 'My name shall be there,'" and the Patriarchal Benediction. As we have already said, the entire function was most creditable to all concerned, and we could have wished that a still larger gathering than was present could have benefited by the imposing ceremony and shared the pleasure and satisfaction it communicated. The installation of the Worshipful Master designate was then undertaken by the Grand Secretary, and Bro. H. E. Joyce, P.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, was inducted into the chair as the first Master and principal founder of the St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424. The Wardens designate were Bros. Gordon Miller P.M. 257 and J.W. 1900, and Charles Rawle P.M. 1685 and J.D. 2369, and these the W.M. invested, with appropriate remarks in token of their assistance as founders. Bro. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C. was invested as acting I.P.M. The founders were then called upon to elect a Treasurer, and their unanimous choice fell on Bro. J. C. Merryweather, of No. 127, but business matters having that day necessitated a journey to Antwerp, his investment was postponed until the first meeting of the Lodge. The W.M. appointed Bro. H. F. Bing P.M. and Secretary 1597, P.M. 1962 and P.P.G.D. Middlesex, to the office of Secretary, congratulating the Lodge that such appointment had been cheerfully accepted, investing him with his collar of office, and presenting him with a founder's jewel. The remaining Officers appointed and invested were Bros. J. Harrison 810 S.D., A.R. Carter P.M. 1728 Sec 2347 J.D., Arthur Harrison 810 I.G., C. F. Matier P.G.S.B. Dir. of Cers., and C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Doc., 1314 Organist. In addition to the foregoing the following brethren signed the petition as founders:—Bros. Curwen Sisterson 1196, R. Martell 507, Edgar Shand 379 2256, I. A. Stovell 2345, and H. G. Bowles 507. Bro. Ball P.M. was elected and invested as Tyler. The V.W. Grand Secretary completed his duty as Installing Master by an able and emphatic delivery of the three addresses, and was pleased to receive at the hands of the W.M. a special founder's jewel in token of the invaluable services he had rendered to the Lodge. The whole of the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, and a few matters of routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned. The banquet was served in the handsome and spacious assembly room of the hotel. An excellent menu had been prepared, and great pains taken by the Stewards to secure general satisfaction. Truth compels us, however, to remark that their endeavours were somewhat frustrated by insufficient supply and inefficient service, particularly at the beginning of the feast. Wherever the fault lies this should be remedied on future important gatherings in connection with St. Stephen's Lodge. The cloth having been cleared the toast of the Queen and the Craft was heartily given and as heartily responded to, the national anthem being sung by the choir. In proposing the health of the M.W. G.M. the W.M. expressed congratulations on the return of H.R.H. from his recent visit to the Continent, in good health, and the sympathy of the Craft generally with him in the great trouble himself and the Royal Family had lately gone through. He trusted that much utility would attend the visit of both Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to warmer climates, and that health and strength for the future may have been thereby secured. For the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers, Bro. Sir John Monckton expressed regret that having so much to say in praise of their good qualities he had so little time to say it in; he would however state, on their and his own behalf, the gratification it gave them to find a new and promising Lodge consecrated in so admirable a manner has the St. Stephen's had been, by a brother whose recent appointment had caused much satisfaction, and who had that day given the brethren, for the first time since such appointment, a taste of his quality as an efficient worker of Masonic ceremonial. The Grand Secretary proposed the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. H. E. Joyce, in the selection of whom as their ruler he considered the founders had exercised much discretion. He had thought it right on his own part to make himself acquainted somewhat with their W.M.'s Masonic career. Bro. Joyce was not by any means new to the duties and responsibilities of Mastership, having been W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, for two successive years, and in 1885 retiring therefrom, with cordial expressions and practical evidences of the high esteem in which his Lodge held him. As an exemplar of the true principles of our Order, and a guide for the members of the new Lodge, no more worthy or highly esteemed brother could have been chosen, and he trusted that under his governance the St. Stephen's Lodge would realise the capacity for doing that good in Freemasonry of which it now appeared there is such ample promise. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Edward Dalzell sang "Thinking of Home," in his usual effective manner. For this occasion this and other songs in the programme were specially arranged with vocal accompaniment, which had a novel and pleasing effect; and we may here say that the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Dr. Jordan, and the individual performances of Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, Bradford and Johnson throughout the evening left nothing to be desired. On rising to respond to the toast in his honour, Bro. Joyce received quite an ovation and a few moments elapsed before he could secure a hearing. He thanked the Grand Secretary for what he feared must be the almost too laudatory terms in which his health had been proposed; if however they may have been so, he could at least conscientiously declare that it had been his ambition to deserve them. He was not an old Mason having regard to the years which had passed since his initiation, but he had not let those years pass without at least endeavouring to carry out the precepts of the Institution he loved so dearly. He had had his reward, in the many expressions of regard which accompanied his retirement from the chair of No. 507. He looked back with glad remembrance to the day of his installation as W.M., now nine years since, when, amongst

his friends then present were several whom he now addressed, notably Bros. Martell, Magnus Ohren, James Stevens, C. W. Peters, W. G. Lemon, and the present Secretary of St. Stephen's Lodge (Bro. Bing). He had thought that night that the summit of his Masonic ambition had been reached, but it was not his nature to lie fallow, and he longed for "fresh woods and pastures" new. His motto would yet be, Excelsior; and he hoped that with the assistance of his Officers the St. Stephen's Lodge would become an ornament to the Craft and a practical exemplar of Masonic benevolence, and that peace, happiness and prosperity might characterise the Lodge in particular and the Craft in general. He had now the pleasing duty to submit a toast in honour of the Consecrating Officer of the Lodge, the Grand Secretary, to whom and to those Grand Officers who had assisted him the best thanks of the brethren present were due. The St. Stephen's Lodge was the first on what he hoped might be a long roll of Lodges to be consecrated by Bro. Letchworth as Grand Secretary of the Order. The perfect unanimity with which the appointment of Bro. Letchworth to the office of Grand Secretary has been accepted by the Craft is the surest evidence that the Grand Master's selection is a good one. Efficiency of Masonic work and kindly courtesy are distinguishing characteristics, which Freemasons highly appreciate, and there need be no doubt that in both these respects they will not be disappointed in Bro. Letchworth, whose health he now called upon the brethren to drink. The Grand Secretary made an effective reply, expressing his conviction that the prospects of successful progress for the Lodge were bright, and he trusted would be fulfilled. He thanked the Lodge for the great compliment which he considered they had paid him in the presentation of a special Founder's jewel, which he should wear with much gratification; and to these he added further thanks for the heartiness of his reception generally. The remaining toasts were the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and the Tyler's toast. For these the exigencies of time and train prevented our remaining. They were doubtless as well proposed and honoured as had been the prior sentiments. It only remains for us to add another voice of good augury and best wishes to the many which we heard in the course of the evening in favour of the St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire will be held at Cirencester, on Wednesday, 1st June.

A proposal to form a Royal Arch Chapter in Newbury is under consideration by the members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, a number of whom already belong to Chapters existing in Reading, and elsewhere. The Grand Superintendent of the Province (Bro. John T. Morland) has given his sanction to the proposal.

Brother W. J. Hugban (of Torquay), P.G.S.D. of England, has acceded to the wishes of his friends at Canterbury, Chatham and Brighton to deliver a Masonic lecture in each town on the 17th, 18th, and 27th inst. respectively, if his health permits, but has declined all other invitations for the season, save one in London on the 24th June.

On the 6th inst. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, laid the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is being erected at Cambridge for the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge. He was attended by the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, President of the Board of General Purposes, and several other Grand Officers, and by the Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire (Col. R. T. Caldwell), who presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge. Some two or three hundred brethren attended the ceremony. We have since heard that, on Monday evening, the 9th instant, the door of the boarding erected around the site was found to be unlocked. Further investigation revealed the fact that the foundation stone had been removed bodily, and a bottle containing coins of the realm had been stolen.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Hope and Unity, held on the 28th ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Brentford, Bro. P. Johnson was passed, and Mr. F. V. Chalmers, of Romford, and Mr. Arthur E. Brown, of Thought Cot, Brentwood, were initiated by the Worshipful Master, Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. Staton W.M., Read S.W., Spencer J.W., Cunliffe P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, W. Garside Secretary, Jackson S.D., Bushell P.M. J.D., Bladon P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Dir. of Cers., Whitehead Organist, Allen I.G.; P.M.'s Dawson, Walmsley, Lisenden, J. Garside, Akerman, Chesworth and Mountain; Bros. Guest, Rottmayer, Findlow, Sinclair, Marsh, Ashe, Field, Simcock, Daber, Roscoe, Paterson, Plumpton and Grimshaw. Visitors—Bros. Fitzsimmons 1083, Goldman 323, Wrigley P.M. 815, Swindells W.M. 1730, Will Howard 1147, Edwd. Smith formally 317, F. Batty W.M. 2231, I. Hislop J.W. 325, Wm. Yeadon 1496 and J. Hawker 1045. The brethren met for tea at six o'clock, and assembled in the Lodge-room an hour later. Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Chenery, and announced favourable. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. the S.W. (Bro. Read) presenting the working tools, and the Junior Warden (Bro. Spencer) delivering the E.A. charge in a very impressive manner. There being no further business hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. An exceptionally brilliant evening was spent around the social board, two clever reciters (Bros. Fitzsimmons and Goldman) delighting the brethren with their contributions, the former giving a scene from Richard the Third, and a highly intellectual ode on death, and the latter convulsing the company by his clever rendering of Kicking Strap's Race (a parody on the celebrated Kissing Cup's Race), and Be Jabers (a parody on Excelsior). Brother Will Howard's fine voice was heard to great advantage in "In sheltered Vale" and another ballad; and Bro. S. Jupp was very successful in "Tell her I love her so." In addition to this talent Bros. Walmsley and Lisenden also sang, whilst Brother Daber's performance on the piano was much enjoyed. Altogether the evening's entertainment is not likely to be soon forgotten.

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

THE annual meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, on the 28th ult., when Bro. Green S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S. in succession to Bro. Gatt P.P.G.S. Bro. Watson P.M. P.P.G.J.D. was the Installing Master, and he performed his duties efficiently and impressively. After the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Gatt I.P.M., Hutchinson S.W., Anderson J.W., Watson Treasurer, Crosthwaite S.D., Wright J.D., Bowman P.M. P.P.G. Sword Bearer Dir. of Cers., Tweedy Organist, Conlton I.G., Laws Senior Steward, Smith Junior Steward, Bedford Smith P.M. Tyler. Bro. Watson, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Gatt with an address expressive of thanks for his services in the chair during the past year. The address was beautifully illuminated by Mr. Tompkinson, of Stockton, and was handsomely framed. In the evening the usual banquet was held, under the presidency of the new W.M.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting was held at Bro. Tom Wood's, Wheatsheaf Hotel, on Saturday last. Present—Bros. Fred. Hilton W.M., Archdale S.W., Buckley Carr P.M. acting J.W., Vincent P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, Shepherd S.D., Hebden P.M. P.G.D.C. D. of C.; P.M.'s Caldwell P.P.G.S.B., Needle, Needham, I. Taylor, and Davis; Bros. Cooper, J. R. Lee, Parkin, Creswell, Elliott, Hirsch, Kempster, Dean, and Hogg; Visitors—Wm. Dunville P.M. 2156, Holford P.M. 1077, Warburton 2156, Jno. Marshall P.M. 61 P.P.G.P. West Yorks. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 3.20, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hirsch, Kempster and Dean answered the necessary questions leading from the first to the second degree, and withdrew. Bros. Hirsch and Dean were subsequently passed to the second degree by the W.M., and Bro. Kempster by Bro. R. Caldwell. The working tools were presented to the three brethren by Bro. Hall. Later on Bro. Elliott was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. Needham P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hall. The Lodge was duly lowered to the second and first degrees. A letter was received from Bro. Ernest Davies, announcing his arrival at Vancouver, British Columbia, and sending hearty good wishes. Bro. Hirsch informed the brethren that he had met King Oscar of Sweden in a Lodge in that country, and on informing his Majesty that he (Bro. Hirsch) was coming to England to take his second degree, His Majesty requested him to convey his hearty good wishes to the brethren. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. At the social board the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, including the health of the newly passed and raised brethren. Bro. Tom Wood, whom every one was pleased to see again after his severe illness, proposed the health of the P.M.'s in laudatory terms, and before concluding, returned his sincere thanks to the brethren for their letter of sympathy and kind inquiries during his illness. Bro. A. Hebden proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms, and in doing so commended the zealous earnest work and interest he had taken in Freemasonry since his connection with it, and which had brought him to his present proud position at so young an age. Bro. Hebden said it was Bro. Hilton's determination to do all in his power for the benefit of Freemasonry, at any cost, and it would not be at all surprising if their W.M. became a Provincial Grand, and even a

Grand Officer, before many years had passed. A pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496 (MOSS SIDE).

A MEETING was held at Mrs. Tonlmin's, Western Hotel, on Monday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. Blears W.M., Morris S.W., Francis Long J.W., Burslem P.M. Treasurer, Percy E. Land Secretary, Robert Wilson S.D., Wright J.D., Renshaw I.G.; Past Masters Gillman P.P.G.D., Biggs, Kershaw, Halliwell and H. Jones P.P.G.S.; Bros. H. S. and A. R. Johnson, Tarr, Yeadens, Lees and Dewsbury. Visitors—Chadfield Treasurer 1387, Kershaw P.M. 163, Holbrook S.D. 1794, Batty W.M. 2231, Willcox J.W. 1140, Allin 2231, Towers 281, and Rathbone P.M. 581. Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Lees and Dewsbury being present, and desirous of taking their third degree, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the second, and retired. Bro. Lees was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by the W.M., and Bro. Dewsbury by Bro. H. Jones. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. At the social board the health of Bros. Dewsbury and Lees was proposed and responded to, as was that of the W.M., Visitors, and Officers. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some capital songs, &c., from Bros. Allen, Holbrook, Towers, Willcox and Lisenden.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, under the rule of Bro. J. M. Scarlett P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Essex; the W.M. Bro. E. Crocock being unable to attend through business engagements. The W.M.-elect (Bro. W. E. Sutton) brought a strong muster of his friends down by the 10 a.m. train from Liverpool-street, to which a special saloon carriage was attached. Amongst these was Bros. Rev. T. Lloyd P.P.G. Chaplain Stafford and P.G. Chap. Essex, Dr. Haskins, Mus. Bac., 1362, J. D. Webb 1745, G. H. Grimwood P.P.G.Supt. Works Suffolk P.M. 1224, A. Buck P.P.G.S.W. Essex P.M. 453, C. F. Barham P.M. 754 1766, F. Harris 209, F. H. Byron 209; W. F. Reid W.M., F. J. Nunn P.M., C. Denham, J. R. Perk, all of Lodge 2063; W. R. Bloom P.M. 697, W. J. Bourman 441. The members of the Lodge present were P.M.'s Dorling, Scott, Wilkinson, Wm. Finer and Scarlett, and Bros. Sutton, Harman, Pollard, Catter, Griffiths, Purvis, Schofield, Kimber, Loomes, Randall, Daniels, &c. The business of the Lodge was commenced by the Auditors' report being read and adopted; the installation was beautifully performed by Bro. Scarlett, assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, and Brother W. E. Sutton was most gracefully placed in the chair of K.S. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Crocock I.P.M., J. Harman S.W., A. Purvis J.W., E. Osmond Treasurer, R. H. Scott P.P.G.A. Sec., R. Scarlett Org., C. Randall S.D., A. R. Chamberlayne J.D., J. M. Scarlett P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Dir. of Cers., W. Schofield I.G., Catter Tyler, J. M. Scarlett P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Essex Charity Representative. The W.M. having been saluted in ancient form the Lodge was closed, after having made a substantial subscription to the W.M.'s card for the Benevolent Annuity Fund. The banquet was unfortunately not a success; most of the London brethren had to return by the train leaving at 6.28; dinner was ordered at 4 o'clock, but it was nearer 5 o'clock before it was announced. The consequence was everything had to be hurried, and there was no time for toast giving or speech making. The waiters got wrong, courses were served out of turn, cold plates with hot meat and hot plates with ice pudding. Every one commiserated with the W.M., who had done everything for the comfort of his visitors and the brethren generally, in a most lavish and liberal style, and it is a great pity, from sheer bad management, that the evening's enjoyment should have been spoilt. After the departure of the train about fifteen or twenty of the Brethren supported the W.M. till the toast list was gone through, and then a sniff of the briny was the order; cigars on the Pier, with sundry snacks, completed the day.

PEGASUS LODGE, No. 2205.

BRO. A. W. Clemow was installed on Saturday, the 7th inst., as W.M. of the Pegasus Lodge, which meets at the new Falcon Hotel, Gravesend. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of London brethren, including Lord Dangarvan, George Everett, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Driver, J. L. Mather, R. Berridge, Wm. Russell, Dr. Kempster, C. F. Matier, W. M. Stiles, Thomas Puzey, F. Newton, G. Gabb, W. A. Scurrah, A. Darch, B. Kauffman, Edwin Storr, T. B. Dodson, G. R. Bolton, J. Hew, A. Norris, R. Burleton, M. Christian, H. Jenkins, J. Glass, T. C. Edmonds, W. W. Leo, A. McDowall, and others. The new Master appointed as his principal Officers Bro. C. Caussebourier and Bro. C. Val Hunter, C.C., and Bro. John Barnett jun. Secretary. The members and visitors, to the number of fifty, subsequently dined together at the new Falcon.

It is with pleasure we learn that Bro. W. Kelly, Past Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, is much better, and that he will very shortly pay a visit to Eastbourne, where he hopes to thoroughly recover his health.

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DE LAMBTON CHAPTER, No. 94.

THE annual convocation was held on the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland. Comps. J. Scarborough Z., J. H. W. Swan H., and Charles Cobham J. occupied the Principals' chairs, and were supported by Comps. J. D. Todd, T. G. Garrick, W. Dawson, Eph. Sutherst, J. C. Moor, T. M. Watson, J. R. Pattison, J. Howson, J. J. Wilson, Thomas Atkinson, A. T. Munro, Alfred Gray, James Hudson, G. B. Hall, R. Blake, L. E. Davies, T. Grieve, Thos. Henderson, Wm. Vincent, W. Chrisp. The chief business of the convocation was the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year, Comp. J. W. H. Swan as Z., Comp. Charles Cobham as H., and Comp. W. Vincent as J., the ceremonies being performed by Comps. T. G. Garrick and E. Sutherst, the respective Principals being presented by Comp. J. C. Moor P.Z. The Officers were afterwards invested, as follows:—Comps. J. Scarborough I.P.Z., T. Henderson P.Z. S.E., J. D. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, W. D. Thompson S.N., W. G. Hetherington P.S., J. J. B. Wilson 1st A.S., M. Cohen 2nd A.S., T. G. Garrick P.Z. Dir. of Cers. A large company afterwards sat down to supper, Comp. J. W. H. Swan Z. presiding.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE GLOUCESTER LODGE.

HITHERTO there have been two Mark Lodges in the Province of Gloucestershire—one at Chipping Sodbury, and the other at Cheltenham—but a third was added, on the 28th ult., by the consecration of the Gloucester Lodge. The ceremony was performed at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of brethren, by Bro. the Earl of Easton W.G.M., assisted by Bros. the Viscount Dungarvan P.G.M. as S.W., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., G.J.W. as J.W., the Rev. C. Lefroy Austin P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, R. Berridge as D.C., F. Mead as Assist. D.C., Col. A. B. Cook as I.G., and many other Past and Present Grand Officers. The founders of the Lodge are Bros. Sir Lionel E. Darell, R. V. Vassar-Smith, W. C. Ferris, E. Lea, C. Roberts, Hatton, G. H. Gould, S. Moss, W. Renwick, H. J. Ferris, and E. W. Henley.

UNION LODGE, No. 124.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland. The W.M. Bro. R. Singleton presided, and there were present Bros. Fred. Maddison, R. Kimmond, T. M. Watson, E. Sutherst, J. C. Moor, R. Shadforth, F. S. Cowper, J. Scarborough, John Deans, G. W. Bain, R. Blake, Chas. Sayers, T. Grieve. The W.M.-elect Bro. J. D. Todd S.W. was presented to Bro. R. Kimmond, installing Master, by Bro. Fred. Maddison. Bro. Todd was ably installed in the chair by Bro. Kimmond, and duly saluted and proclaimed. The following were afterwards invested as Officers—Bros. R. Singleton I.P.M., F. S. Cowper S.W., J. Scarborough J.W., R. Blake M.O., G. W. Bain S.O., John Deans J.O., Rev. J. J. Brown Chaplain, J. R. Pattison R. of M., Robt. Kimmond P.M. Treasurer, T. M. Watson P.M. Secretary, R. Shadforth S.D., R. Todd J.D., Fred Maddison D. of C., C. Sayers I.G., Thos. Grieve Tyler. Two brethren were afterwards proposed for advancement to the Mark degree. A telegram was read from Brother R. B. Reed D.P.G.M., who was unable to be present. A repast was afterwards served in the banqueting room, Bro. J. D. Todd Worshipful Master presiding. The usual Patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed W.M. being proposed by Bro. Robt. Shadforth the ex-Mayor of Sunderland.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE annual Festival was held on Wednesday, 20th April, when Bro. Arthur H. Bowles S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Wm. Sowman, assisted by Bro. J. P. Lewis. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. R. D. Poppleton I.P.M., the Rev. W. Morgan Jones S.W., H. J. Skingley J.W., John J. C. Turner M.O., S. D. C. Ablitt S.O., Joseph Ashdown J.O., the Rev. E. H. Crate Chaplain, J. P. Lewin Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Thos. Rix Registrar, Harris Hills S.D., T. J. Grant J.D., Harry Becker D.C., Turlie Lee Organist, R. Haward Ives I.G., J. H. Salter and C. E. Garrard Stewards, Arthur Wright Tyler. A telegram expressing regret at his inability to be present was received from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of East Anglia, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. At the close of the installation the new W.M. proceeded to show his aptitude for his position by at once advancing a candidate into the Order, in the most perfect manner. Between 20 and 30 brethren dined together in the evening at the George Hotel, a capital dinner being well served by Bro. Coope. In responding to the toast of his health, the W.M. thanked the brethren for electing him to the Chair. He was particularly proud to occupy that position, as this was his mother Mark Lodge, and during the eight years of his membership he had passed some most happy hours amongst them. He also expressed his indebtedness to the two brethren who had performed the installation ceremony.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 235.

ON the 25th ult. Bro. W. Hickie was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. Bro. Lord Valetta, the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Berkshire, was present, and there was a good attendance of brethren, both in Lodge and subsequently at the banquet. The proceedings were of a very successful and agreeable character.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, the Chequers' Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, on Monday, 30th inst., at 6 p.m. Bros. Pinder P.M. 15, &c. W.M., J. De Casseres P.M. 1349 S.W., W. Shurmur P.M. 2374, &c. J.W. First Lecture—Bros. J. Groom, P. Trickett, W. J. Short, W. Knight, L. A. De Costa, H. Whitney, L. Simmons. Second Lecture—Bros. N. Goldman, H. F. Bromhead, C. H. Bestow, J. D. Casseres, A. J. Stacey. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Oxley, W. Shurmur, H. Harris. Bro. C. H. Bestow Secretary.

The annual meeting in connection with Belfast Masonic Charities, which took place in the Ulster Hall, on the 6th inst., under the patronage of the Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford Provincial Grand Master was, we are pleased to be able to state, even more successful than this interesting event has hitherto been. The attendance was very large, and the performance of the musical programme was of a most enjoyable character. Of the excellence of the work, with which local Masonic enterprise must be accredited, it is scarcely necessary to speak. Its importance has long been recognised, not merely in the Northern province, but throughout all Ireland. The members of the ancient Order have, during the past year, shown themselves to be as warmly actuated as ever by the true spirit of benevolence which has for so long been associated with Freemasonry.

Amongst the candidates for a seat on the Board of Management of the Girls' School is Bro. George Gardner, whose Masonic services may be briefly recapitulated, as under:—

Bro. George Gardner is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Old People's Institution, and a Vice-President of the Girls' School. He was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, and at the present time is the Junior Deacon of that Lodge. In the early part of 1883 he conceived the idea of founding a Lodge in the neighbourhood where he resides. In due course this Lodge, Chiswick, No. 2012, was consecrated, by the late Bro. Col. S. H. Clarke, on 16th November of that year, and this Lodge has had a marked success throughout its career. Bro. Gardner was its third Master, and during his year of office had the honour of receiving into his Lodge, in addition to 26 others, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P. On Bro. Gardner's retirement from the chair, the thanks of the brethren were presented to him, and the document was engrossed on vellum, in recognition of his services as Steward for the Lodge, when he took up the handsome sum of 475 guineas to the Masonic Institutions. He has ever since strenuously assisted our Charities, and is now serving his eighteenth Stewardship, while up to the present time he has paid into their coffers at least £3000. During the year Bro. Lord George Hamilton served as Grand Senior Grand Warden of England, Bro. Gardner induced Lord George to proffer his services as Chairman at the Festival for our Boys' School, and Bro. Gardner was elected by the Stewards of that year as their Treasurer. He has served on the Board of General Purposes for two years in succession, and is always to be seen at the respective elections, exerting himself strenuously on behalf of a distressed brother, his widow, or offspring. In 1889 a Lodge was founded at Datchet, No. 2309, in the Province of Berks and Bucks; of this Lodge he is the father, and a further honour was conferred upon him by the founders calling the Lodge The George Gardner. On the division of the united Province of Berks and Bucks, he was made Grand Sword Bearer of the latter Province. At the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction he has always shown much energy, and has been its Treasurer since its formation, in 1884, while to the Benevolent Associations attached thereto he has rendered goodly help. He has been Secretary of the Chiswick Lodge for the last five years. Bro. Gardner is a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. In addition, he is a P.Z. of the Kennington Chapter, in which he was exalted, and has filled each office in succession. He was advanced to the Mark in the Thistle, No. 8, and here he is at present J.O. He founded the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, in 1885, and while filling the chair was promoted to the post of Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. He has held the position of Treasurer of this Lodge for the last four years, and has recently been re-elected for the ensuing year. He holds the high position of Grand Standard Bearer of England, and has served two Stewardships, and is a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund. To many other charities he is also a generous subscriber.

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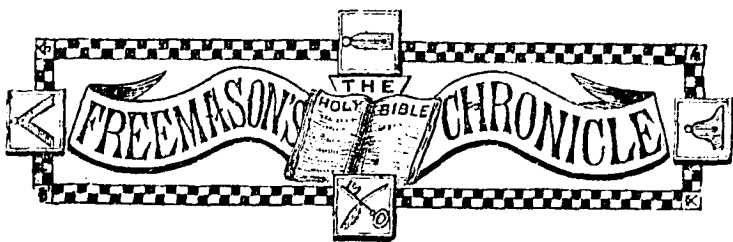
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SATURDAY, 14TH MAY 1892.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 5th inst. There was a large attendance. In the absence of the Grand Master Mason the Earl of Haddington, the throne was occupied by Brother John Graham of Broadstone, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City, acting Grand Master; Brother Dr. James Middleton Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh and Selkirkshires acted as Grand Master Depute, the Hon. Thomas Cochrane Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire as Substitute Grand Master, Colonel John Campbell Perth as Senior Grand Warden, and Charles Baxter W.S. as Junior Grand Warden. Amongst the other brethren present were Bro. James Berry Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, C. Maitland Pelham Burn Proxymal Provincial Grand Master of Niagara, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, C. Galletley Junior Grand Deacon, Rev. John

Murray and Rev. W. E. Hall Grand Chaplains, David Reid Grand Cashier, Dr. James Carmichael Past Grand Sword Bearer, James Moonie Grand Director of Music, James Caldwell Past Grand Deacon, D. Horne Past Grand Bible Bearer, J. B. McNaught Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Lieut. G. R. Wishart Grand Marshal, C. C. McNaught Grand Architect, Major F. W. Allan Grand Sword Bearer, R. T. Jamieson President of the Board of Grand Stewards, James Drummond W.S. acting Junior Grand Deacon, R. Davidson Grand Organist, and J. M. Campbell Grand Inner Guard.

A vidimus submitted by the Grand Cashier showed that the income of the Grand Lodge for the quarter ending 23rd April amounted to £1910, and the expenditure to £874, leaving an excess of income of £1036. During that time there had been 1963 entrants to the Order. The income for the first three months of the year had been £1696, compared with £1914 last year. The Grand Cashier had been directed to draw from the general current account £1500, being one-half of the free income of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 26th November last, and to place that to the credit of the Annuity Branch of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Fund. It was reported that during the last two months £150 had been granted from the fund of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence to distressed Masons or the widows of Masons. The Grand Lodge resolved to grant a charter to the new Lodge Saint Bride, Lochranza, Arran. On the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Brother William McCullough was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand in succession to the Hon. Sir Frederick Whitaker deceased. Brother R. King Steuart of Murdostoun was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Middle Ward of Lanark, in room of Colonel J. Clark Forrest of Treesbank, who had resigned, after a service of fifteen years.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge a deputation was introduced from the Lodge Dramatic and Arts (No. 737), headed by the R.W.M. Brother W. Drummond Young, who, on behalf of his Lodge, presented a cheque of 105 guineas as the proceeds of the recent Masonic service in St. Giles's Cathedral, in behalf of the Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. In handing over the cheque the R.W.M. referred to the able services of the Secretary of the Lodge, Brother W. A. Davis, on whose shoulders had fallen most of the burden of the arrangements for the service. The Grand Master, in accepting the contribution, said he was much pleased that the R.W.M. had mentioned the Secretary of the Lodge, his friend Brother Davis, to whom the Grand Lodge and the Craft in general owed a deep debt of gratitude for his unwearied labours in connection with the Masonic Bazaar. The Annuity Board had resolved that in future each application for the benefits of the Annuity Fund be sent through the Provincial Grand Lodge to which the petitioner's Lodge belongs; but on the motion of Brother Caldwell Paisley, the Grand Lodge deleted this by a majority of 120 against 53. A proposal that the condition and circumstances of each annuitant be annually reported on by the Provincial Grand Lodges was adopted by 83 against 73. The Grand Lodge next took up the consideration of the resolution, of which notice had been given by Brother James Simpson, Edinburgh, seconded by Brother D. R. Clark, Glasgow, to the effect that as the present minimum fee in Lodges under the Grand Lodge, payable on admission to the Craft, was fixed at a time when the funds of the Grand Lodge did not allow disbursements for benevolence or annuities, and that seeing the benefits are now very large, the fees should be very materially increased, and that it be remitted to the Grand Committee to consider and recommend the minimum sum it would be advisable to fix, and how it should be applied. Considerable discussion took place on this, but ultimately the motion was carried by 110 against 59 for the direct negative.

After transacting some other business, the Grand Lodge was closed.

The annual meeting of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, was held on Tuesday, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, Bro. Alfred F. Casperd being installed as Worshipful Master. A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

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CO-OPERATION AMONGST THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been signing my votes for next week's election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, like many other brethren similarly employed, I imagine, have been looking at the particulars given of the different candidates. I notice that in many cases votes are added in accordance with the Laws. For the moment I forgot what this meant, but after a time I remembered a suggestion to give votes to brethren who became candidates provided they had previously subscribed to the Institution. This proposal, I suppose, has been carried into effect, and is a very good feature, I consider; but so far as I know it has not been carried half far enough. Is there any thing of the sort done for a boy or girl candidate whose Father was a supporter of the Institutions? If not, why not? Then, again, I notice that a brother who has made himself Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution gets 20 votes added, but those who have performed a similar service for the Boys' or Girls' Schools get nothing. I think it would pay all the Institutions to work in unison over this feature, to give and take all round, and if they did so it would afford evidence that the one recognises the other, and is prepared to make some concession on behalf of all workers in the good cause. To my thinking the three Institutions should do nothing one towards the other likely to create jealousy or ill-feeling. There should be no special "bargain" inducements offered to catch stray customers for either the one or the other; none of the tricks we meet with in trade, where "selling off" and "bankrupt stock" catches are practised day after day, to the annoyance of neighbouring tradesmen, if not always to their detriment. I should much prefer to see the three Institutions conducted on precisely similar lines, leaving the three Secretaries to tax their ingenuity or practise their persuasive abilities to the benefit of their own Fund, just as we see rival salesmen in the same business establishment pushing business one against the other—all striving to benefit the firm they are working for, but each desiring to make up the best return day by day.

My proposal to recognise supporters of the Institutions all round may savour somewhat of encouraging opposition, but I think business men generally will recognise that the success of one Institution means success for all three, while failure in one case would affect each of the others. There is in fact so much sympathy in the relations of the three concerns that they cannot afford to work in opposition, and on this basis I would suggest a careful consideration of my proposal to inaugurate an all-round recognition of services rendered by brethren to either of the Masonic Institutions.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

PANORAMA OF JERUSALEM.

A NEW panorama was recently opened to the public. The site of the building is in Ashley Gardens, Victoria Street, Westminster, and the subject of the picture is Jerusalem on the day of the crucifixion. The work, which is by L. Kowalsky, assisted by a few French artists, was exhibited in New York some three years ago, where it met with success. The spectator is supposed to be standing on the rocky elevation of Golgotha, and the City lies stretched before him. Immediately on his left is the place of the crucifixion, with the three crosses standing out clearly from the background of country. It is supposed to be just after "the sun was darkened and the veil of the Temple was rent in the midst." The figures are well drawn, and what may be called the accessories of the panorama are carefully planned. What will be of greater interest than the panorama to Biblical students and lovers of historical research, as well as to Freemasons, are the models exhibited in the entrance hall of the great Temple of Jerusalem as it existed in the days of Solomon, of the Temple as rebuilt by Herod the Great, and of the present Mosque of Omar. These models have been constructed, after much laborious research, by a gentleman who has lived over forty years in Jerusalem, and who is one of the few Europeans who have been admitted into the sacred Mohamedan inclosure. He has even been able to make a model of the rock over which the Mosque is built, and which was originally the stone in the "holy of holies" of the Jewish Temple. This stone stood in the place of the ark of the covenant, which had been destroyed when Solomon's Temple, known by Jews as the "first house," was burnt down, in B.C. 588.—*Daily Graphic*.

A regular meeting of the Henniker Mark Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C., Bro. John Barnett jun. in the chair. After advancing Bro. Cornelius Cope, the outgoing master installed his successor, Bro. W. J. Crutch. A Past Master's jewel was afterwards presented to Bro. John Barnett jun. The members and a large number of visitors subsequently dined at the Freemasons' Tavern, the musical arrangements being conducted by Bro. Alfred Moore, who is a member of the Lodge.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyric.—As was generally expected, Messrs. W. S. Gilbert and the late Alfred Cellier's comic opera "The Mountebanks" has run itself into an unqualified success, and crowded houses are the order of the day. When we listen to the charming music we feel more acutely the loss the musical world has sustained by the death of Mr. Cellier for such a masterpiece as "The Mountebanks" would no doubt have been but the forerunner of better things had he lived. Solos, duets and choruses are all splendidly composed, while the whole opera is so bright and captivating that one is sorry when the final fall of the curtain announces the conclusion of the opera. Mr. W. S. Gilbert is also in good form, and has provided one of the smartest librettos that we have heard for some long time. Again, the acting and singing is good. Messrs. Lionel Brough, Harry Monkhouse, Frank Wyatt, J. Robertson, Furneaux Cook, and the Misses Lucille Saunders, Aida Jenoure, Eva Moore and Jessie Moore work so well together that never for one moment is dullness allowed to darken the opera. Unquestionably "The Mountebanks" is a success, and we feel sure it will prove a favourite for some considerable time to come.

Prince of Wales'.—Undoubtedly the success that has attended Messrs. G. R. Sims and Henry Pettitt's "Blue Eyed Susan" must, to a great extent, be attributed to Mr. Arthur Roberts. We have seen, on many previous occasions, this popular comedian doing yeoman service for a piece, but in the present one it is more observable than ever. The authors have provided Mr. Roberts with a part that fits him like a glove, and no opportunity is ever allowed to go by without the fullest advantage being taken of it. When Captain Crossstreet is on the stage, and he is there nearly the whole evening, laughter reigns supreme, for what with his funny gestures and sayings no one could possibly be dull. Miss Nellie Stewart sings and acts well as Blue Eyed Susan, while Miss Phyllis Broughton is as lively as ever. But why does not this talented lady give us one of her charming dances during the evening? Admirable support is also rendered by Messrs. Fred Emney, Chauncey Olcott, A. Rolph, H. Brockbank, Willie Warde, A. Sneak, and the Misses Marion Burton, Katie Seymour, Phoebe Carlo, and numerous others. That "Blue Eyed Susan" is a success no one can deny.

The Horticultural Exhibition.—Favoured by fine weather and the presence of royalty, the International Horticultural Exhibition, at Earl's Court, was started, last Saturday, upon what we hope and venture to believe will be a successful career for the next six months. The large hall or nave is prettily arranged, part as a beautiful garden, with tall palms and ferns in the background, white and pink azaleas, lilies of various kinds, and beautiful specimens of the orchid tribe, displayed in beds and parterres, interspersed with gravelled paths and an occasional fountain, and part as an exhibition of horticultural tools and appliances, with conservatories, heating apparatus, and a small collection of pictures, all looking bright and cheerful in "the May noon sun." H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived at half-past twelve, and was received by Mr. H. E. Milner, chairman of the executive committee, Mr. H. P. Dodson, and Mr. G. A. Loveday, B.A., the secretary. There were also present several notabilities, including the Bishop of London, Lords Balfour, Manvers, Kilmarnock, Rowton, Ashbourne, Basing, Lonsdale, Cranbrook, Lord and Lady Alington, Sir G. Baden-Powell, M.P., Colonel North, Sir Charles Mills, Admiral Mayne, M.P., Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., several other members of parliament, and a large number of ladies, the principal of whom were presented with handsome bouquets. An address of welcome having been read by Mr. Milner, His Royal Highness congratulated the directors upon the fine display of floriculture, and incidentally remarked that the love of flowers was inherent in every one, and while they were useful for beautifying our cities and our homes, there was much money to be made by their cultivation. The Duke then declared the exhibition open, and pulled a curtain, which disclosed the very beautiful sight above mentioned. The chief exhibitors are Messrs. Laing, Cutbush, Williams, Lee, Waterer, Holland, Lane, Koster of Amsterdam, Turner and Phippen. The company then adjourned to the grounds, which are most artistically laid out in gardens of different nationalities. Thus we have the Egyptian, the Roman, the Japanese, the Indian and Chinese, the Italian, and various specimens of English gardens, representing the Tudor, the Georgian and the Victorian periods. All is most interesting and enjoyable, and given only a propitious summer many thousands will flock to Earl's Court to witness the exhibition and its many amusements, which include Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. The grounds are illuminated at night with an extensive installation, by the Brush Electric Light Company, which has some novel effects, and after the pleasant fatigue of inspecting the flowers a delightful hour or two may be passed under the trees, accompanied by a friend and a cigar, while listening to the melodious strains of the various military bands.

Mr. Eille Norwood's matinee of "The Noble Art" takes place at Terry's, on Wednesday, 25th inst., and the following ladies and gentlemen, have been engaged to appear in same:—Messrs. H. Reeves Smith, Julian Cross, Sydney Valentine, Sidney Stuart, and A. Thur Williams, the Misses May Whitty, Florence Tanner, Lillie B. Moore, and Beatrice Goodchild.

We remind our readers that the ever popular Military Tournament commences at the Royal Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday next, and will be continued each day until the 28th instant.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer of the Institution. Amongst those present were Bros. Bywater, Perceval, Chas. Daniel, Hogard, Miller, Kempton, Purchas, Lacey, Cottebrune, John Barnett jun., Belchamber, R. P. Stevens, Fairchild, Attenborough, H. Garrod, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, G. W. Verry, Newton, William Fisher, James Brett, G. Bolton, H. Cox, Charles G. Hill, A. Durrant, W. Webber, Hugh Cotter, Mullord, Money, Dilley, F. Mead, Hubbert, Griggs, Making, and Jas. Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the last meeting were verified, and the Secretary reported the death of an approved candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read. It was resolved that the sum of £30,000 should be invested in the purchase of India Three per Cent. stock, and also that, in recognition of his valuable services at the Jubilee Festival, the rights and privileges of a Vice-Presidency be conferred upon Bro. R. Newhouse Prov. G. Secretary of Cheshire. The draft annual report was read and approved, and it was left to the House Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Festival Stewards' visit to the Institution at Croydon. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The regular Council meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 7th inst., presided over by Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, Vice President and Member of the Board of Management. There were present Bros. R. Eve, Glass, Corble, Saunders, Gillard, Cumberland, Jas. Brett, Adamson, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary). The Secretary reported the investment of a further sum of £2500 in India Three per Cents., and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas Feun, President Board of General Purposes, for again taking charge of this business without the usual brokerage. Also that a legacy of 50 guineas had been paid from the estate of the late Bro. Dr. H. E. Price, of West Brighton. Two candidates for the October election were placed on the list, one being a first and last chance case from Staffordshire, the other hailing from Suffolk, whilst seven cases were deferred for further information and completion of certificates. On the proposition of Bro. Cumberland, seconded by Bro. Richard Eve, and supported by Bro. Corble, a vote of condolence with the Secretary on the death of his wife was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The agreement with the Province of Northumberland for the purchase of a perpetual presentation was produced, and sanctioned by the Council. A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

The entertainment given by Bro. E. P. Delevanté, at Wood Green, on Friday of last week, turned out to be a most enjoyable one. Bro. Delevanté, with the assistance of his pupils, gave a thoroughly artistic representation of "The Mikado." We hear this talented party of—shall we say it—Amateurs, are studying other musical works; if they will persevere, and pay as much attention to rehearsals in their future ventures as they must have done over the one under notice, we may be assured they will not lack support from the public at large.

Thanks to Bro. George Everett Past Grand Treasurer, "Our Boys" will hold their Annual Sports Festival, this year, at Kempton Park. Saturday, 25th June, is the date fixed, and we anticipate a large attendance.

At the regular meeting of the Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, on the 4th inst., Bro. W. Robinson S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. George Dalrymple Treasurer.

The installation of Bro. Geo. F. Pringle as W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Friday, 6th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester.

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THE LATE CHIEF CONSTABLE WREFORD, OF PLYMOUTH.

Amid many tokens of regard and esteem, the funeral of Brother Wreford, for thirteen years chief constable of Plymouth, took place on the 29th ult. at Plymouth Cemetery. Leaving the deceased's residence in Addison Place, the cortege proceeded up the Tavistock Road and across Mntley Plain, and entered the Cemetery by the upper gate. Representatives of the various police forces of the district walked in a body, four deep, at the head of the procession. The principal mourners, who followed in two coaches, were Mr. C. Wreford, son of the deceased, and Messrs. W. Leach, Leach jun., Pomroy, Govett, Holman, Friend, F. Friend, and Webb. Members of the Order of Freemasons, with which the late chief constable was for many years associated, also by their presence paid a tribute of respect to Bro. Wreford's memory.

BROTHER LAWRENCE PHILLIPS.

The remains of Brother Lawrence Phillips, of Park Road, Toxteth Park, who died on Tuesday of last week, were interred, on the 28th ultimo, in the Jewish Cemetery, Deane Road, Fairfield, in the presence of a large number of brethren, the deceased gentleman having been P.M. of Lodge 1356, and First Principal of the De Grey and Ripon Chapter. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. Burman and the Rev. S. Friedberg.

BRO. H. J. B. LAWRENCE.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., the funeral took place of Bro. H. J. B. Lawrence, of the Royal Hotel, Rhyl. The interment took place at the new Rhyl Public Cemetery, and deceased was the first to be buried there. The funeral was attended by the members of the Carodoo Lodge, of which Bro. Lawrence was an office bearer, and also the members of the Rhyl Improvement Commissioners, a body of which the deceased was a member for some years. The Rev. T. S. Ross, minister of the English Congregational Church, Rhyl, officiated at the grave.

The unveiling of the Maclean memorial, erected by the Logic Club of Freemasons and members of the theatrical profession, took place at Paddington Cemetery, on the 3rd inst., in the presence of a representative gathering of Masonry and the stage. The memorial Committee included the names of Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, Wilson Barrett and Fred Burgess. The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, in unveiling the memorial, said that the simple, though suitable inscription, expressed the feelings of the Craft and the stage for the well-known actor. The inscription was as follows:—"To the fraternal memory of John Maclean, actor, born 31st March 1836. Died 15th March 1890. Erected by the members of the Logic Club of Freemasons and other friends and comrades. He was highly esteemed in the Dramatic profession, admired as an accomplished Freemason, and beloved by all with whom he came in contact."

The Irish Masonic Centenary celebration, to be held in Dublin during the week commencing the 16th of May, is interesting so many people both at home and abroad—it being conducted on such an unprecedented scale—that a short descriptive account of the formation of the School in whose aid this monster bazaar and fete is designed for, may be read with interest by not a few. The English Freemasons owed the idea of establishing an institution for the orphan daughters of their brethren to the Chevalier Ruspini, physician to King George III. In 1789 their school was started with some thirty pupils; it now receives 280, and only three years ago celebrated its Centenary by raising over £52,000. The Irish brethren were not slow in following the English example, and just one hundred years ago founded a similar school in Dublin, which increased yearly until it outgrew, in 1882, the building provided by the Duke of Leinster (who was Grand Master of Ireland for sixty years), and since then the school as it stands at Balls Bridge—built at the cost of £13,000, subscribed by the Irish Freemasons—has maintained and taught eighty orphans yearly, drawn from every part of Ireland and the Colonies where Lodges are held under the "Irish Constitution." How well the work is done the annual reports of the governors fully attest. The object of the approaching celebration is to raise and invest a substantial sum to help deserving pupils when they leave the School to advance and establish themselves in life.

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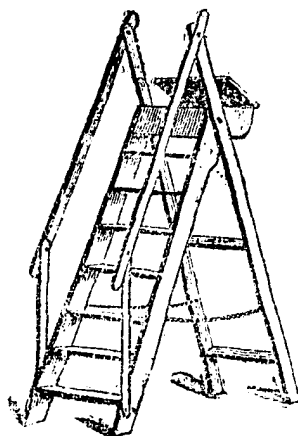
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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, 14th May.

173 Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176 Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street
1328 Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1685 Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2029 King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
R.A. 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
M.M. 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

149 Peace, New Masonic Hall, Meltham
410 Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453 Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1990 Hampshire of Emulation, F.M.H., Landport
2069 Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2005 Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
2096 George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2222 Frederick West, Castle Hotel East Molesey
2359 Doric, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.

R.A. 1293 Burdett, Mire Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423 Era, Albion Hotel, Twickenham.
M.M. 14 Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield

Monday, 16th May.

1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8 British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720 Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham
1694 Imperial, 24 Victoria Street, Westminster.
2060 La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
2265 Barnato, Cafe Monaco, Piccadilly.
R.A. 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1593 Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1657 Aldersgate, Albion, Aldersgate Street
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, Gt. Titchfield
466 Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron
622 St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725 Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
827 St. John, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury
925 Bedford, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
934 Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030 Egerton, George Hotel, Henton Norris
1037 Portland, Portland 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
2208 Horsa, Masonic Hall, Bournemouth.
2289 Blundellsands, Alexandra Assembly Rooms, Great Crosby.
2327 St. Oswin, M.H., Norfolk Street, N. Shields.
2349 West Lancashire Century, South Shore Hydropathic Establishment, Blackpool.
2373 Hardwick, Star Hotel, Chesterfield

R.A. 40 Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
R.A. 120 Palladin, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lanc.
R.A. 139 Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.A. 269 Fidelity, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 277 Tudor, F.M.H., Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 362 Doric, M.H., St. Peter's Hill, Grantham
R.A. 734 Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield
R.A. 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051 Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
M.M. 324 Hunter, Masonic Hall, Rhyll
K.T. 39 Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

Tuesday, 17th May.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, 4
194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel
704 Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
857 St. Mark, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, White Lion, High St., Putney
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow Road
2045 Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden
2195 Anglo-American, Criterion, W.
2233 Old Westminsters, 68 Regent Street, W.
2408 Hampstead, Hampstead Conservatoire, Eton Avenue, S. Hampstead

R.A. 19 Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 46 Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 228 United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant
M.M. 238 Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.

127 Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
213 Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Norwich
384 St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor
418 Menturia, Mechanic's Institute, Hanley
449 St. James, Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
452 Frederick of Unity, F.M.H., 105 High Street, Croydon
510 St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
667 Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1006 Tregulrow, Masonic Rooms, Scorrier, Cornwall
1089 De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness
1113 Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
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, Mas. Hall, Hope St., Liverpool
1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
1764 Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1823 Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Chichester
1941 St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows
2339 Mistley, White Hart Hotel, Manningtree
2351 Ermine, County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
2390 Exmoor, Town Hall, Minehead
2407 Hicks-Beach, Imperial Hotel, Stroud, Glos.
R.A. 41 Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Bath
R.A. 105 Fortitude, Haysham, M. Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340 Alfred, M.H., Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446 Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460 Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
R.A. 645 Hampshire Cheetham, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 761 Fawcett, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
R.A. 804 Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant, Hants
R.A. 2134 Wilberforce, M.H., St. Luke St., Hull
R.A. 2256 Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford
M.M. York, Masonic Hall, Ducombe Street, York.
M.M. 166 East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266 Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

Wednesday, 18th May.

Festival of the Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern
General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, F.M.H., at 6
619 Beadon, Greyhound, Dalwyn
700 Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Phunstead
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park
1382 Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall, S.E.
2140 Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
2241 Cordwainer, City Tennis Hotel, Cannon St.
R.A. 1598 Ley Springs, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M. 144 Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
M.M. 181 Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199 D. of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Ponza
137 Amity, Masonic Hall Market Street, Poole
175 East Medina, Masonic Hall, Ryde, I.W.
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200 Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
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581 Faith, Church Inn, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592 Cottswold, King's Hotel, Cirencester
683 Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Newport, Mon.
750 Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
758 Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Bangor
795 St. John, Ray Head House, Maldenhead
816 Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Weybridge
823 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
865 Eileasie, Town Hall, Hounslow
871 Holmesdale, Royal Sussex, Tunbridge Wells
899 Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962 Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield
1010 Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield
1086 Walton, Skelmersdale M.H., Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Renshaw
1161 De Grey and Ripon, Free. Hall, Manchester
1216 Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301 Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Brighthouse
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1493 West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443 Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501 Weycombe, Town Hall, Haze Wycombe
1511 Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1536 United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634 Starke, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate
1971 Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988 Mawddack, St. Ann's Bldgs., Barmouth, Wales
2153 Hope, 11 Arms Hotel, Gosport
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Queen's Hotel, North Camp, Farnborough
2258 Western District, United Service, Masonic Hall, Caroline Place, E. Stonehouse
2259 St. Nicholas, Peace Hall, W. Yorkshire
2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
R.A. 126 Nativity, Bull Hotel, Barnley
R.A. 284 Shakespeare, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288 Loyal Todmorden, M.H., Todmorden
R.A. 481 St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Newcastle
R.A. 530 Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 663 Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000 Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southampton
R.A. 1060 Marston, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350 Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool
M.M. Newstead, Masonic Hall, Nottingham

Thursday, 19th May.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersett Rise, 4
6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly
55 Constitution, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate
1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1321 Emulation, Horns Tavern, Keenington
1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1963 Duke of Albany, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
2410 London Scottish Rifles, Mark Masons, Hall
R.A. 63 St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kay Bridge
R.A. 217 Stability Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 607 United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington
R.A. 733 Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
R.A. 742 Crystal Palace, Thacker Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 834 Andrew, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith
R.A. 1216 Macdonald, 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1383 Friends in Council, 34 Golden Square
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42 Relief, Albion Hotel, Bury
56 Howard, High Street, Arundel

98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Barstow
100 Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Gt. Yarmouth
203 Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268 Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ash-on-the-Lyne
343 Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Preston
345 Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
367 Probity and Freedom, Red Lion, Smallbridge
523 John of Gannat, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
609 Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
605 Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011 Richmond, Old Bull's Head, Manchester
1042 Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Leeds
1299 Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1317 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross
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1347 Anchor, Dartmouth Arms, North Devon
1359 Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton
1372 St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
2154 Base and Bay, 3 Carnarvon Crescent, Boscumbe
2268 Hadamshire, M.H., Surrey Street, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell, Notts
2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashfield
2316 Princess, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Liverpool
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Masonic Bldg., Southport
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2352 Universities, Masonic Hall, Durham
R.A. 97 Strict Benevolence, M.H., Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 197 Philanthropic, M.H., Kings' Lynn
R.A. 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
R.A. 219 Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 284 Wisdom, Swan Inn, Huddington
R.A. 317 Affability, F.M.H., Cornhill St., Manchester
R.A. 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Comet Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
M.M. Canyuge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

Friday, 20th May.

Annual General Meeting of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Freemasons' Tavern, 12
113 Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate St.
1119 University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1531 Southolme, Regent Masonic Hall, Air St., W.
2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 48 Kemys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.

152 Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
271 Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
516 Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Grainger St., Newcastle
993 Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096 Lord Warren, Wellington Hall, Deal.
1311 Zetland, Masonic Hall, Gt. George Street, Leeds
1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Penistone.
2095 Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2184 Royal Victoria Jubilee, Forest Hotel, Chingford
2231 Talbot, Talbot House School, Old Trafford, Streteford.
2371 Felix, Bath Hotel, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
2385 Godson, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury.
2418 Hedworth, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
R.A. 31 Bertha, M.H., St. Peter's St., Canterbury
R.A. 414 Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading.
R.A. 521 Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam St., Huddersfield.
R.A. 837 Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65 West Lancashire, M.H., Hope St., D'pool
K.T. De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

Saturday, 21st May.

1185 Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H., Plumstead
2308 Vintor, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
M.M. 231 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, Glastrey
2035 Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, Roobuck Ho., Buckhurst Hill
2381 Bussey Park, Greyhound, Hampden Court
R.A. 68 Royal Hotel, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
R.A. 1194 Royal Middlesex, Mire, Hampton Court
R.A. 2018 Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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Saturday, 14th May.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St. Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 730
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 8
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., 8
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 7
1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Fimlico, 7
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St., W.

Monday, 16th May.

22 Loughborough, Gaudon Hotel, Clapham, 730
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., 7
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham, Devon,
383 Royal Union, Chequers' Hall, Uxbridge
543 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford,

323 Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7:30
 975 Rose of Donmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7:30
 1227 Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., 8
 1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6:30
 1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Rd., W. S
 1445 Prince Leopold, 222 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
 1449 Royal Military, Masonic Hall Canterbury,
 1489 M. of Ripon, Queen's Hot, Victoria Park, 7:30
 1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7:30
 1555 Royal Commemoration, Railway Ho, Putney
 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 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
 2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street,
 Walthamstow, 8

Tuesday, 17th May.

25 Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, 8
 55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 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, Cam lea Town, 8
 241 Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
 700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7:30
 753 Prince Fred. William, Eagle Tav., Maida Hill, 8
 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 7:30
 829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sileup, 7
 860 Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Dalston, 8
 861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
 1044 Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, 8
 1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
 1343 St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex
 1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Caunting Town, 7:30
 1416 Mount Edgembo, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7:30, 8
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1473 Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, 6
 1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
 1638 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Norbiton, 8
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav, N.
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
 1949 Brixton, Prince Regent East Brixton, 8
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6:30
 R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
 R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
 R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting
 Hill, 8

Wednesday, 18th May.

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
 30 United Mariners', Lugard, Peckham, 7:30
 72 Royal Jubilee, Mire, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
 73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
 193 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall St., 8
 228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
 538 La Tolerance, Portland Ho, Gt. Portland St., 8
 594 Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7
 673 St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 8
 720 Panmure, Ballam Hotel, Ballara, 7
 781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Bartlett Rd., 7:30
 813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Rd. 8
 862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
 902 Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Strand, 8
 972 St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, 8:30
 1037 Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
 1356 Toxteth, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool, 7:30
 1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rusby Green, Cat-
 ford, 8
 1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant,
 S.W., 7:30
 1662 Beaconsfield, Choquers, Walthamstow, 7:30
 1681 Loudeshorough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
 1692 Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, 8:30
 1791 Creton, Wheatshew, 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. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday, 19th May.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7:30
 147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
 263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
 754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
 779 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe
 New Road
 890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, at 8
 1017 Montefiore, St. James's Resta rant, W., 8
 1159 Southern Star, Sir Syd. Smith, Kennington, 8
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool, 7:30
 1278 Burdett Courts, Swan, Bethnal Green Rd., 1
 1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
 1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wembley, 7:30
 1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 8:30
 1558 D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Camberwell, 8
 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, Ealing Dean, 7:45
 1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
 1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
 1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7:30
 1711 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
 1950 Southgate, Railway Hot, New Southgate, 7:30
 1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road,
 Clerkenwell, 9
 1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
 R.A. 753 Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
 St. John's Wood, 8
 R.A. 1471 North London, Northampton House,
 Canonbury, 8

Friday, 20th May.

Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, 8
 General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
 167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park,
 507 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell, 7:30
 733 Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, Finchley
 Road, N.W., 8
 765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
 780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
 834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
 1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
 1135 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7:30
 1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
 1293 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Rd., N.,
 1365 Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Hackney, 8
 1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
 1437 Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex, 7:30
 1642 E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Rd., Peckham, 8
 2021 Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, The
 Criterion, W., 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, Prince of Wales's Hotel, corner of
 Eastbourne Terrace, and Bishop's Road, W. 8
 R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street,
 Camberwell, 7

Saturday, 21st 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' 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
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney, 8
 1624 Eccleston, 13 Cambridge Street, Pimlico, 7
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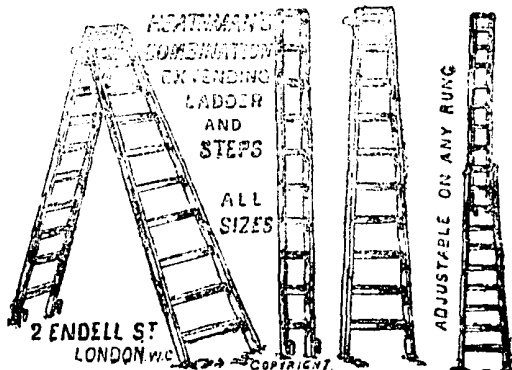
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