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LOYALTY.

NOTWITHSTANDING the oft repeated assertion in our Lodges as to the Loyalty of Freemasons to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, we are often confronted with the charge that the Craft really exists for the purpose of upsetting recognised authority, while its members conspire against the heads of the different countries in which they reside—in other words their mission, instead of being the work of Brotherly Love it professes, is one of rebellion and revolution, its main object being to upset the existing state of affairs and supplant in its place a reign of anarchy and sedition. Strange to say, there are many, apparently sensible men of the world, who really believe that Freemasonry is not only capable of the villainy its adversaries charge against it, but that it is possible for its members to practice all the evil ways they are accredited with.

We, within the circle of the Craft, know what nonsense all these charges against the Order really are, and were it not for the continued utterances of the other side we should feel inclined to let the matter take its own course, as being unworthy of notice on behalf of Freemasonry; but silence has been referred to as evidence of impossibility to refute the charges made against the Order, and on that account we again protest against the unfounded statements of our opponents.

The last few days have supplied ample evidence as to the loyalty of the English Brotherhood towards those at the head of the Empire, the birth of a great grandson to Her Majesty the Queen having afforded the opportunity for an enthusiastic outburst of loyalty among Freemasons throughout the country, which would have been impossible if its members were the conspirators they are charged with being. The Grand Lodges of the Craft and Mark Degrees lead the way, and many of the Provincial Grand bodies have combined to make the outburst of loyalty the more marked, as being so widely offered. It has not been a question of a hole and corner meeting being summoned to pass a mere formal vote, but a general expression of goodwill has gone up to our Grand Master as head of the Craft, as well as to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, who, we are convinced, must recognise that in the members of the Masonic Order they may count on as loyal a body of citizens as is to be found anywhere in the widely extended limits of the Empire.

Masons most heartily rejoice on the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of York, not only by reason of the importance of the event to the country at large, but also because it has once more afforded them the opportunity of expressing their loyalty to the throne, as well as to the Prince who is at their head.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

A SPECIAL meeting of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Thursday, at Mark Masons' Hall, London, for the purpose of voting addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the birth of the son of the Duke and Duchess of York, grandson of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and great grandson of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master presided, supported by Viscount Dungarvan Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Yarborough, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Col. A. B. Cook, Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, C. H. Driver, Hamon Le Strange and several other Grand Officers.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge and the reading of the Summons convening the meeting,

The Earl of Euston said: Brethren, I have called this Grand Lodge because I felt certain that every Mark Mason of England and Wales and the great Colonies which are under our jurisdiction would be glad, as on former occasions, when we condoled with the Grand Master on the death of his son the Duke of Clarence, and congratulated him on the marriage of his son the Duke of York, to show our loyalty and devotion. We are now here again to show our loyalty to the Royal Family that rules over this kingdom, and our devotion to His Royal Highness, in congratulating them on the birth of a Prince of the fourth generation in the direct line as heir to the Throne; and I ought also to say to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen most heartily and loyally upon her being in the unique position of seeing a direct descendant of herself born, making now three in the direct line eligible to sit on the throne of this Empire. Many years has the Queen reigned over it. We all know how firm she can be when it is necessary, and how kind and good she can be in all cases of charity. I shall now move that one address of congratulation be sent to Her Majesty the Queen on the birth of the Prince her great grandson, and another to the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the birth of his grandson, and wishing the young Prince may have many years of health before him. Before moving the resolution I will call upon the Grand Secretary to read the address to Her Majesty and the address to the Grand Master.

Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary then read the addresses.

The Earl of Euston: Brethren, you have heard the two addresses we propose to send, I now beg to move formally that those be sent to the Queen and the Grand Master.

Viscount Dungarvan: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, the last time we had occasion to vote addresses of congratulation to His Royal Highness the Grand Master it was on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York. Since then another event has happened of far more importance to the kingdom, and when it was announced by telegraph to all parts of the world that a grandson in the direct line had been born to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I am sure it filled every one with feelings of loyalty and enthusiasm. I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposition moved by your lordship, because I know

there are no more sincere well wishers than the Mark Masons of this country.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Matier said he had received many apologies for absence on this occasion from Brethren, but every one of them most fully concurred in the addresses which were now voted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hamon Le Strange, who was appointed by the Prince of Wales Grand Master Overseer at the Grand Festival, but who was absent from England at that time, and consequently not able to be invested, was invested now by the Earl of Euston, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

EAST ANGLIA.

ON Monday, 2nd instant, Lord Henniker Past Grand Mark Master of England and Provincial Grand Mark Master of East Anglia, visited Colchester for the purpose of holding the Annual meeting of the Lodges of his Province.

After the reading of the minutes of the Special Prov. Grand Lodge, held immediately after the death of Lady Henniker, the Prov. Grand Master, referring to the vote of condolence then passed, expressed his gratitude for the sympathy extended to him in what was rightly described by Bro. Martyn as the greatest sorrow that could befall a man. Their expression of sympathy touched him very much, and to a great extent softened his sorrow. He bowed, he hoped in all humility, to the will of the G.A.O.T.U. and prayed that He would help him to bear his trouble as a Christian and a Mason would do, with fortitude and resignation.

Some discussion arose with reference to the fines imposed upon the Lodges which were not represented at the last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. These, it appeared, had not been paid, and the Prov. Grand Secretary explained that he had not pressed for payment because of the alteration which was made in the date of the holding of the meeting. Ultimately, on the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, it was agreed that last year's fines should be remitted, but that in respect both to the Lodges and the Officers, the penalties for non-attendance would in future be strictly enforced.

On the roll of the Lodges being called, it was found that all were represented except one, which the Prov. Grand Master remarked would be fined as a matter of course.

The Provincial Grand Master, departing from the business on the agenda, proposed that a letter of congratulation be forwarded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York on the occasion of the birth of a future heir to the Throne. He only hoped that the Duke of York's son would follow the good example set him by the Royal Family, and might not only be spared to carry out his public duties with the same unremitting zeal as their Grand Master had done, but that he would add to the happiness and pride of our great country.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which showed that the present number of members on the books of the Province was 358, an increase of fourteen on the number last year. The deaths, exclusions, and resignations exceeded the additions by twenty, and if it had not been for the addition of two new Lodges, there would have been a small decrease in the members. The financial state of the Province was satisfactory.

On the motion of Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, seconded by Bro. Tracy, the report was adopted.

Bro. Tracy, in very flattering terms, proposed the election of Bro. T. J. Ralling Sec. No. 145, &c., as Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. J. P. Lewin in equally flattering terms seconded the motion, which was carried amidst the hearty plaudits of the Brethren; and Bro. Ralling briefly returned thanks for the high compliment paid him.

The Prov. Grand Master said he had an announcement to make which he was sure would be received with great regret. At last he had been compelled to give

way to Bro. Martyn's importunities, and release him from the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He was sure they were all very sorry for it, but he did not think it would be for him to press Bro. Martyn any further, because living so far away from the Province as he did, he felt he could not discharge the duties of his office to his own satisfaction. Personally, he was extremely sorry, because Bro. Martyn was one of his oldest and greatest friends, but it was some satisfaction to feel that, although relieved from office, he was still a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Anglia, so that they might hope to see him amongst them at their annual meetings. He felt he ought to add that in his own mind he attributed whatever success had attended his governance of the Province of East Anglia to the wise counsel he had always received from Bro. Martyn.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said it was really with the most unfeigned regret that he felt compelled to ask the P.G.M. to release him from the office he now held. For some time past he had felt that the duties of D.P.G.M. of East Anglia had been unavoidably neglected, not through any fault of his own, but because, living right away in Gloucestershire, it was utterly impossible for him to come amongst them as often as he could wish. For this reason he last year asked the P.G.M. to allow him to resign the office, but with that kindness which was so characteristic of him he said he could not possibly let him off, at least for a year, and therefore he held on, but he felt he could not perform his duties to his own satisfaction or to the satisfaction of the Province, and therefore he again pressed Lord Henniker to be good enough to allow him to retire, and to appoint in his stead one who would be able to discharge the duties far better than he had been able to do. He had been D.P.G.M. ever since the Province of East Anglia was formed, and had always received the greatest kindness and consideration from everyone with whom he had come in contact. He thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for all their past kindness and forbearance, and assured them that he should look upon his connection with the Province as one of the happiest remembrances in his not altogether unhappy life.

The Prov. Grand Master then announced amid much applause that he had found an excellent successor to Bro. Martyn in the person of Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., whom he at once invested.

Sir Francis Boileau briefly acknowledged the honour that had been conferred upon him, and expressed his determination to carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

The Prov. G.M. next invested the other Provincial Grand Officers as under:—

Bro. J. J. C. Turner	-	-	Senior Warden
F. P. Suthery	-	-	Junior Warden
C. Denton Leech	-	-	Master Overseer
F. E. Bailey	-	-	Senior Overseer
Geo. Abbott	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. Quennell	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. McDougall Mundle	-	-	
T. J. Ralling	-	-	Treasurer
J. Moore Smith	-	-	Registrar of Marks
J. M. Harvey	-	-	Secretary
C. F. Bond	-	-	Senior Deacon
F. H. Meggy	-	-	Junior Deacon
Jos. Holland	-	-	Inspector of Works
W. F. Stratford	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Haward Ives	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Jas. Reach	-	-	Sword Bearer
M. L. Sanders	-	-	Standard Bearer
G. H. Lovedell Blake	-	-	Organist
E. Sparke	-	-	Assist. Secretary
John Fuller	-	-	Inner Guard
J. H. Salter	-	-	Stewards
Sir. W. Abdy, Bart.	-	-	
R. Galpin	-	-	
J. Hewitt	-	-	Tyler

Bro. Tracy said they could not allow that occasion to pass without a formal recognition of the great services Bro. Martyn had so long rendered to the Province. While he (Bro. Tracy) acted as Prov. Grand Secretary he was brought into intimate connection with Bro. Martyn, and knew how thoroughly he considered the interests of the Brethren in the Province. He was filled with an earnest determination to do his duty, and the whole Province had received the greatest possible benefit from his services.

Bro. Tracy then formally proposed that a cordial

vote of thanks be accorded to the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the services he had rendered to the Province during the past twelve years.

Bro. George Abbott, as one of the first Officers of the Province, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn briefly replied. He again thanked the Brethren for all the kindness he had received at their hands, and assured Sir Francis Boileau that he should at all times be most happy to do all that he could to assist him in the discharge of his duties.

Lord Henniker, in his address to the Brethren, said he thought they might congratulate themselves on the fact that during the twelve years the Province of East Anglia had been established they had been holding their own very well; and considering that they were to a very large extent in a purely agricultural district he thought they might say they were in a flourishing condition. In the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge he thanked Bro. Turner and the members of the Constantine Lodge for the handsome and liberal manner in which they had entertained them. Lord Henniker, in conclusion, asked the Brethren to excuse his attendance at the banquet, over which he had asked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir Francis Boileau to preside.

The Banquet was also held at the Cups Hotel, where the hospitality of the Brethren of the Constantine Lodge was dispensed on a most generous scale.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and said all he need ask on his behalf was that they would extend to Sir Francis Boileau the same kindness as they had always extended to him. He was perfectly certain that the more they saw of their new D.P.G.M. the more they would esteem and love him. He had known his work in Masonry for many years, and he was perfectly sure they had the right man in the right place.

Sir Francis Boileau, in reply, said it was with the greatest reluctance that he accepted the high office that had been conferred upon him, but having accepted it, he should endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. Before sitting down he, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the health of Bro. Martyn, who happily responded with a "Thank you—God bless you all." Other toasts followed.

THE DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT.

THE anniversary of the Derby Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 302, was held on the 9th, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and in connection therewith was held the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United Province of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutlandshire.

The members of the local Lodge met at three o'clock, and discharged the business incidental to the anniversary. The W.M. elect was Bro. William Cooper, who was installed in office by his predecessor in the chair, Bro. W. Beadon Woodforde, assisted by Bros. Piper and Wallace Past Masters. Bro. Cooper regularly appointed his Officers.

Subsequently the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were admitted. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. Kelly, of Leicester, his Deputy Bro. Thos. Cox, of Derby, presided, the position of Deputy Grand Master being filled by Bro. Joseph Young, of Leicester.

Various matters of interest were discussed, amongst other subjects being the separation of Derbyshire from the other counties, and its constitution as a separate Province. A letter was read on this subject from Bro. Kelly, in which he intimated that he was fully prepared to give his consent to any such departure as the one suggested.

It being indicated that Bro. the Rev. S. Watkin Wigg had resigned the position of Senior Grand Warden, it was resolved that he be thanked for his five years' influential services, and also that he be presented with a Past Provincial Grand Secretary's jewel.

The following Provincial Grand appointments were then made, the different Officers being regularly invested with their insignia of office:—

Bro. Walter Piper 302	-	-	Senior Warden
Thomas Coltman 194	-	-	Junior Warden
Francis Thompson 339	-	-	Master Overseer
H. A. Robinson 245	-	-	Senior Overseer
G. Holderness 373	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. R. W. Lancaster 194	-	-	Chaplain
A. Woodiwiss 302	-	-	Treasurer
H. Manfield 245	-	-	Registrar of Marks
H. J. Mason	-	-	Secretary
S. W. Fulshaw 30	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Lee 414	-	-	Junior Deacon
A. Lawrence 19	-	-	Inspector of Works
A. J. West 194	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
A. M. Wither 353	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
R. L. Gibson 21	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. C. Eastwood 302	-	-	Standard Bearer
C. Clarabut 245	-	-	Organist
W. W. Vincent 89	-	-	Inner Guard
W. H. Hodges 245	-	-	Stewards.
W. D. Grant 194	-	-	
W. H. Smedley 153	-	-	
W. A. Spencer 19	-	-	

At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held yesterday, the roll of candidates for the October election was settled, with forty-four children to go to the poll, the number of vacancies being declared as seventeen.

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The Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Wednesday next, at Kelvedon, the meeting being called for 1.30 p.m. A banquet will be afterwards served at Brunswick House, at 4 o'clock.

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The Charles Edward Keyser Lodge was consecrated on Thursday, at Hoddesdon, the Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., officiating. Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D., after whom the Lodge is named, was installed as the first Master.

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Bro. J. E. Shand P.M. 1563 and P.Z. 25 has just been appointed, and approved by the Registrar General, as a Registrar of Marriages for St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, and district of St. George, Hanover Square, including Knightsbridge, and extending west as far as Kensington Palace.

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The Installation meeting of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, will be held on Tuesday next, the 17th, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, at 4 o'clock, when Bro. A. A. Nottingham will be installed Worshipful Master. We hope to give a report in our next issue.

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The regular meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, will be held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Thursday next, 19th inst., at 4 o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Charles Schmidt Worshipful Master. The business on the Agenda includes a Raising, Passing, and two Initiations, the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, and the appointment of Auditors.

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The present is an age of contested elections. Even in the fraternity of Freemasonry, where all is supposed to be "peace, unanimity, and concord," there is an annual excitement over the popular election of Grand Treasurer; and although this does not take place till some nine months hence, it is already announced that Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, who is Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, and a donation governor of many other London hospitals, will be then a candidate.—"World."

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After providing for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures and the payment of Debenture Interest, the report of Spiers and Pond Limited recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., less income tax, for the year ending the 31st March 1894, leaving £5,332 15s 3d to be carried forward to next year. The Warrants were to be posted after the shareholders' meeting, held on the 9th inst.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Marquis of Zetland Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire held a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Freemasons of the Province in the Grand Hall, the Spa, Scarborough, on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of Brethren from all parts of the two Ridings.

The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. M. C. Peck) reported that the Board of Benevolence made grants of £20 each to distressed Masons in the Province, and one of £20 to the Widow of a deceased Brother.

A vote of thanks was accorded the editors of "The Antient York Rolls of Constitutions," the issue of which, it was stated, had been a financial success.

Bro. W. F. Smithson P.G.D. England was elected the representative of the Province, in conjunction with the West Riding Province, on the Masonic Boys School Committee. Bros. J. W. Woodall and T. B. Whytehead were elected the representatives of the Province on the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge of England. Bros. Arthur Jones (York) and Spetch (York) were elected the Auditors. Brothers J. W. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, Watson, Rhyme, and Tooze were re-elected members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the year:—

Bro. Henry Cowper 602	-	-	Senior Warden
Charles M. Forbes 236	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. H. C. Baker, D.D., 200	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. L. Pawson 561	-	-	
Herbert Woodhouse 1010	-	-	Registrar
M. C. Peck 57	-	-	Secretary
C. Bradley 57	-	-	Senior Deacons
G. W. Walshaw 200	-	-	
W. A. Hutchence 543	-	-	Junior Deacons
Thomas G. P. Barlow 543	-	-	
Walker Stead 1337	-	-	Supt. of Works
H. Foster 236	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Robert Dobson 643	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Robert Launcelot 1241	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Gibson Poole 2391	-	-	Sword Bearer
Stephen W. Close 123	-	-	Standard Bearers
Thomas Atkinson 312	-	-	
Thomas R. Redfearn 2134	-	-	Assist. Secretary
F. Wilson 57	-	-	Organist
John Walton 1618	-	-	Pursuivant
Hood 1244	-	-	Assist. Pursuivant
Fred J. Lambert 1010	-	-	Tyler

The Marquis of Zetland gave a short resumé of the work of the Craft in the Province since the last Grand Lodge.

Having intimated that he had accepted the invitation of the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, Selby, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner, a Masonic anthem was sung, and Provincial Lodge was closed in due form.

NEW HALL AT LINCOLN.

ON the 27th ult. there was an imposing ceremony at Lincoln, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of new Masonic buildings to be known as the Freemasons' Rooms. The movement originated with the Witham Lodge, the members of which desired to celebrate the Centenary of the Lodge in a permanent manner. The present Lodge rooms being somewhat cramped, it was decided to erect more commodious and suitable quarters for the meetings. The members of the St. Hugh Lodge lent their aid to the undertaking, and the building was sufficiently advanced for the laying of the memorial stones by Major Smyth, of Elkington Hall, Louth, the Provincial Grand Master.

In a procession from the Lodge rooms to the scene of the ceremony the P.G.M. was attended by a large number of Provincial Officers, Officers of the Lodges, and Visiting Brethren from neighbouring towns.

The procession was headed by Brothers Sergeant-Major Whittaker and Colour-Sergeant Fredericks, acting as Tylers with drawn swords. Then followed the visiting brethren, the members of the three Lincoln Lodges, the Masters of the Lincoln Lodges with trowel and gavel, the Stewards, the Building Committee (Brothers Read, Rayner, and Shaw), the Architect (Brother W. Mortimer), Provincial Officers and Deacons, the P.G.M. being followed by the Provincial Grand Tyler, and flanked by the Stewards.

The stone was laid with the customary Masonic ceremony, and an invocation delivered by the P.G. Chaplain (the Rev. J. Graham).

The brethren then returned to the Lodge room, and subsequently partook of luncheon at the Saracen's Head Hotel.

The new buildings, which are situated at the corner of Mint Street and Newland Street, are being erected by Messrs. H. S. and W. Close, Lincoln, from the designs of Messrs. W. Mortimer and Son, Architects. They will have a frontage of 50 feet to Mint Street. On the ground level there is to be a spacious banqueting room, with kitchens and other conveniences. On the first floor there is to be an office for the transaction of Provincial business, and a Lodge room of ample proportions, with the requisite ante-rooms. Externally there will be nothing to denote the special character of the premises. The elevation is to be of a quiet type of Georgian, in specially made local red brick, with Ancaster stone dressings, and carvings sparingly introduced. The plans also provide for two good-sized shops below, and the plans indicate that an awkward site has been cleverly utilised.—"Nottingham Daily Express."

CENTENARY: ROYAL, No. 207.

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AFTER votes to the Grand Lodges, Past Master E. K. Leon moved a vote of welcome to Sir Henry A. Blake.

He said there were peculiar circumstances connected with the pleasure Masons must feel at His Excellency coming among them. The Masonic Fraternity was struck on His Excellency's first landing among them in the city of Kingston with evidence of his being a Member of the Craft. The peculiar language used by him in his first address to the inhabitants of Jamaica convinced Masons who had assembled to welcome him that he was a Brother. If His Excellency had intended to tell them that he was a Mason he could not better have done so than in using the words that were part of a Masonic formula. The last act of His Excellency was to accept an invitation to come among them; the peculiarity of His Excellency's visit and the pleasure were enhanced from the fact of the Royal Lodge having had its first Warrant from the Irish Constitution, of which His Excellency was an illustrious Past Master. The first Provincial Grand Master was a Blake, and there might perhaps be a tie of relationship between them. On the celebration of their Centenary they were pleased to have the pleasure of welcoming the first, he would not only say Brother, but the first gentleman in the island. He would also ask His Excellency to permit the Lodge to have the honour of recording him on its rolls as an honorary member. He had pleasure in moving a vote of thanks.

Bro. J. M. Simpson seconded the vote and re-echoed in all respects what the mover had said.

Bro. Blake said: This is a very unexpected position for me here to-night. I feel that in the first place the thanks are on my side for the sympathy and kindness shown to me by the Brethren here assembled, and gratitude for the way in which the Brethren have received the most kindly mention of my name by Bros. Leon and Simpson. In looking over the history of this Lodge it seems to me that my name crops up in a curious way. I find the first Prov. Grand Master was Brother Blake, and that he was speaker in the House of Assembly. I feel my connection is something more than the flitting one, even of a governor so intimately connected with the Island during the period of his administration. In the history of the celebration which has been read, allusion is made to the trying time when some changes were first formed. I mean when my kinsman, the Marquis of Sligo was the Governor of the Island, and my uncle came out with him as Private Secretary and was appointed afterwards Stipendiary Magistrate for the special protection of the slaves. He died, and now rests in Marrant Bay, so you will see I have something more than a flitting connection in Jamaica, and I feel most grateful for the vote of thanks that has been proposed for my attendance here to-night. I thank you, Worship-

ful Sir, and members of the Royal Lodge, for the invitation through which I am present. In the course of a Governor's administration there must be always certain difficulties, because so long as the human mind is so constituted they must think differently and there must be differences of opinion. But it is a great solace to any man weighted with the responsibility that must always rest on the shoulders of a person in my position to feel that he has the sympathy and the Brotherly Love of a number of his Brothers of the ancient Craft in the island. It makes one's duties more easy, it makes one's life more happy. I accept with gratitude the offer of the honorary membership you have so gracefully and kindly tendered me. I look upon it as a great honour that the Brethren of the Craft has shown such a strong feeling of Brotherly Love in asking me to become more intimately associated with the ancient Craft in Jamaica.

Lodge was subsequently closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, about 300 sitting down. The usual toasts were afterwards given, Bro. MacGlashan responding to that of the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge of Jamaica. He esteemed himself fortunate in having the opportunity, for he felt that a measure of glory descended on him for the accidental circumstances of being the District Grand Master at the time when the Royal Lodge completed its Centenary. He was also fortunate in being the Grand Master the first time that an opportunity had been given the Craft of welcoming so distinguished a Brother amongst them as was their illustrious guest of that evening. His Excellency had been the only Governor that had done Freemasonry the honour of attending its ceremonies.

It had been his effort, and he thought he would congratulate himself that he had succeeded, that the charge which had rested with him and the responsibility of selecting the Grand Officers from time to time had resulted in the administration by a body of Grand Officers of whom the District had never had reason to be ashamed. Ever since he had occupied his position the Officers of the District Grand Lodge had always been received in so cordial and kindly a manner as to make him feel confident that the discretion he had exercised to the best of his ability had obtained the approval of the Brethren.

Bro. Cox proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland. They all regretted the absence of the Hon. S. C. Burke, but they had an able representative in Bro. Duff, whose interest in Freemasonry might be equalled, but could not be surpassed.

Bro. Duff said that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland and the whole Scottish Fraternity in Jamaica had a very kindly feeling to all that obtained to the English Lodges, and had the satisfaction that day of joining with them in rejoicing in their Centenary celebration.

Bro. Leon had much pleasure in proposing a toast to their distinguished Brother and visitor, Sir H. A. Blake. Sir Henry entered the hearts of Masons on the threshold of the Government of the Island of Jamaica, and the Brethren of the Craft had realised the fact that evening by His Excellency having given himself the opportunity of entering into their feelings and signifying that he was a Brother in every respect.

Sir Henry Blake responded. He had not much to say but would like to ask a question and a very pithy one. What are you doing for Masonry? All knew the cardinal virtues of Masonry, the peace, love and harmony, the faith and hope, and above all things the Charity that characterises the Brethren of the Craft in every part of the world. They knew that men might be divided by section, by creeds, by opinions or by race, but all these people of different race or different sects could be joined under the beautiful banner of Charity, and extend their hand in Brotherly love in bearing it aloft. He would ask therefore, what was Masonry doing especially in that particular direction in which the Charity of Masons has been directed in older countries? What were they doing with Education? Of all ways in which Masons and the Brethren of the Craft could assist the people the greatest assistance they could give was in making the families of Masons feel that there was a real

Brotherhood, and if in the chances of life, unfortunately, fate should knock them down, at least a man might feel his children, left to the care and Brotherly love of Masons, might receive some advantages. Therefore, if they would allow him to diverge a little in returning thanks for the health which had been proposed, he would strongly advise them to put their shoulders together and see in what way some worthy effort might be made by the various Lodges so they might secure a certain sum to be devoted to the education of the children of poorer Brethren. (Hear, hear). They all said "Hear, hear," and he was glad to hear it, but how much did they feel it? He felt it £10. (Hear, hear). He should like to open a subscription by placing that sum in the hands of the Masonic head. He thought it would be a fund useful to the Craft in Jamaica. He was grateful for the evident warmth with which they had received the toast. He knew he had a good many friends in Jamaica at the end of five years, but he did not know until he came there that night that he had so many Brethren.

Bro. MacGlashan thanked Sir Henry Blake for the proposal. It reminded him of a meeting he attended in the United States. The chairman got up, and it was a considerable shock to his nerves when he asked for subscriptions of \$2,000 each, three or four names to be given in. Then the chairman said "let me see how much you can do at \$1,500" and he went on in that way till subscriptions of \$1 were handed in. He, the speaker, waited till the plate came round. In this case he would say he was willing to add a fiver to this most laudable object.

Bro. Leon said on behalf of the Royal Lodge he would pledge £10, and for himself £5.

Other toasts followed, including the prosperity of the Royal Lodge, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the Sister Lodges, and the visiting Brethren.—"Jamaica Gleaner."

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Harrogate		11 22	2 40	4 28	5 53	8 11	8 27	12 0	5 50	8 6
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Greenock		5 35	8 15	12 18	8 22
Oban	4 45	2 36
Edinburgh		3 55	8 20	a.m. 6 45
Perth		5 58	10 30	8 37
Dundee		6 10	10 35	8 50
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Oban	4 45	7 38	7 50	10 8	2 12	8 05	10 47	1 50			
Perth	8 38	4 45	9 25	12 14	...	20 36			
Inverness— via Dundee	5 45	...	7 55	...	12 22	5 30	5 40	7 55	...	11 02	5 30			
Dundee	6 10	10 40	11 6	5	20	40	...			
Aberdeen ...	7 15	...	8 35	...	1 7	7 30	7 30	8 55	...	12 0	4 32			
Ballater	9 5	...	10 15	...	3 7	7 50	7 50	11 40	...	20 0	6 20			
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FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

London, July 1894.

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9.5 a.m. for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells, &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

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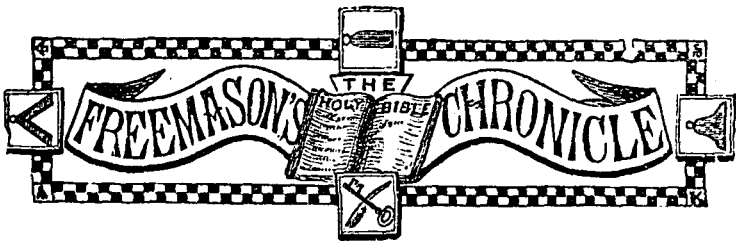
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HY. LAMBERT, General Manager.



SATURDAY, 14TH JULY 1894.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE twenty-sixth Annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The Earl of Yarborough Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire presided, and among a company of 150 Ladies and Brethren were the Countess of Yarborough, Col. Noel Money, C.B., the Earl of Euston, Viscount

Dungarvan, Lord Portarlington, Col. A. B. Cook, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Dr. Turtle Pigott, R. Clowes, C. F. Matier, and Bro. Tamburini.

The Earl of Euston, responding to the toast of the Pro G.M., &c., said it was always a pleasure to the Grand Officers when their health was received in the kind and fraternal manner in which the toast had been received that evening. It showed that the Brethren had confidence in them. They were placed in a position of authority, and the Brethren might trust them to do their best for the good and prosperity of the Order. He could assure them again that where their services were required every one of the Grand Officers standing up with him would be ready to go. The present Grand Officers he would answer for, the past he had had experience of. For three years as Deputy Grand Master, and two years as Pro Grand Master he had never found one fail him. He then proposed the health of the Chairman, the Earl of Yarborough, who had not gone long into Masonry, but who had proved by his work that he would go on and be not an ornamental, but a valuable head in Masonry. He was Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire. He would couple with the toast the name of the Countess of Yarborough, and long might they both live and might happiness attend them.

The Earl of Yarborough, in reply, said when he was invited to take the chair at this dinner he accepted the invitation with some hesitation, not from any want of interest in the Institution, but he felt there were Masons of longer standing than himself who could have filled the chair with greater credit and distinction. He had been supported throughout by the Brethren, more especially by his own Province of Lincolnshire, and he was sure it never fell to the lot of any Provincial Grand Master to be better supported by his Province. He would take this opportunity of expressing his thanks to those Brethren who had come up from Lincolnshire to support him at this Festival. He would now propose the toast of the evening, the Mark Benevolent Fund, but it was necessary for him to say only a very few words upon the toast, because the fact of so many Ladies and Brethren attending was a proof of the interest taken in the Institution. Putting it shortly, there were three distinct funds—one for giving annuities to necessitous Brethren and their Widows—to the men £26 a year, and to the women £21. Another division of the Fund was for educating children, and a third for granting assistance. The amount received at these annual Festivals was divided between these three branches. He could not say what the amount would be this year, he had some idea it might not be very encouraging, and he did not propose to reveal it. Last year, when Col. Money presided, there was a considerable increase on former years, and it was hardly to be expected they would to-night realise so large a sum, particularly from his own Province, as in the Eastern counties agricultural depression had made considerable havoc. There were other causes likely to affect the Institution. However, he hoped the sum would be a creditable one, and a proof of the interest taken by Mark Masons in this Fund throughout England.

Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary then announced the subscriptions brought in by 164 Stewards, including thirteen Lady Stewards. The total amount was £1,894.

Viscount Dungarvan proposed the Ladies, and hoped they were satisfied with the hospitality they had received.

Lord Portarlington acknowledged the toast, and said the Ladies would be glad to come again; they wanted to know all about the pretty clothes the Brethren were wearing.

The Earl of Yarborough proposed the Stewards, informing the Brethren that nothing could have been better organised than the dinner.

Dr. Stewart Brown responded. On behalf of the Ladies he might say they were extremely pleased to be Stewards at this Festival, and to subscribe to the Fund, because they knew that as far as the educational branch went the money was paid directly for the education of children under their mother's wings. He was pleased to think that the Board of Stewards was so numerous. They regretted the subscriptions were not larger, but the Stewards had done their best.

Dr. Carmichael, from America, responded to the toast

of the Visitors, which was proposed by the Earl of Euston. From the bottom of his heart he thanked the Brethren for the very warm and kind reception they had given him. He had learned from his short stay in London that Brotherly Love among English Masons was a reality and not a sham. Also he learned to-night, that relief among English Masons, and especially among Mark Masons, was very greatly honoured. They had had a proof of the power for good in distributing Charity in a wide and proper way—that Mark Masonry had been in the past, and that it would be in a still greater degree in the future, a medium of assisting the distressed. In America they did not come near the British in the good work of Philanthropic Benevolence. He hoped he might tell his American Brethren what the Mark Masters of England had done in Charity.

A charming concert under the direction of Bro. Fred Bevan Grand Organist followed.

Further particulars are now obtainable, says the "Manchester Courier," as to the proposed Lodge in London for Lancashire men. In the first place the name will be changed from "The Red Rose of Lancaster" to the "Lancastrian," in consequence of the prior existence of a Lodge bearing the same name as that selected. Secondly, a number of prominent Lancashire men have expressed their intention of becoming founders in addition to Lord Lathom. They include Mr. Tomlinson, M.P., Mr. R. J. Railton, Mr. J. R. Railton, Mr. Gain (the late town Clerk of Blackburn and present Secretary of the National Telephone Company), and Mr. Joseph Lawrence (the Managing Director of the Linotype Company). A meeting was to be held on Tuesday, the 10th, for the nomination of Officers. Thus the Lodge may be considered fairly established.

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On Sunday, 24th ult., a special service for the Craft was held at Bromley Parish Church in aid of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. Many visitors were unable to find standing room, so crowded was the old edifice, says the "East London Advertiser." Archdeacon Sinclair preached an effective sermon, and every Lodge in the district was represented. The vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. Parry, M.A., who succeeded the late Prebendary How, was the author of the idea, he being a newly-initiated Mason.

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	A	B	A	Sat. only.
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m. p.m.	p.m.
Leave Victoria	9 45	10 10	11 30 5 45	2 5
Leave Holborn Viaduct ...	9 40	10 2	11 25 5 40	2 0
Leave St. Paul's	9 42	10 5	11 28 5 43	2 3

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CCHEAP TRIP EVERY SUNDAY, to RAMSGATE, MARGATE, BROADSTAIRS, HERNE BAY, BIRCHINGTON, WHITSTABLE, CANTERBURY, DEAL, and DOVER, and back the same evening. Leave Holborn Viaduct, St. Paul's, and Victoria Stations at 8.0 a.m. Fares for the double journey, Third class, 4s.; First class, 8s.

ACHEAP EXCURSION every MONDAY from LONDON to the SEASIDE, leaving Holborn Viaduct at 8.25 a.m., Victoria 8.30, St. Paul's (City Station, Queen Victoria Street) 8.23 a.m. Fares there and back (third class), to Whitstable and Herne Bay, 3s.; to Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Deal, and Dover, 4s. Returning same day only by Special Train.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE members held their annual outing and Ladies' day at Brighton, on the 4th inst.

At two o'clock the company, numbering 130, sat down to an elegant banquet in the Banqueting Room, Royal Pavilion, under the presidency of the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Harlowe. Among those who supported the Chairman was Bro. John Sayers W.M. St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, who is an old member of the Prosperity. After the banquet several of the company drove to Rottingdean. Vocal and instrumental selections in the South Drawing Room added to the pleasures of the gathering.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE Annual meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Town Hall, Stonehouse, to instal Bro. Frank E. Sach as W.M. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. George Dunsterville, assisted by Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Chap., and others.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Lemon was unanimously re-elected representative on the Committee of Petitions, and A. S. Hendry P.M. P.G.S.D. Charity Steward.

The Auditor (Bro. S. H. Duff) reported a small adverse balance in consequence of the Lodge having expended about £50 in the re-decoration of the Lodge room.

Bro. G. Dunsterville the retiring W.M. then presented to the Lodge a very handsome gold frame, containing sixteen portraits of the P. Masters of the Lodge, commencing from the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall, Deputy Grand Master of England.

Bro. A. S. Hendry proposed that the best thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. G. Dunsterville for his gift. Bro. G. Hawken, in seconding, said the Brethren might well feel proud of the handsome appearance of their Lodge room. The motion was unanimously carried.

In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Masonic Club, Plymouth. The W.M. Bro. F. E. Sach presided, and having given the toast of the Queen, proposed the G.M. of England and Officers of the Grand Lodge. He said that they were proud of the fact that the Deputy Grand Master of England was the oldest P.M. of Lodge Sincerity.

In submitting the toast of the P.G.M. of Devon and the P.G. Lodge, the W.M. said the P.G. Lodge was not held so often at Plymouth as was desirable or as they could wish. Lord Ebrington filled his position with dignity and ability. During the past year the P.G.M. had conferred a collar on one of their most esteemed Brethren in the person of Bro. Hendry. The latter made a most suitable response.

Bro. J. Parker, in giving the health of the W.M., congratulated him on the fact that he was installed on his birthday, which was rather a remarkable coincidence. Bro. Sach had carried out the duties of the various offices to which he had been appointed in a most excellent manner, and he had no doubt that during the coming year he would fill the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge.

Bro. F. E. Sach, in response, said he was pleased that the toast was proposed by his old friend, Bro. Parker, and he was more than grateful to Bro. F. R. Thomas P.M. for having initiated him into Freemasonry. Since he had joined the Lodge had improved in social intercourse and knowledge, and he should do his best to advance and promote the cause of Freemasonry, and especially the interests of Lodge Sincerity.

Bro. Moulder proposed the health of the I.P.M., and said he deserved their thanks for the admirable way in which he had governed the Lodge during the past year.

Bro. Dunsterville having acknowledged the toast, Bro. H. W. Mayne gave the P.Ms. of Sincerity.

Bro. Dr. Jackson P.M. 189, in acknowledgment, presented the Lodge with a copy of an ancient Masonic Mosaic, which was found in the explorations of Pompeii in a Masonic Lodge there.

Bro. S. Hugh Duff gave the Treasurer and Secretary, and said they were reasonably proud of having two such Brethren to fill the posts as Bros. Hendry and Hawken.

The two last named Brethren replied, and said they were proud to be connected with the Lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the S. and J. Wardens and Assistant Officers, said that Bros. John Parker and T. Peain had proved themselves excellent Masons.

Responses having been made, Brother J. W. Bickle gave the Visitors.

Other toasts followed. During the evening Bro. R. A. Roberts (of Maskelyne and Cooke's), 757, Edinburgh, gave one of his inimitable drawing-room sketches, his facial contortions and character impersonations being remarkably fine.

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RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

THE Annual Festival was held at the Railway Hotel, High-bridge, on Friday, 6th inst., when Bro. E. A. Burnett S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. J. Tyler, the Installation ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England. There was an unusually large muster of Brethren.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring W.M., the Treasurer and the Secretary, for the able way in which they had discharged their duties during the past year.

The customary banquet was afterwards held.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 305.

ON the 5th inst. was celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Lodge, when Bro. Joseph Foyster was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by the late W.M. Bro. T. A. Woodroffe.

In the evening the Brethren sat down to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

TO effectually work three representative ceremonies of Craft Masonry at one assembly denotes fairly heavy business, but this performance was effected at the last meeting of the above Lodge, held on the 20th ult. The proceedings commenced at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and after the confirmation of minutes, the name of Mr. Christopher Carruthers, Surgeon, Openshaw, was submitted to the ballot. This being in his favour, he was duly initiated by Bro. Henry B. Brown W.M., who was assisted by Bro. H. J. Harrison S.W., the latter presenting and explaining the working tools.

Bro. George E. Mellor, who had expressed a desire to make further progress in the science, was questioned as to his proficiency, and having answered in a satisfactory manner, was prepared and passed to the degree of F.C., this ceremony also being worked by the W.M. and S.W.

It was now the turn of Bro. Jabez Hibbs to be questioned as to his knowledge of the former degrees, and having satisfied the requirements which the exactions of Masonry impose upon candidates, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. G. H. Barnes I.P.M., the working tools in this instance being presented by Bro. B. Swift P.M.

At the festive board which succeeded, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Brown W.M., in proposing the health of the newly-initiated Brother, said that it was always a pleasure to welcome new members amongst them, especially when they happened to be the right sort, of which class he was convinced that Bro. Carruthers was one. He could therefore cordially recommend him to the Brethren.

Bro. Carruthers responded, saying that he thanked them very sincerely for the kindness which they had displayed towards him that day, and trusted that with the advance of time he might fully realise the solemnity of the undertakings connected with the various degrees.

The W.M. then proposed the health of the newly-passed Brother, saying that he had appeared to be very observant, and had thoroughly appreciated the ceremonies through which he had passed. He hoped that as he progressed his appreciation would increase correspondingly.

Bro. Mellor, in reply, said that he was thankful he had passed another degree, and from what he had heard of the third, felt very anxious to get it over. The time, however, would not be long before this occurred, upon which occasion he would be enabled to express himself more fully than he could do at the present time.

The W.M. next proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, saying that although Bro. Hibbs had got through the initial difficulties connected with his entry into Masonry, yet he could promise him, that should he aspire to occupy the position which he himself held, some good hard work would confront him. Such a contingency as that he had mentioned was not impossible, and he hoped to see the day when he could congratulate him upon the attainment of the office.

Bro. Hibbs thanked them all for the enthusiastic way in which they had drunk his health. He assured them he had felt very much impressed by the ceremony through which he had passed, not having had the slightest idea that there was anything like it in Masonic ritual.

Other toasts followed, which were agreeably relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. J. G. Hewson, Dr. E. E. Jones, G. E. Mellor, Chas. Griffiths and Edward Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

Besides those mentioned above, there were present:—Bros. Wm. Jones S.D., Robert Adhead J.D., George H. Scott I.G., J. C. Brown Treasurer, J. M. Frost Secretary, J. Chadderton Std., Samuel Andrew, Walter Taylor, J. T. Moorhouse, W. H. Wagstaff, H. B. Gleave. Visitors:—Bros. Ernest Hampson S.W. 1166, E. Southern 1219, Henry Bently 1009, and others.

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LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 581.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Preceptor.

In previous years an adjournment has taken place in May, and continued until September, but this year only two months are devoted to holidays, and as the experiment of adding the meetings of another month has met with a fair measure of success, it is likely that such experiment may be repeated.

Bro. Robt. Lingard accepted the position of W.M. the other Officers being as follow: Bro. J. J. Dean S.W., H. G. Jackson J.W., Geo. T. Lenard Treas. S.D., Chas. Sice J.D., Hough I.G. There were also present:—Bros. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. Secy., G. R. Berry, Allan Phillips, Ed. Roberts P.M., E. Nickson, F. S. Johnson, Fletcher, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Jonathan Whittaker and Edward Whittaker 815.

A candidate having been provided in the person of Bro. Berry, the principal chair was then assumed by Bro. Lenard, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. He also presented and explained the Working Tools, and delivered the Traditional History in his usual quiet but forcible manner.

The Lodge now stands adjourned until Thursday, 13th Sept., with six ballots already in prospect.

DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

AT the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, Brother John Bellingham was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren.

Bro. J. Bellingham was presented for installation by Bros. W. H. Veevers P.M. and A. Pedersen P.M. the Installing Masters being Bros. J. Phelan P.M. and E. R. Latham P.M. G.R., who subsequently received the thanks of the Brethren for the able manner in which they performed their duties. The Officers were invested.

Before the business of the Lodge was concluded, the I.P.M. Bro. Smart was presented with a costly jewel in recognition of his services. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Casey had provided an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done. As a mark of the high esteem in which Bro. Smart was held, the Brethren of the Lodge subscribed for a presentation to Mrs. Smart, consisting of a pair of valuable bronze figures, which were presented to Bro. Smart on behalf of his wife. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and an excellent programme rendered.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 673.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where there was a gathering of nearly a hundred Brethren. Bro. William R. Roberts was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. T. Roberts P.M. D.C., and the Officers were invested.

In the course of the proceedings Bro. John Wylie, the retiring Master, was presented with a valuable jewel as a mark of the respect in which he is held.

An excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. J. Casey, and, under the direction of Bro. Hudson, a musical programme was gone through.

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DERBY LODGE, No. 724.

BRO. ARTHUR S. HEATH was installed as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge in the presence of about a hundred Brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the 27th ult.

He was presented for installation by Bros. G. Beeken P.M. P.A.G.S. and J. Comins P.M., and the ceremony was ably conducted by the retiring W.M. Bro. T. P. Hodgson.

The retiring Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and at the banquet with a splendid Past Master's apron, collar and jewel attached, and also with a pendant from the members he had initiated during his year of office.

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BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

THE thirty-fifth Anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Belper, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. Maurice Hunter was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Brothers J. Hunter, W. Glossop and E. J. H. Hoskyns.

Mr. Reason provided the banquet, and the musical part of the ceremony was contributed to by Bros. W. W. Windle, J. T. Lee, J. Diamond and J. Dawes.

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ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE LODGE, No. 839.

IN consequence of the Annual festival and Installation having been postponed, a Lodge of Emergency was held at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday, 12th ult., to instal Bro. James Bruton P.M. P.S.G.W. as Worshipful Master. There was a large and distinguished gathering of Brethren of the Royal Gloucestershire and other Lodges of the Province.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Cotesworth Hill, the retiring Master.

After the Lodge the Brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet which was succeeded by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and an excellent programme of music.

Bro. James Bruton is to be congratulated upon occupying the Master's chair for the third time.

Miss Grimstead was highly complimented upon the complete and highly satisfactory manner in which the banquet was served, reflecting the greatest credit upon her managerial abilities.

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ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 850.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on the 25th ult. (the festival of St. John the Baptist), at Ashborne.

Bro. R. Beardmore was installed W.M. by Bro. W. H. Tutt P.P.G.O., Bro. Percy Wallis acting as Dir. of Cere.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by the host.

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ST. AUBYN LODGE, No. 954.

ON the 26th ult., at Devonport, Bro. F. C. Huxham was installed W.M. by Bro. Staff-Commander J. R. W. Quinn, Commander of H.M.S. Hecate, and he subsequently appointed the Officers.

In the evening the annual banquet was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth.

Bro. H. S. Worth S.W., in giving the health of the W.M., said he felt sure he would, under the guidance and instruction of the Past Masters, be able to maintain the honour and reputation of the Lodge.

Bro. W. Harris Treasurer mentioned that during the last year

they had initiated fifteen persons and admitted three joining members. They had expended £160 in the re-decoration of the rooms, and after that they had a balance of £29.

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SUN AND SECTOR LODGE, No. 962.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 20th ult., the annual Installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland Square, Workington. There was a large attendance of Brethren from various parts of the county.

Bro. Purser W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers. Bro. John Paterson P.M. P.P.J.W. duly installed Bro. Alderman James Fletcher S.W., and the Officers were invested.

The usual banquet was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, excellently served by the hostess, Mrs. Holliday. The Worshipful Master presided. Heartly congratulations were received from the various Lodges in Cumberland.

At the conclusion of the business connected with the Lodge there was a presentation, Bro. Purser being presented with a magnificent Past Master's jewel on the completion of his year of office. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE celebration of the 28th Anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Boroughgate, Otley, on the 15th ult. There was a good number of members, besides a numerous list of visiting Brethren.

The installation of Bro. Walter Strain as Worshipful Master was performed by Bro. W. Laycock P.M. P.P.G. St. B., assisted by Bro. W. H. Dawson and Bro. T. Houlding. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his Officers.

Later on the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, the banquet being partaken of at the Royal White Horse Hotel.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

THE annual installation took place on the 25th ult., at Ilfracombe, when Bro. Duncan Guilding was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. S. Jones P.P.J.G.W. of Exeter. After the ceremony the Officers were appointed.

The installation banquet was afterwards held at the Ilfracombe Hotel, when a large number of Brethren were present from Barnstaple and Bideford.

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ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Battle, on Thursday 21st ult., the W.M. Bro. T. W. Avis presiding over a very large attendance, which comprised Visiting Brethren from the Provinces of Sussex, Kent, Surrey, and Middlesex, to welcome the incoming W.M. Bro. Frederic Wm. Hotham.

The ceremony of Installation was very ably performed by Bro. Avis, assisted by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.G. Chaplain (England), and Bro. William Lambourn P.M. P.P.G.P. The Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Deputy, Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., sent congratulations and apologies for their inability to attend, but the Officers of the Province were well represented by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. V. P. Freeman P.G.D.), the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. R. W. Loosemore, M.A., P.M. 1184), and the P.G.S. Bearer (Bro. W. T. Jordan P.M. 1184), besides several Past Provincial Officers.

The meeting was followed by a banquet at the Star Hotel, which well sustained the good reputation of the house. Bro. Hotham W.M. took the chair, and over forty sat down. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Baker Guy, and included several pieces rendered in a most effective manner by Miss Louie Love, of Hastings.

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MARWOOD LODGE, No. 1244.

ON the 3rd inst., the annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Redcar, when Bro. Joseph J. Jones was installed W.M. There were several Brethren present from the Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Saltburn Lodges.

The ceremony was performed by Lieut-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. Eng. Deputy Provincial Grand Master N. and E. Yorks. The Officers were afterwards appointed.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Coatham Hotel, when the W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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DUNDAS LODGE, No. 1255.

THE Annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on the 18th ult., to instal Brother Dr. Edward G. Dutton S.W. as W.M. for the year ensuing. Brother Dutton being a very popular Mason there was a large attendance of Brethren.

In the evening the Brethren adjourned to the refectory of the club for the annual banquet, Bro. S. Harvey, the Steward of the club, serving up a sumptuous repast.

Bro. S. B. Harvey P.M. and Secretary P.P.G.S.D. submitted in cordial terms the health of the W.M. He had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Dr. Dutton for initiation in that Lodge, and for a young Mason to rise and be unanimously elected W.M. in just over four years was a thing to be proud of. Whilst they honoured Bro. Dr. Dutton in electing him to the highest position the

members could confer on any Brother, Bro. Dutton was conferring honour on the Lodge by accepting the position. He trusted Dr. Dutton would be able to introduce many eligible candidates to the Lodge, and that he would leave the chair with the Lodge in a most prosperous condition.

The W.M., who was loudly cheered on rising, said he felt he had reached an extremely honourable position, of which any young Mason might well be proud. He had endeavoured, sometimes at personal sacrifice, to be a regular attendant at the Lodge, and to carry out the duties of the respective chairs to which he had been appointed, and he hoped during the coming year to occupy the chair at every meeting. He regretted that he had not joined Masonry many years ago, for he felt sure that when travelling abroad it would have proved invaluable and of incalculable benefit to him in more ways than one.

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KENLIS LODGE, No. 1267.

ON the 12th ult., the installation of Bro. Isaac Anderson Parker took place at the Lodge-room, Egremont. Brother W. Irving W.M. being in the chair.

After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been transacted, Brother I. A. Parker was installed, and afterwards invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Inn, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, in turn followed by the usual toasts.

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FERMOR LODGE, No. 1313.

THE installation of Bro. S. J. Fane as W.M. of this Lodge, at Southport, was performed by Bro. J. F. Roberts P.P.A.G.D.C. on the 28th ult.

In the evening a banquet was served in the Masonic Hall, Eastbank Street, and the customary toasts were musically honoured.

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LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

THE Installation meeting took place on the 5th, at the Corn Exchange, Romford. There was a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, among those present being Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. England Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. C. Wood, A.R.C.O., was passed to the second degree by Bro. H. R. Heasman P.M. P.P.G.J.D. acting for the W.M. Bro. G. W. King who afterwards installed his successor, Bro. W. D. Child, in a most able manner.

The new Officers included Bros. Armour S.W., Hammond J.W., White Treas., Heasman Sec., Spencer S.D., Boreham J.D., Paul I.G., Bailey D.C., Stratford and Smith Stwds., Edwards Org.

The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the Golden Lion, to a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., and excellently served by Bro. P. Reynolds.

Bro. Ralling, replying to the toast of the Grand Officers present and past, said he was always glad to come to the Liberty of Havering Lodge, not only for the cordial welcome extended to him, but also because its members set such a good example in Masonry, and particularly in regard to matters of Charity.

During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. G. W. King, and a handsomely illuminated testimonial, surrounded by cabinet photographs of all the Officers during his year of office, and enclosed in a massive frame, was presented to Bro. H. T. Hardy P.M. in recognition of his services.

This being the twenty-first Anniversary of the Lodge, the sum of ten guineas was collected in the room, to be devoted to one of the Masonic Charities.

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CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE 105th meeting was held at the Bull Hotel, Chislehurst, on the 30th ult.

Letters were received from the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Earl Amherst, and Bro. James Smith Eastes D.P.G.M. of Kent, regretting their inability to be present. The heavy work of the Lodge was very ably carried out by the W.M., and he was congratulated on all hands for the impressive way in which the ceremony of Installation was performed.

Bro. Thomas Smith gave ample proof of the wisdom of the Brethren in electing so able a Master for the ensuing twelve months, the way in which he appointed and invested his Officers leaving nothing to be desired, and auguring well for the work to be performed in the future.

An elaborate banquet had been prepared for the Brethren and their guests at the Village Hall, under the able management of Brother George Whomes, of the Bull Hotel, and gave general satisfaction.

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CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 2nd inst., primarily to pass Bro. Major W. Compton Hall to the degree of F.C., and to raise Bro. Captain Oscar Samson to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, but as the latter Brother did not put in an appearance, the ceremony of passing only was performed.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. Major John Heap I.P.M., and Bro. Hall having answered the usual interrogatories, the Lodge was advanced, and he was duly passed by Bro. Colonel John Eaton P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer in a masterly manner.

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PIC-NIC TO ALDERLEY.

LAST year we gave particulars of a pic-nic, promoted by Bro. J. Townley Trotter, Brazenose Street, Manchester (Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459), in connection with the Richmond Building and other Societies. It was the first venture in this direction, and was so successful that Bro. Trotter repeated the experiment on Saturday afternoon. Members of his own office staff, comprising himself, Bro. Geo. W. Davies, Ed. Matley, F. Fairclough, F. Lowe, E. Witney, and J. H. Riley, accompanied by representatives of the various companies with which Bro. Trotter is identified, proceeded to Alderley, where they took up their quarters at the Royal Oak. The Richmond Building Society was represented by Messrs. W. H. Allen (Chairman), W. F. Gibson, Charles Gibbons (Managing Clerk), L. H. Symons (Solicitor), and Brother J. T. Ward; the Provincial Trust Co., Limtd., by Messrs. J. S. Morley and A. Brotherton; and the South Lancashire Loan, Discount and Investment Co., Limtd., by Mr. A. Gordon (General Manager, Liverpool).

The major portion of the afternoon was devoted to rambles amidst the varied scenery of the "Edge," and to numerous games, whilst the penultimate hour was spent in the very easy effort to do ample justice to an excellent tea provided by the landlady. This was followed by a few speeches, principally directed towards the host of the day, and mostly of a congratulatory character, to which Brother Trotter fittingly replied, the whole being relieved by singing, &c.

We must not forget to mention that Mr. Lowe, who had taken with him his camera, produced several excellent amateur photographic groups.

EMULATION CHAPTER, No. 40.

THE annual convocation was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on the 18th ult., when Comp. W. T. Jordan M.E.Z. presided over a very good attendance of members and visitors. Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of Comp. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph Grand Superintendent of the Province, and of Comp. V. P. Freeman Prov. G.S.E.

The chief business was the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. C. E. Botley was installed as M.E.Z., William Carless as H., and George H. Gaze as J.

We have here an item which will be interesting to the Masonic Brethren of the district. In conjunction with the Province of Cheshire an important meeting of the Committee of Benevolence has been held at Crewe, when a resolution was carried affirming the desirability of vesting the administration of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution and the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution in the aforesaid Committee of Benevolence, but so as in nowise to interfere with the rights or privileges of the Vice Presidents, Governors for Life, &c. After the business, Bro. Salmon A.G.D.C. England, was presented with an address in album form and his clothing.—"Stalybridge Reporter"

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 255 Harmony, Richmond, Surrey
- 720 Panmure, Balham
- 61 Probity, Halifax
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 89 Unanimity, Duckinfield, Cheshire
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham, Devon
- 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
- 302 Hope, Bradford
- 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace and Harmony, Southampton
- 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
- 388 Prudence, Halesworth
- 408 Three Graces, Haworth
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 433 Hope, Brightlingsea
- 467 Tudor, Oldham
- 699 Boscawen, Chacewater
- 840 Scientific, Wolverton
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 986 Hesketh, Croston, near Preston
- 1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1271 Friendship and Unity, Brad.-on-Avon
- 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
- 1286 Bayon, Lincoln
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
- 1542 Legiolium, Castleford
- 1564 St. John, Woking
- 1600 Hamilton, Alford
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1973 Saye and Sele, Belvedere
- 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
- 2074 St. Clair, Landport
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield

Tuesday.

- 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel
- 704 Camden, Anderton's
- 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
- 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
- 2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 448 St. James, Halifax
- 484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
- 667 Alliance, Liverpool
- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
- 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
- 1066 Tregulow, St. Day
- 1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
- 1214 Scarborough, Batley
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1266 Honour and Friendship, Blandford

- 1424 Brownrigg Unity, Old Brompton
- 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
- 1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley

Wednesday.

- 619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
- 700 Nelson, Plumstead
- 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
- 2140 Huguenot, Criterion, Piccadilly
- 32 St. George of Harmony, Liverpool
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
- 128 Prince Edwin, Bury
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
- 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
- 311 South Saxon, Lewes
- 325 St. John, Salford
- 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
- 372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
- 376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
- 387 Airedale, Shipley
- 504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
- 533 Eaton, Congleton
- 555 Fidelity, Framlingham
- 591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
- 610 Colston, Bristol
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
- 726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
- 750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
- 795 St. John, Maidenhead
- 823 Everton, Liverpool
- 865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
- 962 Sun and Sector, Workington
- 1024 St. Peter, Maldon
- 1040 Sykes, Driffield
- 1086 Walton, Kirkdale
- 1129 St. Chad, Rcchdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
- 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
- 1544 Mount-Edgecumbe, Camborne
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1638 Brownrigg, Kingston-on-Thames
- 1645 Colne Valley, Slithwaithe
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough
- 2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse
- 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne

Thursday.

- 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
- 1227 Upton, Three Nuns
- 1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel
- 1321 Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel
- 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons-hall

- 57 Humber, Hull
- 98 St. Martin, Burslem
- 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
- 215 Commerce, Haslingden
- 230 Fidelity, Devonport
- 245 Mechanics, Jersey
- 267 Unity, Macclesfield
- 286 Samaritan, Bacup
- 324 Moira, Stalybridge
- 343 Concord, Preston
- 345 Perseverance, Blackburn
- 367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale
- 450 Cornubian, Hayle
- 456 Foresters, Uttroter
- 469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
- 472 Friendship and Sincerity, Shaftesbury
- 600 Harmony, Bradford
- 625 Devonshire, Glossop
- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
- 758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
- 802 Repose, Derby
- 940 Philanthropy, Stockton
- 971 Trafalgar, Batley
- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
- 1037 Portland, Portland
- 1042 Excelsior, Leeds
- 1184 Abbey, Battle
- 1247 St. John, Plymouth
- 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
- 1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
- 1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon.
- 1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
- 1776 Landport, Landport
- 2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
- 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
- 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
- 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
- 2352 Universities, Durham
- 2374 William Shurmur, Chingford
- 2390 Exmoor, Minehead
- 2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury

Friday.

- 1591 Studholme, Café Royal
- 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
- 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
- 1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
- 1103 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
- 1311 Zetland, Leeds
- 2005 Brooke, Chingford
- 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe

Saturday.

- 1329 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 2308 Viator, Anderton's
- 811 Yarborough, Brighton
- 1326 Lebanon, Feltham
- 1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
- 1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
- 2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
- 2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plumstead
- 2228 Dene, Cookham Dene
- 2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court
- 2437 Downshire, Wokingham
- 2458 Eton, Eton