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THE INSTITUTIONS.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE October Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this School was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire and Treasurer of the Institution was voted to the chair. Besides the election of Girls for admission to the school, the business was only formal, but Bro. Sir John Monckton, after the minutes had been read, which contained a recommendation of an alteration, stated that one variation was considered desirable by the Committee in order that the present rule which was advised for change might not press hardly upon music pupils who were practising for a higher class. The rule had hitherto been that the fee for music should be two guineas. It was now proposed that it should be reduced to £1. Afterwards Sir John Monckton announced that the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall had consented to preside at the next festival of the Institution in May 1895, and he was sure that his lordship, who was so well supported when he took the chair at the Jubilee festival of the Benevolent Institution would be well supported in 1895 on behalf of the Girls School, not only by his West County Brethren, but by the members of all the other Provinces. The Brethren then elected twenty-one Girls into the Institution out of a list of forty-two candidates. We give the results in other columns.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE regular Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Masonic Institution for Boys was held yesterday at Freemasons' Tavern. Brother Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron and Trustee Chairman of the Board of Management was voted to the chair; and there were also present Brothers George Everett, James Willing jun., J. E. Le Feuvre, Worshipful Masters J. W. Burgess, W. A. Scurrah, C. E. Keyser, Harry Bevir, A. C. Spaul, G. Ward Verry, W. G. Kentish, Henry Green, H. Smith, J. Wordsworth, James Brett, James Terry, besides many other Brethren who take an interest in the work.

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, in moving that an additional vacancy be declared, to fill the place of the boy Robert Arnold Rogers, discharged at the request of his parent before the expiration of his term, said the facts were similar to those under which an extra vacancy was declared in the Girls School on Thursday, and were equally satisfactory. The parent was emigrating, and wished to take the boy as well.

Bro. George Everett P.G.T. seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Management, moved the motion standing in his name, that in consideration of the eminent services rendered by Bro. W. Fentiman Smithson P.G.D. Vice-President of the Institution, and in recognition of his exertions in assisting to bring about so good a result from the Province of West Yorkshire at the recent Festival, the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron be conferred upon him, under Law 15. In doing so he

said Bro. Smithson was one who had rendered great services to the Institution for many years past. He had been most diligent on the Board of Management, where he had brought to the discharge of his duties a great amount of valuable information which had saved other members much trouble. Occupying a prominent position in West Yorkshire he was untiring in his exertions when his Provincial Grand Master Bro. Jackson presided at the last festival of this Institution to make the occasion pass off with éclat. The festival was most successful in its results to the Institution. He did not know any one who had worked harder than Bro. Smithson in securing the result. In recognition of what he then did and of his previous services the Board of Management and the Council had deputed him (Bro. Richard Eve) to move the present proposition, which by Law 15 of the Institution the meeting now assembled had full power to adopt.

Bro. H. Bevir Prov. G.S. Wilts. seconded the motion. Having had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Smithson some years he was sure nothing could have better rewarded that Brother for his labours on behalf of the recent festival than the great success of that festival. Brother Smithson would gladly accept this recognition of his services. The very great assistance he had rendered to the Board of Management and the Council by his valuable suggestions, had resulted in saving the Institution much money, and enabled the Board to do many things which otherwise they could not have carried out. Brother Smithson had been unsparing in his time, and worked very hard not only from the beginning to the end of the year, but for several years had been most ready to do all he could for this and other Institutions in Masonry.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Smithson was not present to acknowledge the compliment. He will not do so until the vote is confirmed at next Court.

The half yearly election of pupils into the School was then proceeded with. Results are given elsewhere.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

TO the many thoughtful acts of the Mayor during his year of office an entertainment to the Brethren and Sisters of the Royal Masonic Institution has to be added, says the "Croydon Guardian." This took place on Wednesday of last week, the large Committee room being arranged for the purpose. At five o'clock, after a reception by his Worship, the company sat down to "a high tea," and that concluded, the room, which had been decorated with plants, was re-arranged for an entertainment, by the Field-Fisher Quartette.

During a brief interval refreshments were handed round, and at the conclusion of the entertainment a vote of thanks to the Mayor was proposed by a member of the House Committee, and seconded in a very cordial manner by one of the residents. His Worship expressed the delight it had afforded him in being able to contribute in any way to their enjoyment, and he could assure them that among the many duties and functions associated with his year of office, nothing had given him more pleasure than in meeting the Brethren and Sisters that evening.

CONSECRATION: LANCASTRIAN, No. 2528.

IT is not often a new Lodge starts under such favourable auspices as those which are associated with this latest addition to the English Craft, which has for its first Master one of the most popular and best beloved Masons of the day, in the person of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England. In addition to this the new Lodge—which, from its title, will be at once recognised as a “class” body—has one of the strongest and most prolific fields from which to draw its material that ever fell to the lot of such an organisation, and we shall be very much surprised if the favourable opinions formed at its consecration are not fully realised, even if in the fullness of time it is not found they are exceeded.

Viewed in connection with this Consecration London may be said to occupy as peculiar a position in Freemasonry as it does in trade and many other features of the nation. It has characteristics entirely its own, and, in Freemasonry at least, its powers are best appreciated when we consider the possibility of starting such a Lodge as this—restricted to Lancashire men in London—and hear the Pro Grand Master express the opinion that there is room for such a Lodge in the metropolis associated with each and every county of England. Although London is so huge in comparison with any other centre of industry it would be very difficult to start a Lodge in any part of the Provinces limited to London men. This may be accounted for when we remember that workers are attracted from all parts to the capital, and although they readily adapt themselves to the new life here they do not lose their individuality or sever the ties of home, which always remain strong in their breast; much more so than is the case with the ordinary Londoner who leaves the great city for some other part of the country.

These are the considerations that seem to promise success for this new Lodge, which was consecrated on Wednesday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, those who signed the Attendance Book being as follows:

CONSECRATING OFFICERS: E. Letchworth Grand Secretary as Consecrating Master, Lord Skelmersdale J.G.W. as S.W., John W. Maclure, M.P., P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., Major-General F. Gadsden G.S.B. as I.G.

GRAND OFFICERS: Joseph C. Dimsdale Grand Treasurer, J. Terry P.G.S.B., T. C. Walls Grand Standard B. John Chadwick P.G.Sw.B. Prov. Gr.Sec. East Lancashire, W. Stevenson Hoyte Grand Organist, Eugene Monteuis P.G.Sw.B., J. H. Sillitoe P.G.St.B. P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, W. Goodacre P.G.Sw.B. Prov. G.Sec. West Lancashire, George Everett P.G.Treas., Robert Wylie P.G.D., H. Sadler Grand Tyler.

FOUNDERS:—The Earl of Lathom Pro G.M., James J. Marsh, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., E. E. Life, T. H. Openshaw, M.S., F.R.C.S., R. J. Railton, Edward Bartlett, William H. Booth, Robert Maguire, M.D., F.R.C.P., Thomas Evans.

VISITORS: V. A. Waterburg P.M. 1476, F. Peck 2272, D. F. Tyrill 1365, G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G. Reg., W. M. Lee W.M. 1897, W. J. H. Whittall 8, J. N. Hearn W.M. 1381, George May 2000, Charles Chiley 2005, Arthur Sprugnell 2264, J. W. Burgess P.M. 1325 P.P.S.G.D. West Lanc., F. J. Hubbard P.M. 1032 P.S.G.D. West Lanc., T. S. Raffles P.M. 2339 P.P.G.C., W. S. Skelding, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1923, Alex. Stoddart P.M. 32 P.P.S.W., Thos. Bail W.M. 1463 P.P.G.P., John Bolton P.M. 560 P.G.P. W. Lanc., R. Walker P.M. 580 P.P.G.D. W. Lanc., Major Heap P.M. P.P.S.D., E. P. Mathers 1937, A. LeGrand P.M. 766, F. A. Guimaraens P.M. 416 P.P.S.G. W. Surrey, P. G. C. Shaw S.W. 106, W. J. Stride P.M. 176 2095, R. Schreiber W.M. 2150, A. W. Oxford P.M. 4 P.G.S., J. Farrington Downer P.P.G.C. Herts., Edward Mojon 1017, H. E. Peck 1381, J. H. C. Dalton 2181, E. Colwell 1381, W. D. Nott 1876, A. D. Waller (S.C.), A. Findlater S.D. 134, A. E. Sansome P.M. 2033 P.G.W. Middlesex, J. A. Hosker 2158, Joseph Bladon 1839, G. Millsom P.M. 2262 P.G.D.C. Bucks., James Kift 1791, Cuthbert R. Lee W.M. 2128, John Loche D.D.G.M. Barbadoes, J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbys., W. T. Perkins P.M. 1928, F. L. Gower 2095, J. Laurence, Thos. Brown 1597 P.G.J.D. Middlesex, H. M. D. Phillpotts I.G. 1584, Alfred Eade 1580 P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts., W. M. Duckworth P.M. and Treas. 1928, W. Hackin 1381, J. Stephens P.M. 1425 P.G.D. Bucks., &c., W. W. Morgan 177, and others.

The Grand Secretary in his opening address wished the Lodge every success, and stated its worthy object was to keep up the friendly relations of Lancastrians who had left their native county to abide in London. The usual ceremony of Consecration was observed, the whole being conducted with such regularity and precision as only the well known Brethren who had the management of affairs could have achieved. The musical part

of the programme was particularly fine and, indeed, the whole work of the day was carried out in a manner that has seldom, if ever, been equalled.

The Earl of Lathom having been installed Master, invested Brother W. E. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.S.G.W. West Lanc. as acting Past Master, and conferred the remaining collars on the following: Bros. Marsh S.W., Life J.W., Openshaw Treas., James Livesey (by proxy) Sec., Peter Horrocks, M.D., F.R.C.P., P.M. (by proxy) D.C., Railton S.D., Bartlett J.D., Booth I.G., Maguire Org., T. Evans, J. Lawrence and John Haynes P.M. Stewards.

Lord Lathom took the opportunity of investing Bro. F. J. Hubbard as Provincial Senior Grand Warden of West Lancashire, that Brother having been unable to attend the usual Installation meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and then proceeded to close the business meeting of the day.

After the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of an especially choice character, the service being all that could be desired, albeit perhaps a trifle slow; but that was a small fault, probably more appreciated than objected to by the majority of those present. Altogether the arrangements made by the management of the Frascati tended in no small degree to complete the success of the day, and we hope they will meet their reward by the increased popularity the Lodge should give their establishment among Lancashire men.

At the conclusion of the dinner grace was sung, and then Lord Lathom proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft as he invariably did, said his lordship, without comment.

The Chairman now submitted the toast of the Grand Master. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was drunk in hundreds of places every day. In those hundreds how many were Masonic gatherings? He ventured to say a very large number, and he also ventured to think the Prince was more respected among the Freemasons of England than among any other class. The Grand Master took a keen interest in the Craft, and continually desired to be informed as to its progress. Whenever he was consulted in regard to any matter he was always found ready to give his heartiest consideration to it.

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg was entrusted with the next toast, that of the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire and Worshipful Master of the Lancastrian Lodge. Wherever in the broad empire of England that Freemasons met there was the name of the Pro Grand Master sure of a hearty welcome. Wherever Lancashire men met—whether Freemasons or not—the name of Lord Lathom was honoured. So much for the past, now let him speak of the future; so long as that Lodge met the name of Lord Lathom would be honoured as its first Master, and as such he had much pleasure in submitting his health on the present occasion.

The Earl of Lathom replied, thanking his Bro. Brownrigg and the others present for the honour of their triple toast. It was not often a man appeared in three parts in one play, but he had to return thanks on the present occasion as Pro Grand Master, as a Provincial Grand Master, and as Worshipful Master of the Lancastrian Lodge. When the idea of a Lancashire Lodge was first mooted to him he thought the Brethren found him ready to accept it at once. It was not exactly an original idea, as there were other county Lodges in London, but he thought it a most excellent one. Many men migrated from their home county to the great metropolis and it was a happy idea to provide a Lodge for them where they would be associated together with home ties. Lancashire men would always be welcomed in their Lodge, either if they desired to join it or if they attended as guests, and he considered the idea under which the Lodge was started was an example that should be followed by every county in England. Not only was the Lodge likely to be of service to Lancashire men in London but he hoped it would still further cement the good feeling existing between the two divisions of Lancashire Freemasonry, and help to increase the good work of the Craft in London. He could dilate at considerable length on the great increases in the Order during recent years, but a single instance

would suffice to show its growth. At the time of his Installation as Master of West Lancashire the Lodges of that Province numbered 72, there were now 110. He was no advocate of an increase of Lodges unless there was very good reason for it, indeed, he thought it a great mistake that a new Lodge should be started without good cause, but he did think new Lodges should be established when, as was recently the case in his own district, the membership of an old Lodge had risen to upwards of two hundred. That was a time when they should swarm off, but as to creating new Lodges merely to give opportunity for office honours he thought was a great mistake. He was always ready to welcome a new Lodge if he thought there was any need for it, and that it would do good to the Order.

Bro. Marsh the Senior Warden of the Lodge was entrusted with the succeeding toast, that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. On behalf of the Founders of the Lodge he begged to thank the Grand Officers for their presence that day. The success of the Consecration had been materially advanced by their presence. The Grand Officers generally, and particularly those before him, were so well known as to need no comment from him in submitting the toast in their honour.

Lord Skelmersdale responded. He rose with feelings of great pleasure to reply, pleasure because he had been allowed to be present and assist in a small way in the institution of that Lodge, which he ventured to think would mark an epoch in the history of Lancashire Masonry in London. The meeting of Lancashire Masons that day could not, he felt, be equalled by any other Province. He should have much liked to have seen the Deputy Grand Master of England present, but the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe was not able to attend, although they had his good wishes. He hoped the first Master of the Lancastrian Lodge would not be the last of the Grand Officers the Lodge would furnish.

The toast of the Consecrating Officer was next submitted from the chair. Lord Lathom, in introducing it, said he was proud of giving a toast that he was sure would be received with acclamation—that of the Consecrating Officer, and those who had assisted him. It had been his good fortune to be present on many occasions at Consecration and Installation meetings, but he had never seen the work better performed than had been the case that day. Not only had Bro. Letchworth excelled in the principal duties, but he had been most ably supported by those who had filled the assistant Offices, and he begged to offer the Brethren who had taken the chief part in Consecrating the Lodge the compliment of Honorary Membership. As a matter of form he put this to the vote of the Members but he knew it was only necessary to mention it to secure its ready adoption. To his mind it made a wonderful difference whether a ceremony was well performed, or ill performed, but there could be no question as to the splendid display of that day. If anything could keep up the Order and maintain it in its present high position it was that its ceremonies should be impressively performed, such working, in fact, as they had witnessed in connection with the Consecration of the Lancastrian Lodge. In conclusion he desired to thank the Consecrating Officers, with all Fraternal heartiness, for the way in which they had come forward and performed the ceremony.

Bro. Letchworth replied. He rose at once to acknowledge the high compliment paid him in associating his name with the toast, and on behalf of those distinguished Brethren who had assisted him in the Consecration of the Lodge desired to thank the members for their hearty out-burst of approval. It had been his gratification to undertake the ceremony of Consecration on many occasions, but he might truly say that never before had he done so with greater pleasure. He hoped their connection with the Lodge might be a long and lasting one, and he begged, on his own behalf, and on behalf of those who had that day assisted him, to wish the Lodge every success and prosperity.

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., gave the next toast. In proposing the toast which he had the honour to submit he must address himself to the Members of the Lodge alone, and in doing so he invited them to drink cordially to the health of those visitors who had honoured them by attending the meeting that day. He felt what

no doubt they all felt, that they who had put their names to the petition as Founders of the Lodge had undertaken a great responsibility. They hoped their Lodge would promote those good features which were associated with all Lodges, and they also hoped it would promote good fellowship among the Lancashire men who had made their home in London. Without claiming too much he might say that Lancashire men were proverbial as having both capacity and determination, and with those characteristics they should be able to secure for their new Lodge all they desired. He knew he could rely on the Founders endeavouring to make the Lodge a success. They had among them as Visitors many distinguished Masons who proved by their presence that they were desirous of showing appreciation of the efforts that were being made. He would first couple with the toast a honoured Brother, one whose name was really as familiar as a household word in the Craft—Sir Joseph Dimsdale the Grand Treasurer of England. In mentioning his name he might refer to the desire that existed among country Brethren that the office of Grand Treasurer should not be monopolised by London Masons, and this feeling was rife on the last occasion; but when it was known that Sir Joseph Dimsdale was put forward, many felt justified in setting aside the principle he had referred to, and unite in supporting one so capable of filling the office, although he was a Londoner following another representative of metropolitan Freemasonry. Bro. Dimsdale's return had proved his popularity, for he was elected by the largest number of votes ever recorded for a Grand Treasurer. He likewise had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Dr. Sansome, a Past Master of No. 2033, and Senior Warden of Middlesex.

Bro. Dimsdale considered it a very great honour to respond on behalf of the Visitors to the hearty welcome accorded them that evening. They had been very much impressed by the religious ceremony of the day. He wished, on behalf of the Visitors, to express the heartfelt prayer that the Lodge might be blessed with every good that could be desired for its future. The guests of the Lodge would carry away pleasing recollections.

Bro. Dr. Sansome experienced a feeling of diffidence in having to respond for so many distinguished Visitors, but was it not his function every day to answer for the Visitors? and was it not done with the truest feeling? The Lodge had that day given them good wholesome physic, and he hoped they might all enjoy the tonic they had had in the feast of reason and the flow of soul provided. He thanked the new Lodge for the lessons it had provided, and which must have a lasting benefit, for functions such as that day's taught them to be better men—taught them to do their work, whatever that might be, to the best of their ability.

Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P., claimed he had a toast to propose that was sure of a hearty welcome in that assembly. He well remembered the Worshipful Master's uncle saying he was prouder of being a Lancashire man than of being an Englishman, and when it was remembered that Lancashire men, and more particularly Lancashire Masons, had always been noted for their practice of the great Masonic virtue of Charity there was no question of a hearty reception of the toast of the Masonic Charities. In their support of the Institutions Lancashire was equal to any other division of Masonry, even London. He had often had the pleasure of addressing Lodges on this subject, but could not say all he should like to do on the present occasion, as he must follow the example of the other speakers and make his remarks short. The Masonic Charities were not like some, which could hardly be mentioned because of their extravagance. Among those present was Bro. Frank Richardson, whose whole being appeared to be wrapped up in the Girls School; Bro. McLeod, who had contributed so much towards securing the recent wonderful returns and results of the Boys School; and Bro. Terry, the tried advocate and friend of the Benevolent Institution. He hoped the Lancastrian Lodge would make itself Vice-President of the three Institutions during the reign of its first Master—that would require a certain amount of denial on the part of the members, but it was possible, as had been proved in other cases.

Bro. Terry made a brilliant reply, and was followed by Bro. McLeod, after whom came the Tyler, with his closing toast.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge was held last week at Kendal, and was numerously attended, the primary object of the great gathering being the Installation of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck as Provincial Grand Master in the place of his late respected father-in-law, the Earl of Bective. The Kendal officials gave a very hospitable reception to their visitors, Bro. J. H. Braithwaite being Director of Ceremonies, whilst the Worshipful Master of the Union Lodge Dr. Leeming superintended the general proceedings.

Lord Henry Bentinck was installed as Provincial Grand Master by Lord Lathom Pro Grand Master of England, and Col. Sewell, of Brantingill, was invested as Deputy. The proceedings were brief, concluding shortly after two o'clock, after which the Brethren attended Divine Service at the Parish Church. The weather was of the most delightful description and favourable to the gathering.

A shortened form of evening service was said, the prayers being read by the Rev. S. J. Livesey. Bro. the Rev. W. Chaplin read the lesson. The Rev. C. H. Gem Chaplain of the Solway Lodge, preached the sermon.

At the conclusion of the service the members of the Masonic body once again formed into procession, led by the Volunteer Band, and took the same route to St. George's Hall as in the earlier part of the afternoon. The streets were still thronged, and much admiration was expressed at the manner in which the festival had been carried out.

In the absence of the Brethren at church the Lodge-room had undergone a complete transformation, and the tables had been laid for the banquet, over which Lord Henry Bentinck presided. On his left was Lord Lathom, and at his right hand his Deputy Colonel Sewell.

After the usual Loyal toasts, the Chairman submitted the toast of the Prince of Wales, Lord Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the G. Officers Present and Past.

Lord Lathom, in reply, thanked them sincerely for the way they had received the comprehensive toast just proposed. It was, he said, his second visit to that Province—the first occasion being the holding of the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland at Kirkby Lonsdale. He hoped it would not be the last, and that they would be spared to meet each other again. He wished prosperity to their Grand Lodge.

He then proposed the health of the Chairman, remarking that he would not detain them by buttering his young friend. He would simply wish him, as he knew they all wished him, a long and peaceful reign over that Province. He hoped that he might have a bright and happy future, that he would always find himself in fraternal touch with those around him, and that they would all obey his rule, and help him to make the Province what it ought to be.

Lord Henry Bentinck, in reply, said that earlier in the day he stated that he was very grateful to them for the honour they had conferred upon him in selecting him as the head of the Province. He entered upon his duties with a full sense of the responsibility which it entailed. He could assure them though his powers were not very great, though he was still young in Masonry, still very ignorant, he would promise that he would do his best to promote the welfare of the Province. He concluded by proposing the health of the Deputy Colonel Sewell. From what he had heard of Colonel Sewell, the great popularity he enjoyed in this Province, he felt sure he would do what Lord Lathom had said, to promote the fraternal good feeling and kindness. He was sure they would all get on very well together, and that their Province would increase and prosper under Col. Sewell's guidance.

Colonel Sewell said he did not know that any Prov. Grand Master ever entered upon his duties under happier auspices than Lord Henry Bentinck. He would tell them why. He had served Her Majesty in the auxiliary forces, and he had found that a regiment would always tell when it had a Master. He asked them all there if they could not feel that they had a chief. He felt that feeling in the room, and he was quite sure the youngest Mason amongst them must recognise that Lord Henry Bentinck was a man who had a backbone and could make

up his mind to act, who could say what he meant fearlessly, and who would guide the Province as it should be guided and conducted.

Other toasts followed, concluding with that for "Poor and distressed Brethren."

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, under the banner of the St. Peter's Lodge.

In the unavoidable absence of Earl Ferrers P.G.M. the chair was taken by Bro. S. S. Partridge P.A.G.D.C. England the Deputy of the Province, while among the company present were several Visitors.

The usual business of the year was transacted, and in answer to a strong appeal made by a representative of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution it was resolved that the Province should support that Institution during the coming year. The Charity Steward reported that over £400 had been received for philanthropic purposes since the last annual meeting.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of the Provincial Grand Chapter, of which Comp. William Harling Sissons, J.P., D.L., is the Grand Superintendent, was held at Lincoln on Thursday of last week.

The Grand Superintendent invested the Provincial Officers as follow:—

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| Comp. J. H. Pullan | - | - | - | H. |
| Porter | - | - | - | J. |
| Vickers | - | - | - | S.E. |
| Wigelsworth | - | - | - | S.N. |
| R. H. Clemow | - | - | - | Principal Sojourner |
| C. H. Bedford | - | - | - | 1st Assistant |
| W. H. Wormal | - | - | - | 2nd Assistant |
| Alfred Kirk | - | - | - | Treasurer |
| J. L. Rayner | - | - | - | Registrar |
| J. E. Dickinson | - | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| C. Fox | - | - | - | Standard Bearer |
| R. G. Pearson | - | - | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| Gregory | - | - | - | Organist |
| Donner | - | - | - | Janitor. |

There was a large attendance of Companions from the principal towns in Lincolnshire, and a banquet was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel.

SOUTH WALES.

THE Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Wales was held at Haverfordwest, on Wednesday of last week, under the banner of the Picton Castle Lodge, No. 297.

The Provincial Grand Master Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., presided, assisted by his Deputy, the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D. There was a good attendance of Brethren from all parts of the Province.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following Brethren his Officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Bros. W. H. Richards 256 | - | - | - | Senior Warden |
| J. M. Gerhold 28 | - | - | - | Junior Warden |
| W. Phillips 297 | - | - | - | Master Overseer |
| A. T. Lewis 256 | - | - | - | Senior Overseer |
| T. P. Kerman 28 | - | - | - | Junior Overseer |
| Rev. D. H. Thomas 116 | - | - | - | Chaplain |
| N. D. Marks 28 | - | - | - | Secretary |
| John Munday 28 | - | - | - | Treasurer |
| A. L. Lewis 116 | - | - | - | Registrar |
| B. D. Jenkins 28 | - | - | - | Assistant Secretary |
| Hopkin Knill 28 | - | - | - | Senior Deacon |
| John Thomas 297 | - | - | - | Junior Deacon |
| H. J. Gregory 256 | - | - | - | Superintendent of Wks. |
| P. L. Atkinson 28 | - | - | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| Thomas R. Walters 116 | - | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| K. J. Heath 28 | - | - | - | Standard Bearer |
| J. W. Jones 28 | - | - | - | Organist |
| William Thomas 297 | - | - | - | Inner Guard |
| John Walkley 297 | - | - | - | Steward |
| Amas Jenkins 28 | - | - | - | Tyler. |

At the close of the Lodge the members adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

REASONS FOR MASONIC SECRECY.

IF the secrets of Masonry are replete with such advantages to mankind, it may be asked, why are they not divulged for the general good of society? To this may be answered, were the privileges of Masonry to be indiscriminately dispensed, the purpose of the institution would be subverted, and our secrets being familiar, like other important matters, would lose their value and sink into disregard.

It is a weakness in human nature that men are generally more charmed with novelty than with the intrinsic value of things. Innumerable testimonies might be adduced to confirm this truth. The most wonderful operations of the Divine Artificer, however beautiful, magnificent and useful, are overlooked because common and familiar. The sun rises and sets, the sea flows and reflows, rivers glide along the channels, trees and plants vegetate, men, and beasts act, yet these being perpetually open to view, pass unnoticed.

The most astonishing productions of nature on the same account escape observation and excite no emotion, either in admiration of the great cause, or of gratitude for the blessing conferred. Even virtue herself is not exempted from this unhappy bias in the human frame. Novelty influences all our actions and determinations. What is new or difficult in the acquisition, however trifling or insignificant, readily captivates the imagination and insures a temporary admiration, while what is familiar or easily attained, however noble or eminent, is sure to be disregarded by the giddy and unthinking.

Did the essence of Masonry consist in the knowledge of particular secrets or peculiar forms, it might be alleged that our amusements were trifling and superficial. But this is not the case. These are only keys to our treasure, and, having their use, are preserved; while from the recollection of the lessons which they inculcate, the well informed Mason derives instruction, draws them to a near inspection, views them through a proper medium, adverts to the circumstances which gave them rise, and dwells upon the tenets which they convey. Finding them replete with useful information, he prizes them as sacred, and, convinced of their propriety, estimates their value from their utility.—“American Masonic Register.”

A Stage Sermon at the Criterion.—It has often been said that the stage is as powerful a factor in inculcating the principles of virtue as the pulpit, but it is rarely that the mirror has been held up to poor humanity in so pitiless a fashion as is the case in Mr. Henry Arthur Jones' new play “The Case of Rebellious Susan.” The piece is called a comedy, but it contains many elements of a tragedy, and though laughter is evoked, it is not altogether of the honest hearty kind, for Mr. Jones is in his most mocking, cynical mood, and taking as his text the deceptions of married life, he pours out his scathing satires in witty epigrams on various samples of the species. If not convinced by his arguments we are amused at his methods, and it is only after thought that causes these reflections. Lady Susan Harabier has discovered her husband in an intrigue. In revenge she determines to leave him and resume her independent position, free to act as she pleases. It is somewhat difficult to understand how a lady of Susan's temperament could have married such a noodle as James Harabier is represented, but there it is. Susan goes abroad with a lady friend and at Cairo meets “her fate” in the person of Lucien Edensor, and although keenly alive to her responsibility is induced eventually to consent to an elopement. This is fortunately frustrated by Sir Richard Kato, Q.C., the lady's guardian, who having had a long experience in the Divorce Court, guesses the state of affairs and peremptorily orders the young man to New Zealand. Fifteen months elapse and we learn that Lucien, after pining for three whole weeks for his lost love, has fallen a victim to another flame, and returns Susan's love-token with a piece of wedding cake. This episode effects a cure so far as the “rebellion” is concerned and resigning herself to the inevitable she makes a truce with her husband on the understanding that by-gones are to be by-gones. A second couple are Admiral Sir Joseph and Lady Darby, who point a moral in another sense; while a third is more amusing as portrayed by an esthetic young man and a young lady with strong views as to woman's rights, who rush into matrimony with disastrous results. It is, however, on this third text that the preacher is at his best, for Sir Richard settles the matter in a fine scene in which he states that woman's position was settled in the Garden of Eden and that her rights are bounded by and should be centred in her home. We have seldom seen Mr. Charles Wyndham in a character more suited to his best style, depicting Sir Richard with a dignified demeanour but exquisite humour which alone could have made the sermon palatable. Miss Mary Moore plays Lady Susan with considerable delicacy; and Miss Gertrude Kingston is a charming widow who assists in the reconciliation. Mr. E. Little has a small chance as the foolish husband, but Mr. Ben Webster is an ardent Lucien. Mr. Fred Kerr and Miss Nina Boucicault represent the ill matched pair, with excellent results; and the boisterous Admiral and his wife find admirable exponents in Mr. Kemble and Miss F. Colman. The play is undoubtedly clever, and the audience showed its appreciation by liberal applause, calling for the author and actors at its termination.

In his 29th Annual Report Dr. Barnardo reviews the work of his well-known Homes for the twelve months ending 31st December last. He has a splendid story to tell, for his Institutions now cover a very wide range of effort. Many of the totals supplied are really amazing in their magnitude. For instance, it appears that nearly 5,000 children are now under the care of the Homes; that 23,711 Waif Children have been rescued, trained, and placed out in life in

the bygone twenty-eight years; that 13,418 children were dealt with in the course of the single year 1893; that very nearly seven boys and girls were on the average admitted every twenty-four hours; and that 6,571 trained emigrants had been sent out to the colonies from the beginning of the Homes to December 1893. Free lodgings have been given to the most destitute by tens of thousands, and free meals by the hundred thousand; while religious services, and temperance, social, and educational meetings held at the various mission centres have had over a million of registered attendances in twelve months. A detailed account is given of each of the fifty-one branches which are now comprised in the Homes, and a series of most interesting case-histories and of letters from former inmates, attest at once the real necessity for the work and the great success which has attended it. In the second part of the Report the Committee of the Homes dwells on the financial aspect of the work, and supplies an audited statement of accounts. It appears that last year the sum of £132,054 was received in no fewer than 82,709 separate gifts. Sixty-six per cent. of the donations were individually under £1 each, showing that the Institutions are really widely supported by the general public. Donations in aid of the Homes are urgently needed, and are at all times welcome. A copy of the Report will be sent to anyone on application to the General Secretary of the Homes, 18 to 26 Stepney Causeway, London, E.

OUR Contemporary, “Science Siftings,” has just decided a most interesting question, which, in view of the approach of cold weather, was asked at a particularly fitting moment. The object was to find out which is the most popular Beef Essence in the market, and a spirited competition was held by its readers, which resulted in placing Bovril at the head of the poll with 4318 votes. As 11,563 votes were taken, and all the well-known products (9 in number) of this nature were in competition, this is tolerably conclusive evidence of the universal popularity of Bovril.

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SOME Masons have remarkable ideas on Masonry. At a recent Masonic function a visitor, in responding, expressed his regret that the meeting had not been more freely advertised, as he should judge from his experience that evening, that the body would be fairly successful if it gave more publicity to its proceedings, and he had no doubt many Initiates could be got to join if they only knew, &c. The Brother was doubtless somewhat surprised at the absence of enthusiasm in the reception of his remarks, which may be explained from the fact that the body in question for the past seventeen years has prided itself on securing Masonic quality at the expense of quantity.—“Exchange.”

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A T A GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Free-
masons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on
Thursday, 11th October 1894,

HENRY SMITH, Esq., Treasurer, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire,
V.-Patron, in the chair,

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and
Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 21 Girls into
the Institution, from a list of 42 APPROVED CANDIDATES,
when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

| No. on List. | Name. | Votes. | No. on Poll. |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------|
| 22 | Hooper, C. M. ... | 3896 | 1 |
| 10 | Vigor, E. L. ... | 3241 | 2 |
| 7 | Sculley, E. C. ... | 2833 | 3 |
| 9 | Andrews, F. R. ... | 2831 | 4 |
| 38 | Middleton, B. M. ... | 2831 | 5 |
| 11 | Jarvis, V. C. ... | 2821 | 6 |
| 4 | Cammack, M. M. ... | 2776 | 7 |
| 20 | Eales E. E. ... | 2737 | 8 |
| 18 | Pearce, B. K. ... | 2725 | 9 |
| 29 | Smith, M. A. ... | 2682 | 10 |
| 1 | Tubbs, M. A. ... | 2678 | 11 |
| 14 | Lucy, C. R. P. ... | 2660 | 12 |
| 3 | Caudwell, E. ... | 2643 | 13 |
| 27 | Webb, F. M. ... | 2639 | 14 |
| 2 | Harwood, N. M. B. ... | 2629 | 15 |
| 15 | Manley, M. ... | 2607 | 16 |
| 25 | Major, L. G. ... | 2607 | 17 |
| 37 | Benton, G. ... | 2546 | 18 |
| 23 | Eastwood, M. ... | 2524 | 19 |
| 8 | Frostick, G. ... | 2512 | 20 |
| 26 | Sherman, R. A. ... | 2497 | 21 |

The number of votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be
obtained on application at the Secretary's Office and will be duly
carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

No. 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
11th October 1894.

THE 107th Anniversary Festival will take place in May 1895,
under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Earl of
Mount-Edgcumbe R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and
Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion
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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings
for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to
send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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A T A QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND
SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen
Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, 12th day of
October, 1894,

V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron and Trustee (P.G. Treasurer)
in the chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of 18 BOYS from an
approved list of 43 CANDIDATES, the following being declared
SUCCESSFUL:—

| No. on List. | Name. | Votes. | No. on Poll. |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------|
| 21 | Evans, W. E. ... | 3684 | 1 |
| 42 | Boden, R. G. ... | 3428 | 2 |
| 15 | Cockburn, H. ... | 3377 | 3 |
| 38 | Rees, R. F. ... | 3218 | 4 |
| 13 | Grace, M. A. S. ... | 3194 | 5 |
| 26 | Welch, T. H. E. ... | 3188 | 6 |
| 30 | Tunncliffe, W. J. W. ... | 3177 | 7 |
| 24 | Haddock, C. H. ... | 3147 | 8 |
| 29 | Hitchen, C. H. ... | 3079 | 9 |
| 37 | Abbott, A. L. V. ... | 3052 | 10 |
| 41 | Roberts, W. J. ... | 3001 | 11 |
| 11 | Radford, P. ... | 2882 | 12 |
| 16 | Lowick, B. ... | 2875 | 13 |
| 23 | Aston, H. S. ... | 2848 | 14 |
| 6 | Miller, A. S. ... | 2835 | 15 |
| 22 | Cooke, C. S. B. ... | 2820 | 16 |
| 18 | Walker, E. ... | 2770 | 17 |
| 4 | Youngs, H. ... | 2598 | 18 |

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office

By Order,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
12th October 1894.

* * The Ninety-seventh Anniversary Festival will be held in
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the Lord Egerton of Tatton R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire.
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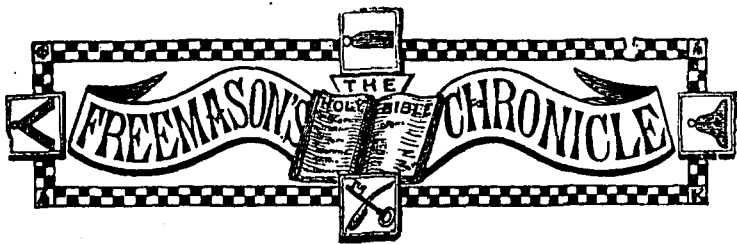
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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary, 5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.



SATURDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 1894.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE following were the unsuccessful candidates at the elections held on Thursday and Friday, with the number of votes polled by each, which votes will be carried forward for the next election, if the candidates then remain eligible. The lists of successful, with full particulars of the votes secured by each, are advertised on the opposite page.

GIRLS.

| No. on List. | Name. | Forward. | Polled. | Total. |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| 5 | Hicks, Jessie Winifred | 1927 | 543 | 2470 |
| 6 | English, Elizabeth Kate | 1486 | 842 | 2328 |
| 13 | Roberts, Dorothea Agnes | 1242 | 1059 | 2301 |
| 35 | Grylls, Lillian Marian | — | 2048 | 2048 |
| 12 | Brinjes, Maude Elizabeth | 424 | 1470 | 1894 |
| 24 | Roberts, Gertrude Mary | — | 1654 | 1654 |
| 28 | Williams, Beatrice Mitchell | — | 1560 | 1560 |
| 31 | Fisher, Jessie Rachel | — | 1399 | 1399 |
| 32 | Potter, Daisy | — | 1279 | 1279 |
| 17 | Morris, Gertrude | 546 | 510 | 1056 |
| 39 | Griffiths, Victoria Jubilee | — | 385 | 385 |
| 42 | Rees, Nora Augharad | — | 249 | 249 |
| 33 | Medcalf, Constance Marian | — | 119 | 119 |
| 40 | Dransfield, Laura Elizabeth | — | 60 | 60 |
| 36 | Woodward, Constance Mary | — | 57 | 57 |
| 19 | Williams, Violet May | — | 54 | 54 |
| 16 | Robinson, Agnes Marion | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| 21 | Minns, Dorothy Leonore | — | 16 | 16 |
| 41 | Pollen, Maud | — | 10 | 10 |
| 30 | Tanner, Sybil | — | 6 | 6 |
| 34 | Wadsworth, Edith | — | 6 | 6 |

BOYS.

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|----|-----------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| 43 | Brownridge, Ernest | — | 2558 | 2558 |
| 7 | Harrison, Frank Sutton | 1080 | 1321 | 2401 |
| 17 | Barnett, John William James | — | 1641 | 1641 |
| 14 | Richards, Jabez Evan | — | 1521 | 1521 |
| 31 | Collins, David Leonard | — | 1352 | 1352 |
| 44 | Blackburn, Reginald Vernon | — | 1252 | 1252 |
| 34 | Wilson, George Hayter | — | 1006 | 1006 |
| 8 | Vockins, Reginald Cecil H. | 255 | 749 | 1004 |
| 12 | Vernon, Arthur Stanley | 384 | 504 | 888 |
| 32 | Knight, Walter Henry | — | 860 | 860 |
| 10 | Sellentín, Erdmann F. W. | 316 | 445 | 761 |
| 1 | Blackler, William J. R. W. | 228 | 284 | 512 |
| 36 | Lloyd, Llewellyn Bateson | — | 512 | 512 |
| 2 | Martin, Reginald Guy (last) | 377 | 115 | 492 |
| 5 | Baker, Arthur | 207 | 208 | 415 |
| 35 | Lang, Frederick Samuel | — | 354 | 354 |
| 40 | Worsell, Lewis James | — | 324 | 324 |
| 39 | Cooper, Archibald Frederick | — | 277 | 277 |
| 19 | Elderkin, John Victor | — | 205 | 205 |
| 27 | Minns, Reginald Frank | — | 107 | 107 |
| 25 | Insull, Robert Hugh John | — | 105 | 105 |
| 20 | Calver, John Thomas | — | 73 | 73 |
| 3 | Hurst, John Henry (last) | 7 | 56 | 63 |
| 28 | Tremlett, Thomas Parkinson | — | 54 | 54 |
| 33 | Heney, William James | — | 9 | 9 |
| 9 | Holland, Walter (last) | — | Withdrawn | |

Alderman Sir Joseph Renals, the Lord-Mayor-Elect of the City of London, is an enthusiastic Mason. He was initiated in the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, and is Past Master thereof.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent will be held at the Town Hall, Gravesend, on Thursday next, the 18th inst., at three o'clock. A banquet will take place at the New Falcon Hotel.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, High-bury Station, on Tuesday of last week, Bro. L. Simon presiding.

The Lodge having been opened, Bros. J. W. Doubtfire and J. E. Clarke brought up the audit report of the year, commenting favourably on the work of the Treasurer and Secretary, with the result that the report was received and adopted.

The interesting ceremonies and rites pertaining to Installation were then proceeded with, and Bro. John Potter was installed as W.M. by I.P.M. Bro. L. Simon, with an earnest perfectness, says the "Weekly News," that earned and received the approving acknowledgment of the Brethren present. The charges and proclamations were almost faultless in intonation and impressiveness, and gained from the W.M. a phrase, that, though he had been present on occasions similar to the one that was now his own, he had not felt so much the true realism of it until that day.

The banquet was well served in the large assembly-room of the Hotel, the service and decorations reflecting considerable credit on Bro. M. T. Tuck, the Manager.

Brother L. Simon I.P.M. proposed the Worshipful Master, remarking that every member of the Lodge would acknowledge that in their present chief they had one who had all through his connection with them proved his devotion to the Craft in general, and the Kingsland Lodge in particular; he augured for him a successful term, and felt assured that at its close there would be a record of good work well done.

The W.M., in acknowledgment, said that up to that time he had hardly realised the impressiveness of the high position he now occupied, he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would endow him with sufficient strength of health and judgment to fulfil the trusts the office demanded, and remove any doubts as to his individual capacity to hold the office with dignity to himself and effectiveness to the Craft.

Bro. J. Cooper P.M., by desire of the W.M., proposed in felicitous terms the Visitors, coupling with it the names of W.M. Brother Gillard, P.M. Hodges, W.M. Thomas Glass, and W.M. Lieutenant James.

Bro. James said the inhabitants of the North London district generally would exult in the acquirement of Bro. Potter, who was, in truth, neighbour, Brother, and friend to all.

Bro. Glass said although he fully shared in all the kindly sentiments expressed, he could not help feeling himself a deceived man. Bro. Potter had whispered timidity and imperfectness, but he had shown none of it that day; this was a good sign, but it was hardly fair for the Master to try to make old friends nervous as to results. He thought he ought to feel rather grieved with the W.M., but was willing to let it pass.

The W.M. proposed the I.P.M., to whom he fully acknowledged indebtedness.

Bro. Simon assured them that he was glad to have been able to give them so much satisfaction by his working, he was especially

glad to have been privileged to instal such a Master. The warmth of welcome accorded to their present chief showed conclusively that he had won his way well in their estimation.

The W.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge, thanking them for the valuable assistance rendered. The unanimity of their work made his a central position only. They had the Past Officers to lead, himself in the centre, and the other Officers pressing on to higher ground.

Bro. A. W. Cooper S.W. said he had often to reply to this proposition, right through from the lower rungs to the almost top one he now held. The Master could always rely on his Officers for such help as he felt needful to ask.

Bro. S. B. Robson said he would not disguise the fact that he felt pride in his present position, the same that he had done in the others that preceded it. He would continue to do his very best to earn credit, and be as useful as he could.

Bro. J. S. Anthony did not think he could better the speeches that had been delivered. He had intended to have said the same things, only the others had been placed first in position. However, he meant it all, and when his term came he would try to be as efficient as those who had preceded him.

Bro. Dimes also replied, and Bro. Windsor, as Organist, in a humorous speech promised to keep the harmony preserved.

Bro. Drury replied for his office, trusting to fill it with the satisfaction that would gain for him a further reward from their W.M.

P.M. Fenner suitably replied for the Past Masters, and Bro. Shepperd with the Tyler's toast concluded the very pleasant proceedings, which were made still more enjoyable by some excellent music.

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VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

THE opening meeting took place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Thursday, 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. D. Meiklereid W.M.

Mr. John W. Child was Initiated, Bro. Church Passed, and Bros. Taylor, White, and Goddard Raised. Bro. Alfred Reed P.M. Abbey Lodge was then elected as W.M. for the coming year.

Bro. Charles Reeve P.M., a well-known and respected Brother, the sole remaining founder of the Lodge, says the "East London Observer," having notified his resignation of the position of Treasurer, Bro. H. Sinclair P.M. was voted to take his place.

The Auditors appointed were Bros. White, Batterbee and Pedder. Other Masonic business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Abraham I.P.M., who spoke of the steady way in which Bro. Meiklereid persevered through his work, and the satisfaction he gave the Brethren.

Bro. C. Reeves P.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and with the permission of the W.M. he presented Bro. Govier, the popular Alderman of West Ham, with a handsomely-bound copy of the "Victoria Polka," recently composed by Bro. Hans, and dedicated by him to Alderman Govier.

Bro. Govier having cordially acknowledged the gift and compliment paid him, Bro. Hans played the polka on the cornet, with pianoforte accompaniment by Bro. Sherwin. The composition, which is brilliant and full of verve, gave great pleasure to the Brethren, and an encore was unanimously called for and given.

The W.M.-elect Bro. Read, in response to his toast, thanked all present. He trusted, with the aid of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren, to have a good year and to add to the numerical strength of the Lodge.

The Visitors was responded to by Bro. Boorer.

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UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday 3rd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Cuthbert R. Lee, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Lodge, it will be remembered, was established in 1885 for the convenience of natives of districts north of the Trent who are living or having their businesses in London.

After Brother Albert Page had been passed to the Second Degree, and Brother E. A. Anson raised to the Third Degree, Bro. R. Porter Keates, of Coalville, Leicestershire, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year.

Brother G. J. Wood P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Henry Evenden P.M. Tyler.

A P.M.'s jewel was, on the motion of Brother J. S. Cumberland (N. and E. Yorks.), seconded by Bro. G. J. Wood P.M. Treasurer, voted to Brother Cuthbert R. Lee.

Among the numerous Brethren present were Brothers W. F. Smithson, of Leeds, T. Bateman Fox, of Leeds and Dewsbury, W. H. Bullock, late of Liverpool (Past Masters of the Lodge), and Col. Bingham Past Grand Warden West Yorkshire, and Master Cutler of Sheffield.

At the supper which followed the working of the Lodge, the W.M. was highly complimented on his conduct of the business of the Lodge and his hospitable and genial presidency at the social board during his year of office, which had been very successful, and the Master-elect received hearty congratulations on his deserved promotion.

Both Brethren made feeling replies which exhibited their desire since they had been in the Lodge to consult not their own but the Lodge's interests.

Brother W. Masters P.M. and Secretary was very happy in his reply to the toast of the Past Masters, when he made reference to the Lancastrian Lodge, to be consecrated the next Wednesday, and of which the Earl of Lathom is the first W. Master. He

said that the Master of the United Northern Counties Lodge would be a guest on the occasion, and referring to the idea entertained by some people that the Lancastrian would be an opponent of the United Northern Counties, said he was not of that opinion. There was plenty of room in London for the establishment of more Lodges with provincial ties, and the United Northern Counties Lodge wished the greatest success to the Lancastrian; it would do the Lodge no harm, but rather do each Lodge good by stimulating them to improve Masonry.

Brother Schartau gave some of his amusing songs during the evening, and greatly astonished those who heard him for the first time.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

TWELVE months ago this Lodge, the members of which are recruited from the popular Eccentric Club, was consecrated by Bro. Edward Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, who installed Bro. Sir Augustus Harris as the first W.M.

Last Friday Bro. Letchworth again attended, for the purpose of installing Bro. F. Osmond Carr, Mus. Doc., P.J.G.D. Cambridgeshire, who had been unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Carr's many talents and amiable disposition have rendered him particularly popular in the artistic world, hence the large gathering that assembled at the Criterion Restaurant to assist at the pleasing and interesting ceremony.

Bro. J. H. Hawkins P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey presided, in the absence of the W.M., and was supported by the following Grand Officers:—E. Letchworth G.S., C. Belton P.G.D.C., Colonel A. V. Davoren (I.C.), Sir Somers Vine P.G.D., Dr. Lennox Browne P.G.D.C., Will. E. Chapman P.P.S.G.W. Buckinghamshire, A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.G.D.C., W. Francis P.P.G.J.D. Cambridgeshire, G. F. Carr P.P.G.O. Cambridgeshire, J. D. Langton P.P.G.D. Surrey, William Francis P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Hugh Cumberland P.S. of W. Beds., also Bros. W. J. W. Beard P.M. Treas., Thos. Catling W.M. 2127, R. Bowdler Sharpe, LL.D., W.M. 2430, C. A. Hooper P.M. 1613, Harry Nicholls P.M. 2127, H. Cumberland P.M. 475, Dr. James Herron P.M. 206, Ernest W. Harris W.M. 158 (I.C.), Frank Jameson P.M. 2108, H. S. Wellcome W.M. 2397, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, E. B. Hobson P.M. 730, Norman Morice P.M. 176, A. L. Reynolds W.M. 176, Fred H. Cheese-wright P.M. 907, J. H. Wildash P.M. 1662, W. S. Lee P.M. 1201, Walter Pallant, Frank Parker, George Conquest, W. H. Baylis, W. E. Garstin, S. Jousiffe, Arthur Tite, &c., the company numbering upwards of 100.

The Lodge having been opened by Bro. Hawkins the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Bros. Chas. W. Edwards, of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, and John Crook, of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, as joining members.

Bro. Letchworth now took the chair and appointed Bro. C. Belton as S.W., Bro. J. H. Hawkins as J.W. and Bro. W. E. Chapman as D.C. to assist him.

Bro. F. Osmond Carr was presented and, having signified his adherence to the ancient charges and regulations, was regularly installed in the chair of the Lodge. The ceremony was most impressively worked by Bro. Letchworth, and his splendid delivery of the grand addresses to the Master, Officers and Brethren was highly appreciated.

The newly-made Master was saluted by the Brethren in the various degrees, after which the fine anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" was sung by Bro. Reginald Groome.

The following Officers were invested by Bro. Carr to assist him during the ensuing year:—Walter Clifford S.W., W. S. Hooper J.W., Walter Beard P.M. Treasurer, Will. E. Chapman Secretary, J. A. Harrison S.D., John Foss J.D., Lionel Harris I.G., T. Honey P.M. D.C., John Crook Organist, Gordon Hadley, Frank Parker and James Wyatt Stewards.

A very pleasing incident then occurred. Bro. Chapman, in the name of Bros. Harris, Fraser, Danby, Kirby and Parker, the first Initiates of the Lodge, requested the W.M. to accept a handsome banner as their contribution to the furniture of the Lodge.

Bro. Carr suitably acknowledged the presentation of the banner, which was the object of great admiration.

A cordial vote of thanks to be recorded on the Minutes was given to Bro. Letchworth for his services as Installing Master, who, in reply, said that he was deeply sensible of their kindness, and assured the Brethren that it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to render any assistance to the Lodge that he had consecrated, and whose welfare he had so much at heart.

Another candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting; and Grand Lodge Certificates were delivered to various Brethren who had previously reached the third degree.

The Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where the banquet was served in the usual magnificent style of the popular purveyors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. An admirable musical entertainment interspersed the interesting speeches during the evening, the artistes being Bros. F. Cheese-wright, Reginald Groome, W. T. Hemsley, Sergeant Lee, S. Austin, John Radcliffe, Templer Saxe, John L. Shine, and E. Schuberth, while Bro. John Crook officiated with his usual ability at the piano. An enjoyable evening was spent, and Bro. Osmond Carr enters upon his duties under the most favourable auspices.

Bro. F. Osmond Carr, Mus. Doc., Cambs., was born in 1858, near Bradford, Yorkshire, and was initiated into the privileges of the Craft in 1887, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, of which he is now a P.M. He is Provincial Junior Grand Deacon of Cambridgeshire and is Past Grand Organist of the Mark Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of the same Province. He was one of the founders and first Senior Warden of the Eccentric Lodge. His musical attainments are too well known to need recapitulation here.

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JAMES TERRY LODGE, No. 2372.

THIS prosperous young Lodge met at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Thursday, the 13th ult., on the occasion of Installation for the ensuing year of Bro. Richard Middlehurst P.M. Prov. G.S.B. who has been selected as the fifth Worshipful Master.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and considered very satisfactory. The balance sheet did not exhibit a very large balance in hand, but the Lodge had given freely in the cause of charity, and is prosperous.

A candidate for Initiation was balloted for and duly Initiated into the first mysteries of the Craft.

Two Entered Apprentices were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Brother James Terry P.G.S.B. "the founder and father of the Lodge," presented a very handsome album, in which to hand down the portraits of the Lodge members.

The Worshipful Master expressed hearty thanks for this, another proof of Bro. Terry's good feeling towards the Lodge, assuring him that he had the affections and best wishes of every member of the Lodge.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Middlehurst as Worshipful Master was ably performed by the outgoing Master Bro. H. Trask, with the able assistance of Bro. James Terry, Bro. Trask giving the addresses to the Officers and to the members in the various degrees in a most admirable manner.

Bro. W. Metcalfe the Treasurer was appointed to serve on the Audit and Finance Committee, also the Charity Committee of the Province, and Bro. W. P. Warren S.W. announced that he was willing to serve as Steward to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, at its annual festival in February next, and hoped the Brethren would assist in sending up through him a large sum.

The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where, in the usual excellent style for which Ye Olde Fovre Swannies Hotelrie is so well noted, a splendid spread of various courses and wines of the best brands and vintages was served up, and done ample justice to.

The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. W. R. G. Emerson Lodge 45 Organist.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, the 24th ult., when there were present:—Bros. W. A. Brabner W.M., Cyril H. Beever S.W., Joseph Hilton Treas., M. Thomas P.M. P.P.G.D. Secy., Henry Nall P.M. S.D., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. J.D., Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C., J. H. Lloyd P.M., Edward Roberts P.M., Sam Luke, F. Todd, Thos. Hamnett, A. J. Holt, W. F. Dearden, S. H. Stubbs, W. W. Hitching. Visitors:—Bros. W. Dyson Fryer P.M. 1375, John M. Crone 1375, C. E. Daber 317, W. Thos. Watts 1052.

After the confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. Harry Bowes, Chemist, Cheetham Hill, and being successful that gentleman was duly initiated by Bro. Brabner W.M. who was assisted by Bros. Beever and Thomas, the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools, and the former delivering the Ancient Charge. This finished, Bro. A. J. Holt was questioned as to his proficiency as a F.C. and afterwards raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Henry Nall P.M. S.D., who was very impressive in the ritual.

The election of Officers then took place, with the following result, viz., Bro. Beever W.M.-elect, Bro. Joseph Hilton Treasurer, Brothers Luke and Hamnett Auditors. Several committees were appointed, the bye-laws were read by the Secretary, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to. That of the Initiate, proposed by Brother Sam Luke, was enthusiastically received, Bro. Bowes responding in very happy terms. Amongst other things he said that he thanked them for their kindness of that evening, expressed the pleasure he felt in coming amongst them, and was sincerely grateful for the confidence which they had reposed in him.

Bro. Brabner W.M. in his characteristically racy and humorous style, proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, to which Bro. Todd replied.

The former also introduced the toast of the Visitors, in response to which Bro. Fryer said that it was two years since his previous visit to the Lodge, but it gave him very great pleasure in repeating that visit. This evening he had experienced three distinct joys,—one was in seeing the W.M. teaching lessons of morality and other virtues, whereas he had usually seen him hatching some diabolical plot as the heavy villain who was invariably found out in his wickedness. (The speaker here alluded to Bro. Brabner's theatrical associations). His second joy had been that of hearing Bro. Nall perform the ceremony of Raising in so admirable a manner, and his third joy was that of seeing a P.M. of his own Lodge placed in the chair of K.S.

The Architect Lodge had never flourished better than when Bro. Beever was its Master, for when he put his hand to anything it was with the intention of performing that thing well. At the time to which he had referred, all the Brethren were satisfied with their W.M.—except himself, and that was because Bro. Beever had never afforded him a chance to prompt him in his work.

Other speakers followed, the proceedings being varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Todd, Thomas, Nall, Luke, Beever, Harrop, and Hamnett.

WARNER LODGE, No. 2256.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their Installation on Tuesday, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, when the principal chair was occupied by Bro. James Speller P.M., who presided in the unavoidable absence of Brother George Hurley Worshipful Master. Brother Speller was supported by Brother Scoresby Jackson P.M. who acted as Past Master, and Bro. Finch P.M. as D.C., while among other Brethren present were Brother N. Fortescue P.M., W. Shurmur P.M. of the Walthamstow, Islington and other Lodges P. Prov. G. Treasurer Essex, C. G. Cutchey and others.

The chief business of the programme was the reception of the Auditors' Report, and the Installation of the new W.M. After the Report had been received Brother James Speller installed Brother William Shurmur as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

The Brethren appointed to office were: W. A. Finch S.W., George Long J.W., Rev. Matthew Rees P.P.G.C. and Rev. H. A. Allpass Chaplains, James Speller P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Richard Kershaw Secretary, C. G. Cutchey P.M. S.D., Frederick Taylor J.D., W. B. Whittingham, J.P., I.G., H. Dummett D.C., W. Latter P.P.G.O. Organist, John Ives P.M. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Scoresby Jackson, seconded by Bro. Cutchey, a resolution of condolence and sympathy was passed with Mrs. Stevens on the death of her husband, Bro. Alfred Durrant Stevens, and with Bro. Walter Latter Organist on the death of his daughter.

On the motion of Bro. James Speller, seconded by Bro. Cutchey, Bro. Scoresby Jackson was elected the Lodge's representative on the Provincial Charity Committee.

A letter from Bro. Lennox Browne, the first W.M. of the Lodge, acknowledging the Brethren's kindness in offering to subscribe to a testimonial consisting of a present of Grand Lodge clothing to him on his being appointed a Grand Officer, but declining the compliment on the ground that the Empire Lodge had already resolved to make such presentation independently, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, on the proposition of the W.M. seconded by Bro. Finch P.M.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and honoured the usual toasts, which were interspersed with singing by Bros. A. Strugnell and Emlen, under the direction of Brother Walter Latter.

In proposing the Queen and the Craft Bro. Shurmur referred to the intimate association of many members of Her Majesty's family with the Craft. The Queen herself had ever manifested the kindest feelings towards Freemasonry, as was evidenced by the personal support and interest she had given to the different Institutions of the Order.

The next toast was that of the Grand Master. Since His Royal Highness had been at the head of the Craft it had greatly increased both in regard to number of members and Lodges. The W.M. was open to correction but he believed 2000 Lodges and Chapters had been added to the roll during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, while a much more gratifying feature was the fact that the subscriptions to the Institutions had increased tenfold during the same period. Much of this success was due to the genial character of the Grand Master himself, who was warmly supported by the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, with the other Grand Officers.

Speaking to the following toast—the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and other Officers of Essex—Bro. Shurmur said to most Essex Freemasons their Provincial Grand Master was best known under his patronymic of Lord Brooke, a name endeared to every Brother in the Province who had had the good fortune to be associated with the chief of the county. It was a great gratification to know that he would continue to be associated with them under his new title of Earl of Warwick, and he would be appreciated under that name. It was equally impossible to speak too highly in praise of the Deputy of the Province Bro. Philbrick, who, he hoped, would long be spared to continue his association with Essex Freemasonry.

Bro. Scoresby Jackson was the first to respond. He had heard both the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy express the wish that their absence from the different meetings of the Essex Lodges might be excused when they found it impossible to attend, at the same time assuring the Brethren that they accepted every invitation so far as it lay in their power to do so.

Bro. Speller also responded, saying how proud he was of the Provincial Office conferred upon him.

This latter Brother next proposed the health of the W.M. The name of Bro. Shurmur was so well known in Freemasonry that it required no introduction. Brother Shurmur and Brother Scoresby Jackson were the principal projectors and prime movers of their very happy Craft Lodge. The former ought to have passed the chair of the Lodge several years ago, but he was generous enough to give way to him and others. But in the meantime he had been very active in occupying the chair in other Lodges, and also very busy and persevering in advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, which was a most important part of Masonry. That night the Warner Lodge was honoured in having him as its Master. All the Brethren hoped he would have a prosperous and happy year of office, and that the Most High in the abundance of His goodness would preserve his health. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Shurmur was very active in instructing young Masons in the arts and sciences of the Craft, and that too at the cost of much valuable time.

Brother Shurmur, in acknowledging the toast, said this was not the first time it had been his privilege to occupy the chair of the Warner Lodge, but of course hitherto it had been only as locum tenens. As his good and valued friend, Past Master Speller, had observed, he had taken a somewhat prominent part in the foundation of this Lodge. It was true he was not the last of the founders who would attain the honourable degree of its Installed Master,

and he appreciated very highly the honour conferred upon him by unanimously electing him to the chair. As an old Past Master it had afforded him sincere pleasure to stand back and see his friends come forward to occupy the position of W.M. He would try and emulate the good example which they had set him. This was the sixth time it had been his proud privilege to be installed W.M. of a Craft Lodge; therefore, under ordinary circumstances, he ought to be fairly well acquainted with the duties of the chair. If he had gained any experience he was only too pleased to place it entirely at the disposal of the Brethren. It was his hope and ambition to add in every way to the comfort and happiness of the Brethren, and to promote the bond of union and fraternal love which was the foundation of the whole Masonic structure. He hoped that at the termination of his year of office, when he should leave the chair, he would take with him the goodwill, regard and esteem of every member of the Lodge.

Bro. Shurmur afterwards proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. James Speller. The Brethren would all unite in congratulations to Bro. Speller for the more than admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Installation. If Bro. Speller would permit him to say so he considered him as somewhat his protégé; they were old friends in Masonry and in business, but he had had some difficulty to make Bro. Speller "hitch on" to Freemasonry. At last he succeeded, and Bro. Speller was now an excellent Freemason; he was Preceptor of the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, and was there regarded as a bright Morning Star. A sample of his work he had given that night. The Brethren had heard him work each degree in the Warner Lodge with much proficiency. He had given them all satisfaction.

Bro. James Speller replied. He said it was one of the most delightful times of his life to have to instal such a brilliant light as Bro. Shurmur. Last year it fell to his lot to assist in an installation for which they were kind enough to present him with a jewel which he should always wear with the greatest regard. He thanked the Brethren sincerely for so cordially responding to the toast.

Bro. Gordon 898, Hunter 452, Gower, Dr. Gordon, Knight and several other Brethren responded to the toast of the Visitors, and the other toasts having been given and responded to the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Ives P.M., brought the proceedings to a close, and the Brethren returned to town by the last train.

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PANTILES LODGE, No. 2200.

AT the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., the W.M. Brother C. J. Gallard presided, supported by the Wardens Brothers T. Potter and J. Fletcher, and about thirty others.

After the usual routine business had been gone through Bro. T. C. Johnson was passed. Bro. J. Fletcher was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, R. Grundwell Treasurer, R. Stevenson Almoner and Charity Representative, and Walter Tyler.

Messrs. Gane and Semark were balloted for and declared to be elected, and the W.M. moved that the sum of £10 be devoted from the funds to the Swanwick Benevolent Institution, which proposition was duly carried. A nomination to the last-mentioned Institution was made, and the meeting closed in due form, the proceedings being wound up with a supper at the Swan Hotel.

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LONDONDERRY LODGE, No. 2039.

ON 1st inst. a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. James Lee.

After some ordinary business had been transacted, the W.M.-elect Bro. William Scott S.W., was presented by Bro. J. C. Moor D.C. to the Installing Master Bro. Lee, by whom the Installation ceremony was very ably performed.

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ROSE OF RABY LODGE, No. 1650.

ON Saturday, 29th ult., the whole of the Brethren with their wives and lady friends, were entertained at Raby Castle in response to the invitation of Lord and Lady Barnard, His Lordship being at present Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Shortly after their arrival the Officers were photographed in regalia, Lord Barnard wearing for the first time the clothing of a Senior Warden of the Province of Durham, to which Office he has recently been appointed. Another photographic group was taken of the whole of the Ladies and Brethren present.

Lord and Lady Barnard most graciously entertained the guests to afternoon tea, and dividing the company into two parties conducted them personally over the castle and grounds, pointing out the most interesting features of the same.

Subsequently the party sat down to a banquet, after which the Senior Warden of the Lodge (Bro. J. E. Backhouse), in a very eloquent and feeling speech, thanked Lord and Lady Barnard for the kind and courteous manner in which they had entertained their guests.

Lord Barnard suitably responded on behalf of Lady Barnard and himself, he expressing the pleasure it had given them to have had the opportunity of entertaining those present.

During the proceedings the band provided by Mr. Boynes enlivened the proceedings with several very charming musical selections, and as darkness set in the carriages were ordered, and the party dispersed with feelings of extreme satisfaction.

The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop, under the presidency of Lord Barnard W.M., when there was a large gathering. On this occasion also the Brethren paid a visit to Raby Castle.

LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609.

ON the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the largest and most influential meeting of the members of the Dramatic Lodge which has taken place since its Consecration, was opened under the presidency of the retiring W.M. and attended not only by the members in large numbers, but also by a numerous contingent of Visitors from the Province of West Lancashire and other districts.

The Lodge was originally founded for the accommodation of members of the histrionic and lyric professions, and can now boast of members in all parts of the world, who hold high places in the practice of their art.

The performance of the Installation ceremony of placing Bro. Heard in the chair by Bro. A. E. Workman W.M. was admirably accompanied by a vocal and instrumental choir and orchestra under the conductorship of Brother Josef Cantor Past Provincial Grand Organist.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. presented the I.P.M. Bro. Workman with a valuable P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the Lodge, which Brother Workman acknowledged in suitable terms.

About 150 Brethren subsequently dined in the banquetting-room, the catering being very satisfactorily carried out by Brother Capper.

The I.P.M. was presented during the evening with a diamond ring as a mark of the respect in which he was held. A liberal collection was taken up for the Benevolent Fund, and the proceedings shortly afterwards came to a close, hearty congratulations being given to the newly-installed W.M. in connection with a "record" installation meeting.

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DE LA POLE LODGE, No. 1605.

THE Installation of Brother G. Petch as Worshipful Master took place on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Kingston Square, Hull.

On the opening of the Lodge Bro. Tindell W.M. was in the chair. The ceremony of Installation was performed by Bro. J. R. Ansdell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bro. E. Corris P.M. of the Humber.

The new Master invested the Officers for the ensuing year.

The Installation banquet followed, and, thanks to the efforts of Bro. A. Moody chief Steward, and Bro. J. Chapell P.M. a recherché spread was provided. The new Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by a large number of Officers and Brethren. Toasts, incident to the event, were honoured, the proceedings throughout being of a highly successful character.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE Installation meeting and St. John's Festival in connection with this flourishing Lodge took place on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Francis Long at three o'clock, when there were present:—Bros. John Morris I.P.M., Percy E. Land S.W. (W.M.-elect), R. Knight J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Sec., David Johnson P.M. D.C., C. Preston S.D., J. S. Done I.G., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R., Joseph Kershaw P.M., John Rathbone P.M., Walter Biggs P.M., W. Yeadon, R. Russell, J. Yule-Deeley, C. F. Davies, T. Jackson, Walter Lees, H. Moggeridge, J. C. Vickers, C. Dewsbury, N. Jones Tyler. Visitors: C. W. Maybury P.M., W. F. Scarlett 1314, W. S. Coppock S.W. 1357, Thos. Threlfall I.P.M. 1773, Archd. C. Wilson W.M. 633, L. H. Keay J.D. 1219, Harry H. Martyn I.P.M. 1387, W. F. Farrington P.M. 1633, W. R. Schofield 1161, J. S. Schofield 1161, J. A. Carse J.D. 1375, J. Morrison W.M. 1375, P. G. Walsh Sec. 1147, J. R. Ashworth I.P.M. 1161, Wm. Kay 2144, Herbert Owles S.D. 163, and J. Allin Organist 2231.

A successful ballot was taken for Bro. C. W. Maybury P.M. as a re-joining member of the Lodge, after which the balance sheet, which was of a satisfactory character, was submitted by the Auditors, Bros. Yeadon, Davies, and Jackson, and adopted.

Bro. J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. who, it is interesting to mention, has Installed every W.M. since the consecration twenty-one years ago, then took the chair as Installing Master, Bro. Jones P.P.G.Reg. occupying that of S.W., and Bro. Burslem that of J.W.

The W.M.-elect was presented for the benefit of Installation by Bro. W. Biggs P.M., and, with the assistance of the P.Ms. of the Lodge was installed by Bro. Gillman in a very impressive manner, the beautiful ceremony being much enjoyed by all present. The new occupant of the chair of K.S. was proclaimed and saluted in accordance with ancient custom, and the working tools were presented by Brother Kershaw P.M.

The W.M. invested his Officers as follow: Bros. F. Long I.P.M., Ramsey Knight S.W., C. Preston J.W., G. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Wm. Yeadon S.D., J. S. Done J.D., David Johnson P.M. D.C., C. W. Maybury P.M. Organist, H. Russell I.G., J. C. Vickers, Walter Lees, T. Jackson Stewards, Nathaniel Jones Tyler.

The Worshipful Master was efficiently assisted in the investiture by Brother Johnson P.M. D.C. and Brother Rathbone P.M. The address to the Worshipful Master was given by Brother Long I.P.M., that to the Wardens by Brother Jones, and that to the Brethren by Brother Burslem P.M.

After cordial congratulations had been extended to the W.M. on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, and the many Lodges represented, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Subsequently the Brethren, together with several others who were unable to be present at the installation ceremony, sat down to

a banquet prepared and served in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

The Worshipful Master presided, and, after dinner, submitted the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the other rulers of the Craft.

The I.P.M. Brother Long, in an effective speech proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., to whose rule, he said, the members of the Lodge looked forward with the most pleasurable anticipations. The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and Brother McCallum P.M. sung, in splendid style, the fine Masonic song—"Here's to his health."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed the gratification he felt, in having conferred upon him the highest honour it was in the power of the Brethren to bestow. The Lodge, he said, had this year attained its majority, and it would be his earnest endeavour to see that, for the next twelve months, its course should be even more prosperous and successful than it had been in the days of its minority. He recognised to the full the responsibility that was now imposed upon him, but he did not doubt, with that assistance from the Past Masters which had always been rendered to his predecessors, he should maintain the credit and reputation of the Lodge.

The Master proposed the health of the I.P.M. who, he said, had been a most worthy occupant of the Master's chair, and he had endeared himself to the Brethren by the zeal and efficiency with which he had discharged the duties of the office. Amid loud cheers he presented to Bro. Long a handsome P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. Long thanked the Brethren for their appreciation of his services as W.M., also for the very handsome presentation they had made him.

Bro. Biggs P.M. proposed the toast of the Visiting Brethren, which was responded to by Bros. Morrison, Threlfall, Farrington, Martyn, Coppock, and Scarlett.

Bro. Burslem P.M. then gave the health of the Installing Master, remarking upon Bro. Gillman's long and valued services to the Lodge, of which, he said, he was the honoured "Father." Since its Consecration he had been untiring in his efforts for its welfare, and he occupied the unique position of having installed every W.M. who had passed its chair.

Bro. Gillman P.P.S.G.D., in responding, gave an interesting account of the foundation and career of the Trafford Lodge. It had, he said, had a happy and prosperous growth, and under its newly-installed W.M. he augured for it a period of increasing success.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was submitted by Brother Preston J.W. He commended the great London Masonic Institutions to the support of the Brethren, and, referring to the excellent Charities founded in the Province of West Lancashire, said they also were deserving of all the aid that could be extended to them. Their value and usefulness was apparent when he mentioned that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution alone provided for the education of 212 children.

The W.M. proposed the health of the newly-invested Officers; and the remaining toasts included that of the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. Knight S.W.

The musical arrangements were very complete and enjoyable. Bro. Keay presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by Bros. McCallum, Owles, Allin, Lees, Moggridge, and Scarlett. Some recitations were given by Bro. R. Lissenden, in a manner which evoked loud applause.

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LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE Annual Festival took place on Wednesday, at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, when so large a number of Brethren assembled that the ordinary Lodge Room was too small, and the ceremonies were therefore held in the Banqueting Hall.

Bro. Thos. T. Hogg W.M. presided, being supported by his Officers and the following distinguished Brethren: W. M. P. Arthur District G.S.W. of Hong Kong and South China, J. Percy White P.M. Limassol, Cyprus, Chas. Cobham P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, C. Hind P.M. 1837, George T. King P.A.G.P. Kent, Arthur Ronaldson P.G.A.S. Kent, R. J. Beamish P.G.D.C., Henry Doughty P.G.S.B., Joseph Solomon P.M. 77, Geo. Rackstraw I.P.M. 77, R. B. Dowsett W.M. 2063, Orilton Cooper P.M. 211, H. G. Woodford W.M. 1464, Geo. J. Spicer P.M. 87, G. Casper Paine, Mayor of Gravesend, J. M. Jeffery P.M., W. R. Alexander 1050, A. C. Arthur 299, and many others from the neighbouring Lodges.

The Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, after which the minutes of the two last meetings were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's Report, showing a favourable balance, was received and adopted.

After the Lodge had been opened in the second degree Brother Hogg vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Beamish, who had kindly consented to act as Installing Master, the Officers appointed to assist him being Bros. Doughty as S.W., J. P. Moore P.M. as J.W., and Orilton Cooper as D.C.

Bro. Thomas Hitchins Lygo, having been unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was then presented by Brother Hogg, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations.

A Board of sixteen Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lygo was inducted into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. Beamish, whose subsequent delivery of the addresses elicited the hearty approval of the Brethren.

The newly-made Master was then saluted in the various degrees by the Brethren, and proceeded to invest the following Officers:—Bros. H. Forss (by proxy) S.W., W. Hawker J.W., Thos. T. Hogg I.P.M. Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson Secretary, C. Matthews S.D., H. Watts J.D., T. Galer I.G., J. C. Aylen Organist, J. N. Willis D.C., W. C. Comben A.D.C., A. J. Walklin and W. S. Bowen Stewards, George Martin (for the forty-ninth time) Tyler. Brother

Arthur Ronaldson P.M. P.G.A.S. was elected as Charity Representative of the Lodge.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. R. J. Beamish for his services as Installing Master, which he duly acknowledged.

The W.M., in a few appropriate remarks, presented the very handsome Lodge jewel to Bro. T. T. Hogg, who suitably returned thanks. As a further mark of appreciation this presentation was supplemented by a gift from the Officers of the Lodge, which took the form of a photographic album, mounted on a stand, and containing the portraits of the donors. On the front page the following inscription was illuminated in colours:

Presented to

Bro. THOS. T. HOGG I.P.M.

By the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge of Sympathy,

No. 483,

as a mark of respect and acknowledgement of his valued and efficient services during his year of office as Worshipful Master, 1893-94.

Bro. Hogg, who laboured under considerable emotion, expressed his gratitude at this additional present, which came as a very pleasant surprise. He should cherish it as one of his dearest possessions and would regard it as a testimony of their Brotherly love and good will.

The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes and congratulations of the Visitors, then closed the Lodge, and the company adjourned for a short time while the room was prepared for the banquet. This was served by Brother A. J. Baldock in his usual excellent style. At its termination the W.M. with commendable brevity, considering the lengthy list, gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. H. Doughty P.P.G.J.D. who, by reason of his seniority has become "the Father" of the Lodge, and Bro. Beamish P.G.D.C. responded for the Provincial Grand Officers.

In feeling terms Bro. Hogg I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., with full confidence that he would prove worthy of the post he had now to fill. He trusted that Bro. Lygo would find the duties of his year of office as pleasant as he had done, and he would then have a pleasurable remembrance for the rest of his life.

The W.M. having returned thanks, proceeded to propose the Installing Master.

Brother Beamish, in response, said that his work had been a labour of love, and if he had given satisfaction to the Brethren he was more than repaid.

Bro. Hogg, on rising to reply to the toast of his health, received a very cordial greeting, and bore testimony to the assistance he had received from all his Officers, especially Bro. Beamish, which had contributed so much to the success of the Lodge. The kind presentations of the Brethren that evening only intensified the feelings of his heart, and he tendered one and all his sincere and hearty thanks.

All the Past Masters who were present acknowledged the toast in their honour, Bro. Doughty remarking that during his twenty-five years membership he had never known the Lodge to make such wonderful strides as it had during the last few years, and he certainly never expected to see so many members. The manner of rendering the ritual was perfect; second to none in the Province of Kent.

Replying for the Visitors, Bro. W. M. P. Arthur gave some interesting particulars of the state of Freemasonry in South China, and said he had learned a good deal by his visits to the English Lodges. Amid much merriment all the Visitors present added a few remarks.

Bro. Ronaldson, speaking for the Masonic Charities, said that Kent possessed one of the best Charity Boards in the Kingdom, and other Provinces were imitating their system of work. He urged upon the Brethren the necessity of helping the Board by sending all the votes they could spare to Bro. J. S. Eastes, to whom last year the Brethren had given a perpetual presentation for the Boys' School, and he was pleased to inform them that a Gravesend Boy had been selected for the vacancy.

The Officers of the Lodge were then honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy termination at a late hour.

Bro. Thomas Hitchins Lygo was born in Gravesend, in 1853. He was Initiated into Freemasonry under the Scottish Constitution, in the Firth of Clyde Lodge, No. 626, held at Gourrock, in 1879, and became a Joining Member of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, about six years ago. He filled most of the subordinate offices before being elected to the chair. He is also a member of the Firth of Clyde Mark Lodge, but has not held office.

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LODGE OF INTEGRITY, No. 163.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, 26th ult., Bro. J. M. H. Blamey Worshipful Master.

The principal business of the evening was the passing to the second degree of Bros. Alfred Cresswell, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. with the assistance of Bro. T. H. Scholfield I.P.M., the latter presenting and explaining the working tools.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Upwards of thirty Brethren were in attendance, amongst others being Bros. S. Kelly P.M. 645, A. H. Dodd 992, Joseph Hudson 1061, R. Cookson 1061, George H. Kew 1993 and Bro. Cliff Prov. G.D.C. The latter, accompanied by Bro. J. E. Williams P.M. Prov. G.D.D.C. put in a late appearance, having been at the Consecration of the Abbey Lodge at Whalley.

A very pleasant evening was spent, the various toasts being relieved by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Blamey, Owles, Gaskell, Williams, Garlick, and others.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
862 Whittington, Freemasons-h.
901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons-h.
1537 Saint Peter Westminster, Criterion
1657 Aldergate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Clout's Rest.
1723 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2265 Barnato, Café Monico
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
77 Freedom, Gravesend
102 Unanimity, Nth. Walsham
236 York, Duncombe Pl., York
248 True Love and Unity, Brixham.
284 Shakespeare, Warwick
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace and Harmony, Southampton
377 Hope and Charity, Kidderminster
388 Prudence, Halesworth
424 Borough, Gateshead
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
699 Boscawen, Chacewater
827 St. John, Dewsbury
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth.
985 Alexandra, Lincoln
986 Hesketh, Croston, Preston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1168 Benevolence, Sherborne
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1477 Sir Wakin, Mold
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1564 St. John, Woking
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Caradoc, Rhyl
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1895 Thames, Henley
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2074 St. Clair, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 W. Lanc. Century, Birkpool.
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, M'chester

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30 United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern
73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge H. Hotel
95 Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle
255 Harmony, Richmond
435 Salisbury, Freemasons-hall
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
1420 Earl Spencer, Putney
1695 New Finsbury Pk, Viaduct Hotel
2021 Queens Westminster, Holbn Restaurant
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
293 King's Friends, Nantwich
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dk.
384 St. David, Bangor
386 Unity, Wareham

418 Menturia, Hanley
448 St. James, Halifax
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
551 Yarrowburgh, Ventnor, I.W.
560 Vernon, Stourport
667 Alliance, Liverpool
779 Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
953 St. Aubin, Jersey
1006 Tregulow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Fnss.
1266 Honour and Friendship, Blandford
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth
1941 St. Augustine's, Rugeley
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

Wednesday.

7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
174 Sincerity, Gresham Street
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons-hall
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tav
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1677 Crusaders, Highbury
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham
2348 Lombardian, Ship & Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Cricklewood
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton, near Manchester
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
261 Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
451 Sutherland, Burslem
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, W. Bromwich
683 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun & Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Kirkdale
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, M'chester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston

1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke Lancaster, Lancaster
1413 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea
1529 Duke Cornwall, St. Columb
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1638 Brownrigg, Kingston-on-T.
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1868 Unity, Oldham
1983 Mawddach, Barmouth
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & North Camp, Farnborough
2258 W. D. United Service, East Stonehouse
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls School, Battersea, at 4:30
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, City Term. Hotel
169 Temperance, Deptford
179 Manchester, Anderton's
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest.
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood Park
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons Hall
1320 Blackheath, Bridge Ho. Ho.
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, E. Dulwich Hotel
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton
98 St. Martin, Burslem
132 Unity, Ringwood, Hants.
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
215 Commerce, Haslingden
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-u.-L.
280 Worcester, Worcester
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
324 Moria, Stalybridge
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnsworth
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-L.
489 Benevolence, Bideford

523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
625 Devonshire, Glossop
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
802 Repose, Derby
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Alan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham

Friday.

Bd of Management, Boys School, Wood Green, at 2:30
1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
2157 S. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant
2346 Warrant Officers, F.M. Hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harboro'
1357 Cope, Sale
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2380 Benevonta, Daventry
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 Kings Cross, Anderton's

Mrs. Aldworth, upon whose life such a desperate attempt was made by a burglar the other day in Co. Cork, is connected with the family of the famous Lady Mary Aldworth whose curiosity led her to secrete herself in a clock, in a room where Freemasons were assembled. The result was that the lady had the honour of having been made a Mason free and accepted there and then, and could boast that she was the only one of the Brotherhood that belonged to the softer sex.—“World.”

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